



# SIBFORD SCENE

NO. 176  
MAY 1994

## SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Election of District and Parish Councillors  
will be held at the Village Hall on  
THURSDAY 5th MAY 1994.

*Please use your vote with the Village in mind.*

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## SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will take place on

Monday 16 May at 8.00pm  
in the Library of the Friends School

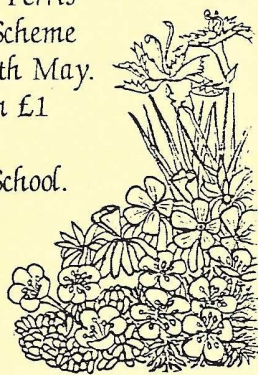
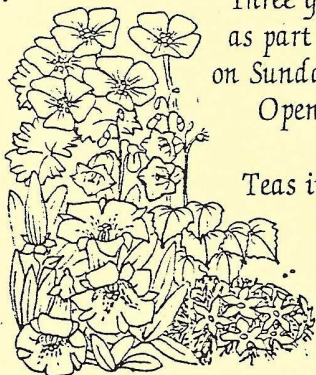
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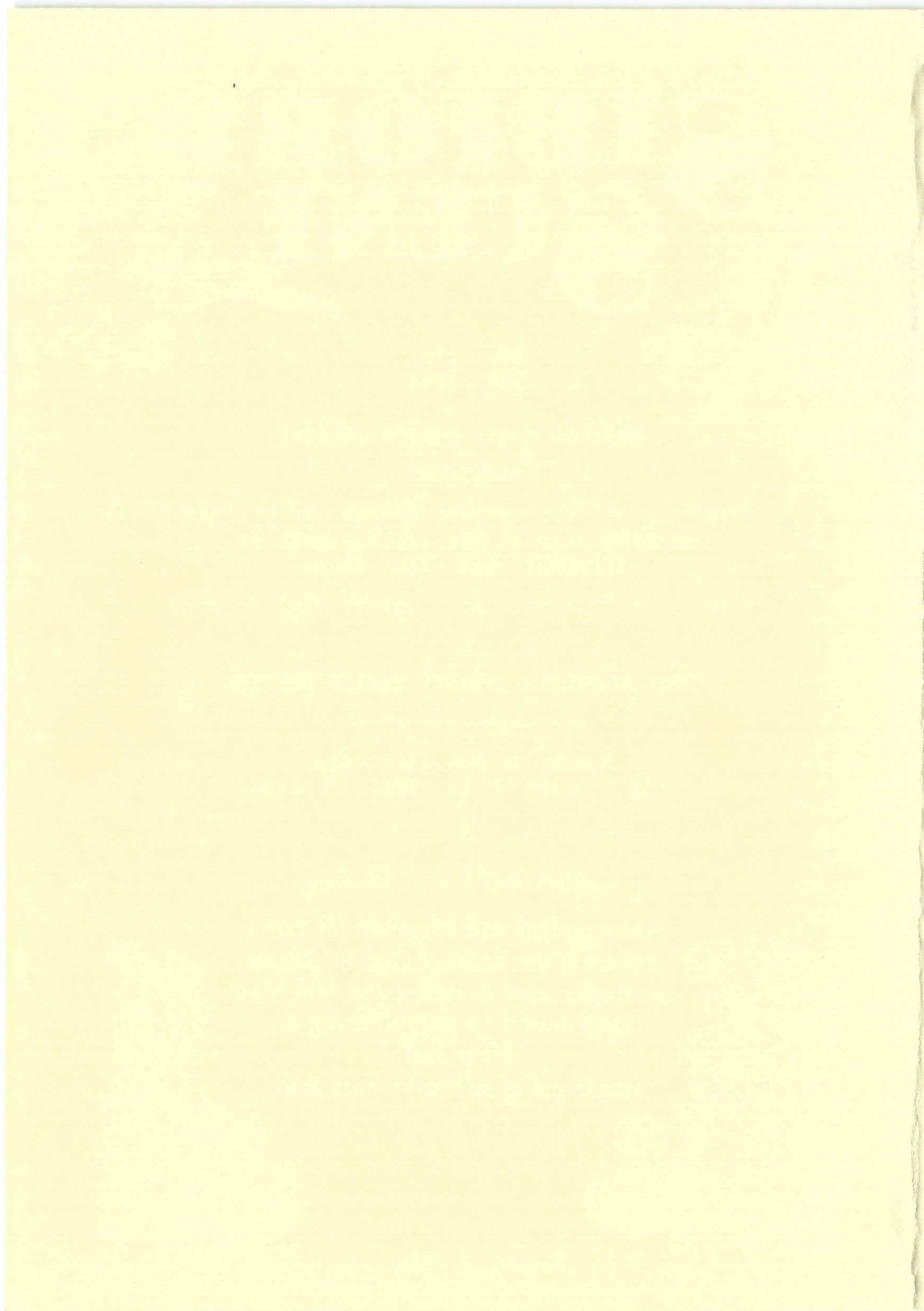
## Sibford Ferris Open Gardens

Three gardens will be open in the Ferris  
as part of the National Gardens Scheme  
on Sunday 22nd & Wednesday 25th May.

Open from 2 - 6 pm. Admission £1  
Plant Stall.

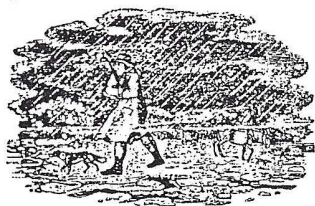
Teas in aid of Sibford Primary School.





## NATURE NOTES

Springtime(?) in Scotland



March 26th. Wood pigeons, as they did last year, are taking blossom buds from our plum trees and the tits are taking the flowers from our weeping prunus. The tits seem to be eating the base of the flower and dropping the petals which makes me think that they are seeking the nectar:

April 2nd. An observant person tells me that he has recently seen a white pheasant near Traitors Ford. I suppose it may have been a hand reared one. I have never seen a truly wild pheasant that was white but I did see a white one amongst about two hundred that were feeding alongside a wood last year.

April 4th. Having arrived here at Killin, Scotland in rain yesterday I thought that we had woken to a brighter day but we found on looking out that it was only brighter because an inch of snow lay over all. By Loch Tay we saw a party of long tailed tits, a few redpolls and a sizeable flock of siskins.

April 5th. Two inches of snow this morning with snowploughs at work on the roads. The snow had largely gone when we had an enjoyable walk along the gated road on the north side of the river Dochart. Some showers only served to enhance the colour of twigs. The red/brown of the birch, grey areas of ash and the larch which were surprisingly bright with an orange tint to them while the evergreens made a good background. I was fooled by an old tree growing by the roadside whose trunk looked like a larch. When told to look higher up I saw that the trunk divided, one head being larch and the other scots pine. It seemed that the two seedlings must have grown so close together that they merged to form one trunk. In the river a dipper walked from its perch on a rock to feed in the water but the current was strong and it was soon swimming like a duck. There were quite a lot of larks and meadow pipits among the lambing ewes in a field that the road ran through. The farmer told us that his main flock on the hill would not start lambing until May. In some marshy fields peewits and curlew were calling and mallard dabbled in the flooded areas while on the skyline we spotted a stag. Walked from Glen Lockay up a little road that used to go to a group of shielings but is now surfaced as far as an enclosure on the line of an eight foot diameter pipe which takes water to a hydro-elctric power station. I think that the enclosure may have surrounded a filter point to screen any debris from the water before it plunged steeply to the

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## NUMBER 29932 RUNS AND PLAYS

### ALL THE WAY



Sibfords Marathon Man successfully completed his second London, covering the classic journey from Greenwich to the Mall in windy conditions and in the process staggering himself by finishing in under 3H 45M..

The occasion as always was a mix of the serious and the carnival, with the vast majority dedicated to raising monies for charities. Davids causes were fourfold;

NATIONAL YOUTH BRASS BAND OF GREAT BRITAIN-----carrying a Cornet, he received no less than 271 requests along the way and invitations to play with a number of bands on the course.

SHAW TRUST-----providing work opportunities for people with severe disabilities.

WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CHIPPING NORTON-----for necessary hoist equipment.

BLOND MCINDOE CENTRE, EAST GRINSTEAD-----research into the treatment of burns.

David, with the help of others, hopes to have raised in excess of £5000 for the charities and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people in the Sibfords for their kindness and support, not only for sponsorship, but for the encouragement that he received as he jogged the roads in all weathers.

A wonderful experience, with many happy new friendships made, this was a day to savour indeed.

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will be

\* TUESDAY 17 MAY \*

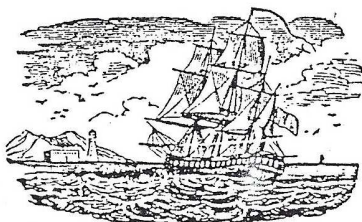
All items or personal adverts for publication can be submitted  
to either The Editor or The Treasurer

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OUR SHIP

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COME IN



THANK

YOU

ALL

Additional brown envelopes and other contributions have added  
a further £60.20 to the *Sibford Scene* coffers, bringing the

\* GRAND TOTAL to £419.35 \*

Once again, to all those who responded to the campaign -

\* \* A VERY BIG 'THANK YOU' \* \*

Our bank account is now reasonably healthy, with sufficient  
cash to publish the *Scene* till next Spring and a small surplus  
against unexpected bills, such as minor repairs to the copier.

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## MORE BUBBLY TO BE WON

Only one of the two bottles of Asti Spumante had been claimed  
by 21 April. The lucky lady was Mrs A Milln of Handywater  
House, Pound Lane. Congratulations!

In the absence of a second claimant, a new winning number has  
to be announced. In addition, a third prize is being awarded,  
since the Grand Total now exceeds £400.

THE NEW WINNING NUMBERS ARE:

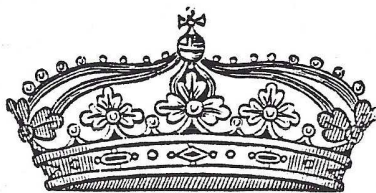
\* 197 yellow \* and \* 139 white \*



If you have one of these numbers please contact the Editor by  
Thursday 19 May to claim your bottle.

Unclaimed bottles will be donated to a worthy cause - the  
*Sibford Scene* Staff Resuscitation Fund.

# W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION



A motorway accident put paid to a talk on Royal Trains and their Passengers which the W.I. had looked forward to. The speaker - Mr P. Kingston - was not badly hurt, but was unable to continue his journey.

A lengthened business session was useful in the circumstances, and the forthcoming Group Meeting due to be hosted by Sibford was discussed fully.

Mrs Pearlman and Mrs Baadsgaard served teas, and the competition for a Royal Souvenir was won by Mrs Grasby, followed by Mrs Hutchinson, with Mrs Feltham in third place.

There was time for people to catch up on news with friends and, despite the disappointment, a pleasant afternoon ensued.

The next meeting is the A.G.M. on May 10th.  
Competition - the Best Flowering Stem.

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## W. I. GROUP MEETING

Sibford W.I. was hostess for the Spring Group Meeting on Thursday 14th April. The Group comprises the Institutes from Bloxham, Cropredy, Hook Norton, Shutford, Tadmarton and Wigginton.

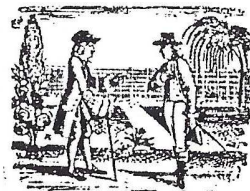
Guy Woolfenden from Sibford Ferris, Head of Music at the Royal Shakespeare Company, was our speaker. He entertained us with anecdotes and blasts on horns, ancient and very ancient. Guy will be chairing a musical quiz on Radio 3 on Sundays - something to look out for in the Radio Times.

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## SIBFORD GOWER OPEN GARDENS

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday	19 June	Two Gardens Open
Wednesday	22 June	" " "
Sunday	10 July	Four Gardens Open



LEO  
CLUB



Ladies  
Evening  
Out

\* Conducted Tour of Bloxham Church & Museum \*

A large number of members met, on 19 April at the home of Mary Bristow, where a policewoman from Eicester gave a very informative talk and provided useful literature on Personal & Home Safety for Women.

The next LEO meeting will be a conducted tour of Bloxham Church and the Bloxham Museum, led by Mrs Huntriss, on 17 May. Meet at 7.10pm at Sibford Village Hall for ride-sharing; full cars can go direct to Bloxham Church to arrive at 7.30pm.

If you would like to know more about our Club, phone Vivienne Scouse on 788320.

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Is anyone interested in making up a party to attend a concert with fireworks?  
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## SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

\* Bus Tokens \* Litter Week \* New Parish Clerk Required \*

Several important items were discussed at the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 31st March. These were as follows:-

Concessionary Bus Tokens are now available for those people who were issued with bus passes last year. If you are eligible and still interested in this scheme, please call at Yew Tree Cottage, Main Street, as soon as possible.

Annual Litter Week - it was decided to hold this in Sibford Ferris from Sunday 1st May to Friday 6th May, when the litter will be collected by Cherwell District Council. A supply of plastic bags can be obtained from the Post Office, and these should be left at the Coach Park, Woodway Road, on the morning of the 6th May. Please do what you can to help with this campaign.

IMPORTANT - We need a new Clerk to the Parish Council to take up duties after the Annual Parish Meeting on the 16th May. The post carries a small salary, but perhaps more importantly it is an interesting way of helping the local community. If you would like to know more of what the post entails, please feel able to telephone the serving Clerk, Pat Romans, on 0295 660213 or at her office 0865 327000.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 16th May, to be held in the Library of the Friends School, commencing at 8.00 pm. This is a chance to air your views on issues that concern you - please do your best to attend.

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## SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

\* \* Dates for Rubbish Skip - May 94 to March 95 \* \*

21 May,	17 Sept,	21 Jan	-	Green by Village Pond
18 June,	22 Oct,	18 Feb	-	Acre Ditch (opposite Rectory)
16 July,	19 Nov,	18 Mar	-	Pound Lane
20 Aug,	17 Dec		-	Barley Close

Petra Berry Clerk SGPC

## Young Scene

Hello, and welcome to Young Scene. Isn't it lovely to be able to play out after school? I am so glad that the dark winter nights are over. All we have to do now is to hope for some sunshine. I wonder when we will hear the cuckoo. This poem reminds us the cuckoo arrives in our country about now.

Cuckoo, cuckoo,  
Pray what do you do?  
In April I trim my bill,  
In May I sing night and day,  
In June I change my tune,  
In July away I fly.  
In August away I must.

Good news for Catherine Berry who is the lucky winner of our story-writing competition. WELL DONE ! Your prize is on its way.

Thank you also to Becky and Ben for sending in this month's jokes. Here they are:

How did the flowers grow without water?  
They were self-rising flowers.

What happened when the optician got drunk?  
He made a spectacle of himself.

### Something to make

Have you ever seen a hovercraft travelling over the sea? They are fascinating to watch because they actually float over the water by forcing air beneath the hull. This month you can follow these instructions and make your own model hovercraft.

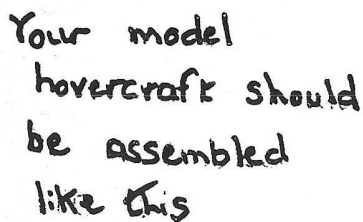
You will need:

a balloon  
a circle of stiff card about 10 cm. across  
a drawing pin  
a piece of tube which is wide enough for the neck of the balloon to fit tightly over ---  
you can make this from an old cereal packet  
glue

1. Make a small hole in the middle of the circle of card with a drawing pin
2. Glue a piece of the tube (about 4 cm. long) over the hole in the card.
3. Blow up the balloon and, keeping it inflated, fit the neck over the tube.
4. Place the card on a smooth tabletop, and it should float like a hovercraft.

N.B. It is important to keep the card completely flat.

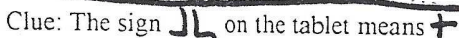
Why does it work? The air comes out of the balloon spreading beneath the card and lifting it just above the surface. Because the card and the tabletop hardly touch, there is very little friction between them and the card moves easily.



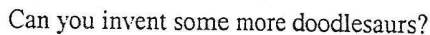
This month there is no competition but here are some puzzles for you to enjoy. the answers can be found written upside-down at the bottom of the page.

This ancient clay tablet was dug up in the desert. The experts who are trying to decipher it have worked out that:

Can you work out what is on the tablet?



Which one is the odd one out and why?



Have fun and see you next month and remember to listen for the cuckoo.

Ancient Sum Puzzle :  $13+271+5+487=776$   
Doodlesaur Puzzle: The third doodlesaur has square eyes.

# BERNARD D'ASCOLI

at

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Beethoven

Debussy



Chopin

Fauré

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- \* Ottakars Bookshop, 16 High Street, Banbury. Tel 0295 270498
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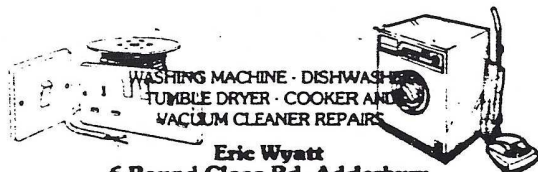
### Programme

Beethoven Sonata op27 no2 ("Moonlight") Chopin Barcarolle in F#major op60  
Fauré Valse-Caprice no1 op30 three Waltzes op64  
Debussy Six preludes from book 2 two Nocturnes op62  
Scherzo no 2 in B minor op31

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## FIELDING DAY CENTRE

\* Second Anniversary - Open Afternoon \*

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Everyone will be welcome to come along to meet the students, voluntary helpers and visitors who make up the Centre, to see what we have done and what we are doing at our weekly meetings and to join us for afternoon tea.

You may well be lucky enough to hear a recital on our new piano (well, it's new to us), by our local 88-er, Maestro Timotheus di Wimbusholi.

Ray Henbrey - Chairman [788265]

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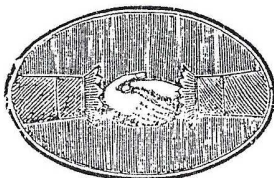
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WELCOME  
TO  
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ALL  
NEWCOMERS

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## 1ST THE SIBFORDS SCOUTS



CYRIL GARDNER MEMORIAL HIKE  
Headington, Oxford, 26/27 March

*"I counted them all out,  
I counted them all back in."*

1st The Sibfords entered two teams in the Cyril Gardner Memorial Hike - a 30 mile endurance test round the footpaths and bridleways of Oxfordshire.

Team 'A'	Team 'B'
Robert Dean	James Wimbush
Tom Groome	Jamie Henderson
George Rogers	Stephen Dean

Of the sixtytwo Scout teams entered, 26 finished.

Team 'B' finished in sixth place overall.

Team 'A' - going for gold - finished first in the hike by a margin of 35 minutes, in a time of nine hours and seven minutes.

Meanwhile a 1st The Sibfords "Old Boy", Lewis Soden, representing Bannesburie R.G.V.S., won the Senior Mixed team trophy.

**Congratulations to all!**

Ike Boot

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## 1st THE SIBFORDS JUMBLE SALE

Many thanks to all who participated in the Jumble Sale. A sum of £161.50 was raised for Scout funds. Again many thanks,  
J. Humble.

## A TEASER FOR TEENAGERS

Sibford's senior teenagers may rightly feel that they have been ignored by the Scene when it comes to competitions - so here is a puzzle for ANYONE who is not yet twenty.

The following sums were prepared on a computer which has the unfortunate fault of introducing an error of +1 or -1 into every figure it prints, ie. every figure is one more or one less than the correct figure. Can you find the correct ones?

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Please send your answers to the Editor by 16 May and include your name, age, address & school (if appropriate). A small prize will be awarded - if necessary, taking account of neatness (of the submission not the submitter).

An EXTRA PRIZE will be given for a computer programme to solve such puzzles.

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[ With many thanks to Adrian Lamb ]

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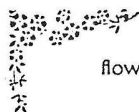
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In Oxfordshire, CPRE members are campaigning especially -

- to protect the countryside and its wildlife from any unnecessary new roads and building in sensitive areas.
- to restrain over-development in the M40 corridor.
- to survey and preserve our hedgerows and footpaths,
- to restrict the location of mineral extraction, golf courses, etc to environmentally suitable sites.

It is vital to protect what we still have for the sake of the next generation - for our children and theirs. This important work depends on active volunteer members and on the financial support of well wishers. If you are concerned about the local environment, or would like more information about the CPRE, please ring Verity Stanley on 780729 or Jim Shields (780571). We would be glad to hear from you.

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Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 11.00 am
(Brailes)	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

1 May	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe
8 "	10.00am	Deanery Eucharist at Banbury Parish Church
15 "	10.00am	Family Service
22 "	8.00am	Holy Communion
29 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	SONGS of PRAISE

May 29th is Trinity Sunday, the nearest our own church can get to having a Patronal Festival to celebrate its own Saint's Day; the occasion will be marked by an evening service of Songs of Praise.

You are cordially invited to choose a hymn to be sung that evening. Please drop a note into the Rectory by 22 May; if you would like to include a reason for your choice so much the better.

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### SIBFORD METHODIST CHAPEL

Saturday 4 June 10am  
Coffee Morning - Cake Stall - etc  
Everyone Welcome

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### WAS IT EVER FOUND??

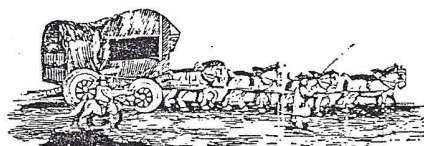
Extract from Sibford Scene April 1977

Can anyone help trace a book of great local interest last seen in 1966?

"Who were they?" by Joshua Lamb, is a black limp-covered exercise book about an inch thick, handwritten in pencil, describing every occupant of the MeetingHouse graveyard, along with their family history.

The book belongs to the Friends' Library and they would be delighted to have it back. Perhaps this is the year that someone's Spring cleaning or Bring and buy will bring it to light.

# SIBFORD BUS SERVICES



## 1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burndrop

			Depart	Return
Friday	6 & 20 May	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	11 & 25 May	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

The pick-up points are:

<u>Banbury Bus</u>	<u>Chippy Bus</u>
Village Hall	Village Hall
Crossroads	High Meadow
High Meadow	Crossroads
	The Colony

## 2. REGULAR SERVICE - MIDLAND RED.

490 Sibford - Banbury

Monday - Saturday	Outward	Return (read up)
Sibford Gower Crossroads	7.30am	6.30pm
Sibford Ferris School	7.32	6.28
Banbury Cross	7.55	6.08
Banbury Bus Station	8.00am	6.05pm

## 3. REGULAR SERVICE - JEFFS COACHES, Shipston - Sibford - Banbury

Monday - Saturday	Outward	Return (read upwards)
Sibford Gower School	09.45am 11.45am	11.45am 12.50pm 14.50pm
Sibford Ferris School	09.48 11.48	11.42 12.42 14.47
Banbury Cross	10.13 12.13pm	11.17 12.17 14.17
Banbury Bus Station	10.15am 12.15pm	11.15am 12.15pm 14.15pm

## 4. REGULAR SERVICE - CHERWELL VILLAGER, Sibford - Banbury

Wednesday only	Outward	Return (read up)
Sibford Gower	9.55am 1.15pm	1.15pm
Sibford Ferris	9.57 1.20	1.20
Banbury	10.50am 2.15pm	1.00pm

## 5. REGULAR SERVICE - MIDLAND RED, X60 Hook Norton-Banbury-Sibford- Tuesday only -Shipston-Stratford-Coventry

	Outward	Return*	
Sibford Ferris	09.39am	2.15pm	* All return times
Sibford Gower	09.41	2.13	are one hour later
Shipston	09.55	1.59	during
Stratford	10.25	1.30	School Holidays
Coventry	10.55am	1.00pm	
		(read up)	

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## APOLOGY

The Editor apologizes for the delay in publication  
of this month's edition of the *Sibford Scene*.

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### CALENDAR for MAY 1994

Monday    2nd   Sibford (Friends) School Open Morning 10am-12.20pm see p15  
 Tuesday    3rd   Friendship Club, Village Hall 2pm - see p8  
 Wednesday 4th   Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrip (2.25 - 4.20pm)  
 THURSDAY   5th   DISTRICT & PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - see p1  
 Tuesday    10th   WI AGM, Village Hall - see p6  
 Wednesday 11th   Fielding Day Centre - Open Afternoon - see p15  
 Wednesday 11th   Sibford Horti Society Meeting, Village Hall - see p7  
 Thur-Sat   12-14   Winderton Church, Gilbert & Sullivan - see p14  
 Monday    16th   Sibford Ferris APM, Friends School Lib'ry, see pp 1 & 11  
 Tuesday    17th   Ladies Evening Out Meeting - see p9  
 TUESDAY    17th   DEADLINE for *SIBFORD SCENE* CONTRIBUTIONS - see p 5  
 Wednesday 18th   Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrip (2.25 - 4.20pm)  
 Wednesday 18th   Friendship Club, Outing to Wellesb'ne Water Mill, see p8  
 Wednesday 18th   Swalcliffe Society Meeting, Swa Village Hall, see p17  
 Saturday   21st   Skip in Gower - Green by Village Pond - see p11  
 Saturday   21st   Bern'd d'Ascoli Piano Recital, Sibford School - see p14  
 Sunday    22nd   Three Sibford Ferris Gardens Open - see p1  
 Wednesday 25th   "       "       "       "       "       - see p1  
 Saturday   28th   Horti Society Plant Sale - see p7  
 Sunday    29th   Holy Trinity Church - Songs of Praise - see p21

### CALENDAR for JUNE 1994 (part)

Wednesday 1st   Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrip (2.25 - 4.20pm)  
 Saturday    4th   Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning - see p21

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