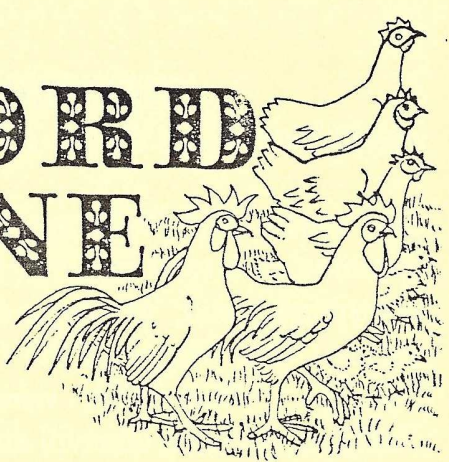


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NO. 177
JUNE 1994

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Forthcoming events for Playgroup children include a sponsored Treasure Hunt on Weds. 15th June; Sports Day on Weds. 20th July and a Summer Outing (details of which are yet to be arranged). Please contact Sandra Butt on 780352 for further information.

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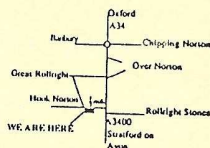
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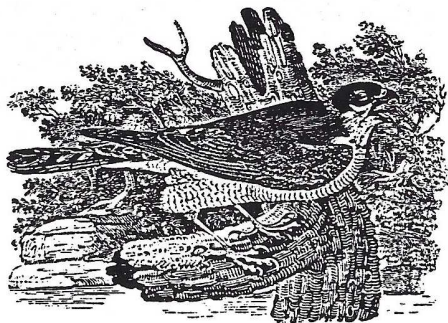
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Nature Notes.



The Sparrowhawk

April 19th. Today I heard of what must have been a chance in a million. The tailgate of a car had been left open while goods were being unloaded. When the owner returned and shut it there was a great commotion inside and he found that he had shut a sparrowhawk into the car. I can only think that it must have been chasing a small bird to have gone into such a place.

April 28th. I have not seen or heard the nuthatch for several days now so I suppose that it must have moved away to find a mate to replace the one that died when it flew against our window last summer. This is sad as I have enjoyed hearing it's frequent call while working in the garden. The pattern in the past has been for them to spend a year or two here with lengthy spells between these visits.

May 14th. Saw my first swifts of the season at Tysoe this morning. There have been eight or ten house martins around the Ferris since the 27th of April but there seem to be very few swallows as yet.

May 15th. When I washed through some blanket weed that I removed from our garden pond I extracted about twenty dragonfly nymphs which were all of the short bodied type. They looked to be full grown and likely to hatch this summer. There are more newts in the pond this year and this evening I could see sixteen, some of them engaged in their courtship display.

The Sibfords Society

Following our AGM we are pleased to welcome Mr Don Harvey who has agreed to join the committee. Subscriptions remain unchanged for the coming year and include affiliation to the Swalcliffe Society. Members are reminded please that subs are now due. We hope that many of you will find something of interest in our full summer programme.

On 10 June there will be a talk by Barry Davies illustrated with slides from old photographs of this area. Come along to the Mission Room at 7.30pm and enjoy a look at our local area as recorded in earlier times

If you enjoy a gentle walk around the Sibfords why not take part in the Countryside Events programme and join us on Thursday 30 June for a walk through time as you wander the lanes and footpaths of Sibford Gower, Burdrop and Sibford Ferris. You may be able to add to, or share with others, your knowledge of our fascinating villages past. Meet at the Bishop Blaize at 7.00pm. (Stout shoes advisable) Walk approx.2.5 miles.

A treat is in store on Wednesday 20 July. From 6 pm onwards Sibford and Swalcliffe Societies will be hosting an "Antiques Road Show" at The Tythe Barn, Swalcliffe. This will be an opportunity to share any items of local interest which may be in your attics or barns. Although there will not be any valuations, please look out and bring along anything you may have which recaptures any element of life in our villages. We are already promised some interesting exhibits. Light refreshments will be available so we are hoping for a fine summer evening in a delightful setting to dig into our history.

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our annual fish & chips and sangria orgy in Benidorm
(except Belinda, who is visiting Roger & Sean in Marbella)

so

*** THERE WILL BE NO *SIBFORD SCENE* in AUGUST. ***

Information on events planned for August
should reach us by the 21 JUNE deadline.

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FINAL REPORT ON THE 1994 'BROWN ENVELOPES' CAMPAIGN

Another lucky lady has won a bottle of Asti Spumante in the 1994 'Brown Envelopes' draw. This time it was one of our Scene-by-Post readers, Mrs Jill Harden of Wigginton Heath. Congratulations, Jill! Shall we meet half-way - at *The Gate*?

The draw is now closed - thank you to all who participated and contributed to our funds. Why not start saving *now* for our Spring 1995 fund-raising season?

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ANNUAL DONATIONS TO THE *SCENE* BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

A dozen local organizations (be they a school, church, council, hall, institute, club, society, group, association, etc), who use the *Sibford Scene* to publicize their activities, provide annual contributions to our funds; these, plus a donation from the Town Estate Charity, total about £250 a year - for which we are sincerely grateful.

The amounts donated range from £5 (from the Brownies) to £40 (from Sibford Gower P C) and all are equally appreciated.

We would be pleased to hear from any other such organizations in Sibford who would like to support the *Scene* in this way.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



A record number of members & visitors attended the May meeting for Mr Jefferson-Brown's excellent illustrated talk on 'Gardening as an Obsession'. The tulip competition was won by Rosalind Pearlman.

The next indoor meeting, entitled 'Preparing for a Show', will be held in the Village Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 13 July, when there will be hints & tips on the preparation of a winning exhibit.

Before that, there will be a 'first' for our Society - a rare opportunity to join in a **WALK IN WYCHFORD FOREST**, which is not normally open to the public. This 4 mile, 4 hour outing (11am to 3pm - bring a packed lunch) will be led by Peter Sheasby on Sunday 19 June - rendezvous at Sibford Village Hall at 10.15am. This outing is limited to 20 walkers, so please contact Adrienne Brown (780334) now if not already on the list.

Other Dates for your Diary are:

Saturday 2 July - Outing to Highclere Castle and Gardens. Coach about £4; Admission about the same. Lunches & Teas available but bring a picnic if preferred. Names to Sheila Baseby [780544] PDQ please. Leave Village Hall 9.00am, return by 6.00pm.

Saturday 20 August - **ANNUAL SHOW** in Marquee at Village Hall. Show Schedules already distributed - spares at Surgery & Post Office. Stock for Tombola & Raffle stalls would be welcomed at Surgery (Dr Heath) or by any Committee member.

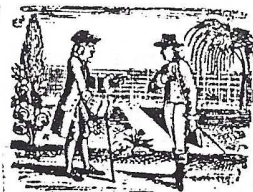
If you hold a Cup or Trophy from the 1993 Show, please return it **NOW** to the Surgery or to a Committee member, otherwise it may not be possible to engrave your name on it.

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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



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

* 'Friendly Afternoon', Bring-&-Buy, Evening Outing *

At our A.G.M. in April our Treasurer Mr. Robin Spicer resigned as he could not attend committee meetings due to pressure of work and other commitments. We would like to thank Robin for all the time and work he has given to the Club over the past years. To show our appreciation he was presented with a small gift voucher. The rest of the committee were all re-elected 'en bloc' with the addition of Mrs. Evelyn Boughton. Our new Treasurer is now Mrs. Sandra Tustain and Mrs. Evelyn Boughton will take over Sandra's duties as Secretary, Mrs. Phyllis Webb still remains as our Chairperson. We would like to thank them for taking on these responsibilities and wish them well for the coming year.

We are holding a 'friendly afternoon' on Tuesday 7th June 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. in the garden (weather permitting) of Mrs. Bea. Tanner, 3 Acre Ditch, Sibford Gower. Admission - 30p which includes refreshments and there will be a 'Bring-and-Buy' stall. Everyone will be very welcome.

All proceeds from the 'friendly afternoon' will be donated to Holy Trinity Church.

On Tuesday 21st June we are having an evening coach tour leaving Sibford about 6.00 p.m. Further details of this tour from Mrs. Webb (788211) or come to our 'friendly afternoon' to get the final arrangements.

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JAMES ELLES, the prospective Member of the European Parliament for this Constituency representing the Conservative Party, will be addressing a gathering of people from the Sibfords and surrounding area at Parson's Barn, Shutford Road, Sibford Gower on Wednesday 8th June at approx 8.15pm. All are very welcome to attend.

James currently holds a seat in the European Parliament, but owing to boundary changes he hopes to be representing this area in the future. He will address the gathering for 15 minutes and will then be available for any questions. If you have any queries whatsoever - now is your chance - so PLEASE come along. There are no hidden charges!

For any enquiries regarding this meeting - please telephone Robert Tompkins on 780541 or 0850-250784.

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Future events for the Sibfords & Epwell Branch are:-

- 24 June 1994 - Car Treasure Hunt finishing in a Pub.
Start at 7-7.30pm at Sibford Village Hall.
All are welcome to participate.
- 26 Nov 1994 - Variety Show in Sibford Village Hall.
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In spite of the wintry weather, there was a good turn-out of LEO members for a most interesting conducted tour of Bloxham Church and the Bloxham Museum on 17 May; afterwards several members extended their tour to include the Red Lion, purely for medicinal purposes, of course.

For the next meeting, on 21 June, LEO members will participate in their own *Sibford Ferris Open Gardens* evening, starting at 7.30pm at Mary Mills's garden, then proceeding to Margaret Elldred's and finally to Miriam Henbrey's, where refreshments will be served after viewing the three gardens.

If it is foul weather on 21 June phone Vivienne Scouse to see if there is any change of plan [788320].

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SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

* Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting *

The Annual Parish Meeting of Sibford Gower was held in the Primary School on 20th April under the Chairmanship of Mr R E Payne and was well attended. The Chairman welcomed County Councillor David Turner and District Councillor David Green.

The Chairman reported that the Council had met 6 times during the year dealing with various issues affecting the village including 19 planning applications, potholes, public footpaths and their stiles and signs and grasscutting.

Notable achievements included the long awaited pruning of the Cherry tree on Burdrop Green which had been completed, a vastly improved grasscutting service and a grant of £1000 for restoration work to the pond. In connection with the latter new outletpipe work had been laid and a thorough cleaning and tidying of the pond and the surrounding area would commence as soon as possible. Also the monthly skip which is placed in various locations in the village is still proving a great success.

The Chairman made special mention and expressed thanks to the Town Estate Charity for their continued support in providing the free busservice to Banbury and Chipping Norton and to various residents of the village who had carried out the pond work, renovating the Council notice board and moving the gritbin in the Colony.

The Clerk reported on the Council's finances which excepting the pond expenditure was running at a similar level to last year. Expenditure for the coming year was anticipated to substantially increase, due to, mainly the forthcoming election and the precept had thus been set at £1,300

Mr Baadsgaard reported on behalf of the Town Estate Charity. The accounts had been submitted to and accepted by the Parish Council and despite slight reduced receipts and increased expenditure the trust was still able to discharge its duties in all three areas of responsibility. The trustees had negotiated a new draft Instrument with the Charity Commissioners and details of this would be announced in the Sibford Scene.

The Chairman then asked the meeting to raise any further matters and these included the gravel hardstanding outside Pond Cottage, the gateway in the wall in front of New Cottage, Burdrop, the opening in the hedge in Hawkes Lane at the new building site, the condition of New Barn Farm Road and blocked drains in the Colony.

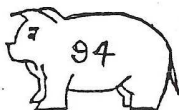
With regard to highway matters these were continually being addressed by the Council, reported the Chairman, and were regularly raised with the Highways Department, however, repairs were largely dependent upon funding. Mr Turner agreed to raise personally with the Highways Dept the flooding and state of New Barn Farm Road. The opening in Hawks Lane was being monitored but New Cottage was a lost cause as there was no method available to enforce its closure.

The padlocked gate at Wheathills footpath was raised and it was requested that a gate be constructed instead of the present inadequate stile. The meeting was informed that the County Fieldpath Officer would inspect the stile in the coming week.

In reply to questions the National Rivers Authority would be contacted regarding returning some of the fish when the pond restoration work had been completed.

The controversial planning application at Wheathills was raised and Mr Tompkins set out his position. Further discussion was held after the Parish meeting was closed in order that villagers from both Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris could put forward their views. Since the meeting the Council understands that the application has been withdrawn.

Letter from a Star - in Her Own Rite



Dear Mr Editor

I have taken a few minutes off from rehearsals to record this letter for my secretary, to thank you, and your nice magazine, for your, probably unwitting, help in my career. I think I better start at the beginning.

Back in January, a silver-tongued sailor (*aren't they all*) said he wanted to photograph me for a magazine (*don't they all*) and said I would become as famous as Ms Piggy throughout the Sibfords (including Burdrop and, maybe, even the Colony). With visions of stardom, I instantly agreed.

It was only later, whilst fiddling with his tripod, that he mumbled something about 'SHINDIG 94' and 'PIG ROAST'. I suddenly realized that my fame seemed to be destined to be a posthumous one, as the rotating centrepiece of an ancient village rite.

My heart sank into my trotters, my coquettish smile vanished and my seductively curly tail went as limp as a week-old stick of rhubarb. Hence the picture of me that appeared in the February *Sibford Scene*.

It was later that I learnt that it wasn't me (*that should be 'I', but the media people expect me to be somewhat pig-ignorant when it comes to grammar*) but Pugnacious Percy, a very distant cousin and the black pig of the family, who would be for the chop at the SIBFORD SHINDIG on 9 JULY.

So the silver-tongued sailor had not been trying to pull a fast one (*that makes a change*); I really could be a star! My feminine attributes quickly returned and I happily posed for several more pictures promoting the Shindig, a couple of which have appeared in your delightful magazine.

I am sure the 1994 SHINDIG will be as popular as that in 1992, since I hear that, in addition to the rotating Percy, there will be dancing & singing to LIVE 1960's POPULAR MUSIC by a Local Group and a LICENSED BAR which, it is rumoured, will include HOOKY in its range of beverages.

Sorry I won't be there, but a famous impresario saw my later picture in your superb magazine, gave me an audition and I will now be appearing that evening in the star role at the London opening of Andrew Lloyds-Bank's new hit musical 'Pigs'. *A star in my own rite!*

Yours, with sincere gratitude for your help,
Priscilla Piggly.

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A BIRTHDAY SONG FOR RYMELL'S CORNER/WEST TOWN

* 25th of JUNE *

Happy Birthday to Jim

Happy Birthday to Ray

Happy Birthday to Arthur

To You All - A Happy Day.

[Don't know where Rymell's Corner is? Then why not join in the Sibfords Society's 'Walk Through Time' - see page 4]

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Young Scene

Did you know that June is the beginning of the summer? It is the month for roses and, hopefully warm sun. It is a month when grown-ups send you to bed when it is still light and you can think of a hundred good reasons why you should stay up later.

In all northern countries it is summer, but in the southern half of the world it is winter. Which season do you like best ---- summer or winter ?

The 24th of June is Midsummer's Day. Old legends tell us that it is a day of magic when fairies (if you believe in them) feast and dance from midnight to dawn.

The great circle of stones at Stonehenge was built for the festival of the sun.

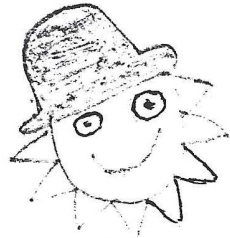
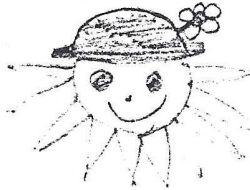
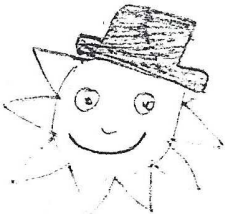
Some of you may have visited Stonehenge. If you haven't you could look for pictures of it.

Something for you to make: Why not make a mobile sun to hang up on 24th June ? Paint a paper plate yellow and when dry add a smiling face and rays around the outside. These could be painted on or stuck on with glue or even staples. If you have some shiny paper to use for the face or rays , your mobile will sparkle .

You might like to add a hat to your sun---but if you do this you must remember to sing

"The sun has got his hat on, hip, hip ,hip, hooray,

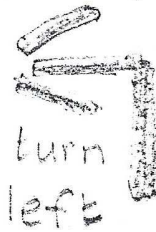
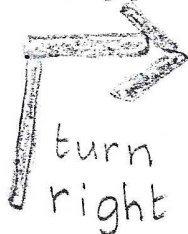
The sun has got his hat on and he's coming out today".

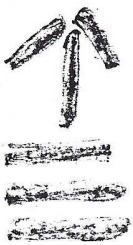


The 21st of June is the longest day in the year. The sun rises earlier and sets later than on any other day in the year. So here are some ideas to keep you busy on these summer days.

Secret Trails.

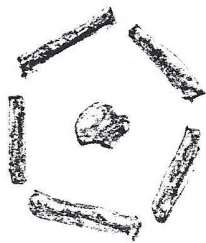
Have you ever tried leaving a secret trail for someone to follow? All you need are a few sticks and stones, and a friend who knows what the secret signs mean. Here are a few to start you off---try making lots more of your own. If wet you could make a trail indoors using drinking straws or lollipop sticks, and buttons or pieces of Lego or Duplo.





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Sundials.



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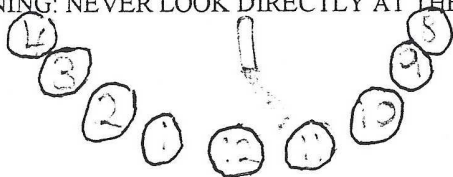


not this way

On a sunny day try making a sundial, this will help you to tell the time.

Put a tall straight stick in the middle of the garden. At the stroke of each hour mark where the tip of the shadow falls by putting down a pebble with the number of the hour marked on it. Keep doing this until sunset. Try out your sundial the next day.

WARNING: NEVER LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN.



Joke Time -----"Ho, ho, ho."

What do pandas take on holiday?

Just the bear essentials.

What do you call a dinosaur with only one eye? A Doyouthinkesaurus.

Why was the Egyptian confused? Because his daddy was a mummy.

Competition Time.

How much do you know about nature?

Answer true or false to each of these sentences. Put your answers on a piece of paper, along with your name, address and age, and post them in the Young Scene boxes at the village Shop or at the Primary School by Friday, June 10th. Good luck.

1. Bats will get caught in your hair. True or false?
2. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in winter. True or false?
3. Only female holly trees bear berries. True or false?
4. Moles do not like to eat worms. True or false?
5. A starfish can grow another arm, should it lose one. True or false?
6. Hedgehogs cannot swim. True or false?
7. Ladybirds can bite quite painfully. True or false?
8. An earwig cannot fly. True or false?
9. A buttercup flower has 5 petals. True or false?
10. A spider has 6 legs. True or false?

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN, COLIN FRITH, TO THE AGM FOR THE YEAR 1993/94

There tends to be a certain sameness about Chairmen's reports on the annual affairs of the Village Hall. I fear that this year will prove to be little different.

However I will make one refreshing change by reporting first on the causes for pleasure rather than, as in the past two years, matters for regret.

We have had a wide-ranging series of events, some better supported than others, some more financially successful than others, but all without exception most enjoyable - yes even jumble sales and sales of 'seconds' can be enjoyable!

The Officers of the Committee and the small but dedicated band of helpers at Hall events have, as ever, worked tirelessly for the Hall. And too, the Officers of the Committee have as usual been conscientious and thorough in dealing with the Hall's affairs. Work for the Hall is, of course, work for the community, though the community does not always seem too wildly appreciative! Everyone, especially the Chairman, owes them a considerable debt of gratitude.

I am happy that the Committee has been strengthened by the co-option of Keith Manning and Bernard Phillips. It needed strengthening because of those members who fail to play a full part. For the second year running I have to say that representatives of village organisations really must realise that they are full (and should be active) members of the Committee; they are not there (even when they are there!) solely in the interests of their organisations. It would be embarrassing to look up and list the number of occasions on which some have failed to attend meetings. They know who they are. And, of course, we still lack representatives from the two Parish Councils, though mention of the Councils reminds me that we owe them our thanks for their financial support. And while I am in thanking mode, I must record our appreciation to the County Council, Cherwell District Council and the Town Estates Charity for enabling us to construct toilet facilities for the disabled at no cost to Hall funds.

We lost and gained a Hall Manager during the year. David Baker had to resign because he came into full-time employment. We were later able to re-appoint him because through no fault of his own or anybody else, he had to give up that employment. As ever we are grateful to him for his work, as

we are to his wife who is now officially what she had been unofficially for some time previously, Bookings Secretary.

As I think most people know, this is my last Annual Meeting. Advancing years and an increasingly senile memory suggested to me that it would be in everybody's interest, not least mine that I should stand down from this as well as some other activities. I am only here now as a sort of unnatural progression because the late Eric Benton, wishing to give up as Secretary, 'persuaded' me to take over from him some (can it be?) 23 years ago. So my final thanks to those officers who have served with me as Chairman and to those Committee members who have given their support. You'll all continue to be badly needed!



After the Chairman's report the following officers were elected:-

(Chairman	No nominations)
Vice-chairman	Bernard Phillips
Treasurer	Peter Baseby
Secretary	Muriel Chandler
Bookings Secretary	Diane Baker

In addition Carol Dean and Keith Manning were elected to the Committee. After the elections the new Vice-chairman thanked Colin Frith for the excellent work he had done, man and boy, for the last 23 years for the Village Hall and therefore for the villages in general, and wished him well in his more leisurely future.



W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

The A.G.M. of the Sibford W.I. was well attended. Mrs Conway presided for the last time before handing over to Mrs Baadsgaard for the coming year. Mrs Cox thanked Mrs Conway for her excellent work and members showed their appreciation with hearty applause. Mrs Ellred also resigned as Treasurer after five years of competent housekeeping, but she will stay on the committee. Mrs Jarvis will continue as Secretary and thanks are due to both. Two new committee members will be Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Bristow.

Resolutions dealing with Organ Transplants, Control of Pornography and Legal Aid were discussed and the delegate for the Triennial A.G.M. of the National Federation was appointed to vote as directed.

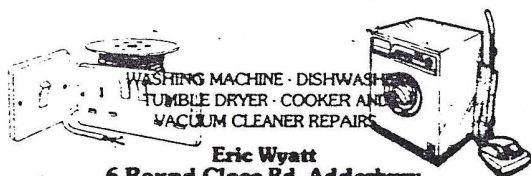
Prizes were awarded for performance in competitions during the year as follows:-

1. Mrs Grasby 2. Mrs Pearlman 3. Mrs Baggaley & Mrs Power. The competition for the Best Flowering Stem was won by Mrs Cox, 2nd Mrs Puddle, and 3rd Mrs Baadsgaard. Mrs Soden and Mrs Hutchinson served teas.

The June meeting will be addressed by Mr P. Kingston who will speak on *Royal Trains and their Passengers*. He was prevented from visiting the W.I. in April by a road accident. He has specially asked to see Royal Souvenirs. Members are therefore asked to bring as many as possible, including those brought last time. The competition for a poem has been cancelled for the time being. So come along to the Village Hall at 2.PM on June 14th for a fascinating talk.

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A QUIET DAY OF EXPLORATION

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We expect to leave here at around 9.00 am and return by about 5.30 pm. It is hoped to make arrangements for children of all ages to be entertained at Friends Meeting House during the day by a team led by a qualified childrens' nurse.

Coffee and tea will be provided and we will all take a contribution for a communal lunch. There will be a small charge to cover transport and other expenses.

All who would like to take part in this joint initiative by the local religious bodies are asked to contact as soon as possible: Elizabeth Francis (0608 662284), Julia Gordon (780569), Kathleen Winter (780461), Norman Nash (780275)

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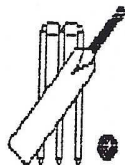
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SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB

A Splendid Start!



Village cricket got off to a friendly start on the 24th April, the earliest for several seasons, with a comprehensive win over Radway and that good form has continued with an unbeaten run in our Sunday games.

The new venture into the South Northants League has proved beneficial with a good win in the first game, and the only reverse has been the defeat by Tiddington in the National Village Championship, a match attracting a crowd of over 100 good souls, on a hot and sunny day, with sadly most of them from our visitors!

Particular credit must go to David Pratt, for his enlightened captaincy of the Sunday side, and for some masterful batting and to Tom Holliday for his much improved bowling, which has delighted everyone, except our friendly opponents!

Have we unearthed a new "Sibford Star"? Our host at the Bishops Blaize has displayed an uncanny liking for the game and is a notable asset to our squad - welcome Paul - and may you play for many years to come.

April 24. v Radway. Won by 86 runs.

Sibford 176 for 8	Radway 89 all out
Ron Morbey 82	Tom Holliday 4 - 13
David Pratt 50	Tim Andrews 3 - 17

April 30. v Helmdon (League) Won by 4 wickets.

Helmdon 113 all out	Sibford 114 - 6
David Inns 3 - 13	Nigel Fletcher 29
Roger Gilbert 3-20	Ron Morbey 27

May 1. v Chipping Norton. Won by 8 wickets

C. Norton 79 all out	Sibford 82 - 2
Chris Wollerton 3-11	David Pratt 32*
Lee Gilbert 3-20	Roger Gilbert 23*

May 8. v Winslow Town. Won by 54 runs.

Sibford 116 - 7	Winslow 62 all out
David Pratt 30	Tom Holliday 5 - 14

May 15. v Tiddington. Lost by 81 runs.

Tiddington 211 - 6	Sibford 130 - 4
	David Pratt 61*

THE FIELDING DAY CENTRE

* * Recruitment of Clients * *

The Day Centre holds its weekly meetings in one of the sixth form class-rooms at Sibford (Friends) School, the room and other facilities having been specially adapted and equipped for our use, with the kind cooperation of the Headmaster.

The Day Centre is funded by grants from the Social Services Department and is intended to draw its visitors (we are not too keen on the official term 'clients') from Epwell, Shutford, Swalcliffe, Tadmarton and Hook Norton, as well as from Sibford. Our visitors usually join us by referral from Social Services and from surgeries in the area.

However, if you know someone who is housebound and who you think might benefit from the hot lunch and social contact provided at the weekly meetings of the Day Centre, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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Drop-in at Middleton Cheney Surgery 2-4pm

Wednesday 29 June

Stand at Castle Centre, Banbury all day.

"SOLACE" Tea Party at Moorview, Witney 2.30-4pm

Mayor's Tea Party at Town Hall, Banbury

Thursday 30 June

Drop-in at Focus, Yarnton Social Club 10-12.30

Deddington Carers' Group "Aromatherapy and Massage" 2-4pm

Friday 1 July

Coffee Morning at Highlands Centre, Chipping Norton 11-1.30pm.

Stand at Castle Centre, Banbury all day

Drop-in at Bicester Cottage Hospital 10.30-2.30.

Drop-in Deddington Surgery 2-4pm.

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A TEASER FOR TEENAGERS

There were no fully correct responses to last month's
teaser. One teenager (Johanna Berry, aged 13, of Barley
Close and Warriner School, Bloxham) got 3 out of 4 answers
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The theme will be Balloons.

Stalls will include:

Bottles; Plants; Cakes and Food; Books; China and Glass; White Elephants;

There will be competitions to guess the number of balloons in a mini; a balloon race; shaving balloons; throwing the water-filled balloons; dislodging the sand-filled balloons and many others.

There will be teas on sale, ice creams and hot dogs and childrens games and competitions will include clock golf; bursting balloons; painting faces on balloons and painting pictures of balloons.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PARISH SUPPER

There were 76 people from the community in the Village Hall where tables were attractively laid out and a welcoming glass of wine helped them to hear some unattractive news about the finances of the church. The Treasurer, Colin Frith, welcomed those present and thanked them for the support which they and others in the community had given the church over the years. He then gave a short presentation of the prospects for the future with an immediate expected weekly deficit of £48 and rising. Over half the church's annual income came from 4 people, whose identities only he knew. If any were to leave the parish, a serious situation would arise.

David Haylett, the Diocese of Oxford adviser, then gave a presentation on the finances of the Diocese, highlighting the inability of the Church Commissioners to help as they had done in the past. Some revealing slides helped to give details of the position and indicated that many communities would lose their local church unless more money was forthcoming.

A delicious supper was then served and a very enjoyable evening ensued. Many people paid tribute to a happy evening of fellowship the like of which should take place more often, but whether Ann Spicer, who was responsible for the superb cooking, would agree is another matter!

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Preliminary results of the request to parishioners to support the continued survival of Holy Trinity Church have been encouraging. It is, of course, not too late to respond. The Treasurer, Colin Frith, will be providing a detailed report in the next issue of *Sibford Scene*.

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

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

5 June	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Epwell
12 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
19 "	10.00am	Family Service
26 "	8.00am	Holy Communion
3 July	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Sibford

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SIBFORD METHODIST CHAPEL

COFFEE MORNING - Saturday 4 June 10am - 12noon in the Chapel. Come and enjoy a friendly chat over a cup of coffee and homemade biscuits.

CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY - Tuesday 14 June 7.30pm.

Speaker - Rev. Richard Wilde, who has recently returned to this country from Zimbabwe.

Chairman - Mr John Cherry.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Everyone will be very welcome at both of these events.

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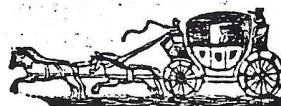
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1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

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			Depart	Return
Friday	3 & 17 June	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	8 & 22 June	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	1 July	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon

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, 480 Sibford - Banbury

	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

	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

	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 are one hour later during School Holidays
Sibford Gower	09.41	2.13	
Shipston	09.55	1.59	
Stratford	10.25	1.30	
Coventry	10.55am	1.00pm	
		(read up)	

WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday	7.00 - 9.00pm
Mobile Shop		Tuesday	10.00am - 4.00pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.45pm
Beavers	Village Hall	Wednesday	5.15 - 6.30pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday	8.00pm
Mums & Toddlers	Gillett House	Wednesday	10.30am - 12noon
Fielding Day Centre	Friends School	Wednesday	12.15 - 3.00pm
Mobile Fish & Chips		Thursday	
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	6.00pm
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00am - 12noon

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DIARIST - Norman Nash (Tel 780275)

2 July	Saturday	Horti Outing, Highclere Castle - p6	[780544]
2 July	Saturday	Sibford School Open Day, 2pm - 5pm	[780441]
2 July	Saturday	" " Recital, 7.30pm	
8 July	Friday	Gower Primary PTA Auction of Favours - p25	
9 July	Saturday	Sibford Village Fete - Village Hall, 2pm - p17	
9 July	Saturday	Sibford Shindig - Village Hall, 8pm - p13	[780529]
9 July	Saturday	Blenheim Palace, Concert with Fireworks - p10	[788190]
10 July	Sunday	Sibford Gower, Four Open Gardens - p6	[780222]
20 July	Wednesday	Sibford Playgroup Sports Day - p2	[780352]
20 July	Wednesday	'Antiques Road Show', Swalcliffe Barn - p4	[780729]
20 Aug	Saturday	Sibford Horti Show, Vill Hall Marquee - p6	[780424]
27/29 Aug	Sat/Mon	Sibford Flower Festival for Church/Kath Hse	[780690]
28 Aug	Sunday	Epwell Fete, Village Hall	[780362]
28/29 Aug	Sun/Mon	Tadmorton Open Gardens/ Church Flowers	[780212]
14 Oct	Saturday	Tadmorton Quiz & Draw 7.30pm Village Hall	[788593]
29/30 Oct	Sat/Sun	Tadmorton Crafts Xmas Sale for Kath House	[780453]
18 Nov	Friday	Tadmorton Skittles 7.30pm Village Hall	[788593]
19 Nov	Saturday	Sibford Church Bazaar 2.30pm Village Hall	
26 Nov	Saturday	Conservative Music Hall 7.30pm Village Hall	[788162]
3 Dec	Saturday	Sibford Methodist Chapel Xmas Stall	[780461]
10 Dec	Saturday	Sibford Playgroup Xmas Bazaar Village Hall	[780352]

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CALENDAR for JUNE 1994

Wednesday 1st Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday 4th Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning - see p25
Tuesday 7th Friendship Club, Afternoon with Mrs Tanner - see p7
Wednesday 8th Conservative Prospective MEP meeting - see p8
THURSDAY 9th EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION - see p1
Friday 10th Sibfords Society Meeting - Barry Davies - see p4
Friday 10th Gower Primary School PTA, Barn Dance - see p25
FRIDAY 10th DEADLINE for YOUNG SCENE competition entries - see p15
Saturday 11th Church Garden Party, Red House, Burdrop - see p23
Saturday 11th Tadmarton Garden Party, 2 - 4.30pm, phone 790630
Sunday 12th Car Treasure Hunt - Hospital Scanner Appeal - see p1
Tuesday 14th WI meeting, Village Hall - see p18
Tuesday 14th Methodist Chapel Anniversary - see p25
Wednesday 15th Playgroup Sponsored Treasure Hunt - see p2
Wednesday 15th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday 18th Skip in Gower - Acre Ditch, opposite Rectory
Saturday 18th Swalcliffe Donkey Derby & B'cue, 6pm, phone 790205
Sunday 19th Horti Society, Walk in Wychford Forest - see p6
Sunday 19th Two Sibford Gower Gardens Open - see p6
Tuesday 21st Sibford School Open Morning - see p19
Tuesday 21st Friendship Club, Evening Coach Tour - see p7
Tuesday 21st LED Club - Tour of Ferris Gardens - see p9
TUESDAY 21st DEADLINE for *SIBFORD SCENE* CONTRIBUTIONS JULY/AUG - see p5
Wednesday 22nd Two Sibford Gower Gardens Open - see p6
Friday 24th Conservative Assn, Car Treasure Hunt - see p8
Saturday 25th Quiet Day, Friends Meeting House, Oxford - see p19
Saturday 25th Banbury Symphony Orchestra, Sibford School, phone 790729
Mon/Sat 27th/2nd Oxon Carers Week - see p21
Wednesday 29th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday 30th Sibfords Society 'Walk through Time' - see p4

CALENDAR for JULY 1994 (part)

Saturday 2nd Horti Society Outing to Highclere Castle - see p6
Saturday 2nd Sibford School Open Day, 2 - 5pm, phone 790441
Saturday 2nd " " Recital, 7.30pm

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