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SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL - AGM - 9 MAY
Please note that the new date for the
VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
is TUESDAY 9 MAY at 8.00pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

'CHERWELL VILLAGER' - Your Wednesday 'Dial-a-Ride' Service
(see timetable on page 22)

This little bus is a community initiative which runs round the villages that are not served too well with public transport to take people in to Banbury once a week. It should come to Sibford on a Wednesday calling at the Gower at 9.55 and at the Ferris at 9.57. It goes to Banbury by a circuitous albeit pleasant route arriving there at 10.50. It leaves again at 1.00pm and this time comes straight home, dropping people at the Gower at 1.15 and at the Ferris at 1.20. If you want to make an afternoon trip into Banbury you can of course catch that bus which will get you back in there at 2.15. Sadly, it has not been used by parishioners with the result that it has ceased to come to the Sibfords. I discovered this on Wednesday when my daughter waited in vain at the bus stop to catch it to work. When I telephoned the Community Transport Association I was amazed by their response for they sent a car out to fetch her and transport her to Banbury at no charge. I cannot think of any other bus company big or small that provides such a service!. The co-ordinator told me that they are only too willing to pick people up from the Sibfords but, understandably, they do not want to make wasted journeys here if no one is travelling. In future therefore, you will need to telephone the day before if you want to use the bus. There are two numbers to try - either 263777 or 255863. (The fare is 75p one way, £1.50 return - Ed)

It would be a pity to lose this service at a time when we have so few other buses and when there is no other way of getting to Banbury in an afternoon, so please do try and use it. It is remarkably cheap compared with the service bus. I personally have used it with my dog to get to an adjoining or further away village and walked home. Other people might like to try it. We could perhaps have a competition for the most enjoyable walk using the villager bus!

Judith Weeks

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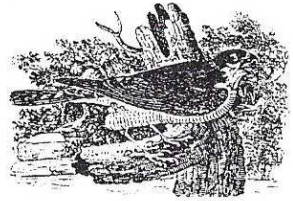
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Nature Notes.



1. The Sparrowhawk

Feb 24th. My brother rang me this morning from his home in Banbury to say that he had just been watching, from his kitchen window, while a sparrow hawk, having caught a starling, was standing on it and trying to pluck it. They usually pick the feathers from their prey before eating it but this starling was still very much alive and was fighting back. He did not see the end of the struggle as the sparrow hawk flew away over the fence carrying the starling with it.

Feb 27th. I am told that there is one fieldfare in a flock that feeds locally with a white head and neck. I have seen white feathers on several different birds but not before on a fieldfare.

Mar 1st. A male sparrow hawk rested for a while on a small tree a few yards from our window where it was sheltered from the buffeting of today's gale.

Mar 7th. This morning's sharp frost produced an even more interesting ice sculpture than the one I saw last month. It was again on a birdbath and its shape was like a three sided vase made up of three triangular sheets of thin ice frozen together up the corners with the top wider than the bottom where it joined the flat sheet of ice that covered the birdbath. By the time I saw it the ice sheet had melted away from the edges of the copper birdbath and was free floating. I found that gentle pressure on the ice sheet made the water well up into the ice vase through a hole in its base. The welling up of the water through the base must have had a bearing on its formation but why it should take on this shape is a mystery to me. I have taken some photographs of it which I hope will come out better than the ones I took of the last formation.

Mar 15th. The song of the blackbird is now swelling the dawn chorus which with us is starting as soon as the tawny owls have finished their hooting.

Mar 24th. I watched a pair of goldcrests working their way along our yew hedge this morning. They seem to be spending a good deal of their time in our area so perhaps they will nest hereabout.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Voted as one of the best yet, our meeting on March 8th, featured Keith Orchard-Robinson describing and showing with superb slide pictures, the creation of the annual Dressing of Wells in Derbyshire.

On April 12th, we are now fortunate to have Derry Watkins from Chippenham, an organiser of Rare Plant Fairs around the country, to give an illustrated talk on 'Unusual and Long-Blooming Plants'. She has promised to bring samples!

Then on May 10th, we are to enjoy the visit of Matthew Biggs, the co-presenter with Roy Lancaster, of Channel 4's 'Garden Club'. He will talk about and show us a programme entitled 'Planting in Paradise - Gardens of the Caribbean'.

Other forthcoming events include a Coffee Morning, with a Cake and Bric-a-Brac stall at The Court House on Thursday 27th April, from 10.00 'til noon; the annual Plant Sale at Park Farm House on Saturday 10th June also from 10.00 'til noon and the Annual Show in the marquee at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th August. Schedules for this last event, will be delivered to you shortly.

To join us is simple! Just turn up at the Village Hall by 8.00p.m. on the second Wednesday of most months (details in the Scene). The annual subscription is only £2.50, but visitors are always very welcome at any meeting for only 50p. We are looking forward to seeing you.

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Since last month's Scene, only one further comment has been received - a verbal one favouring delivery of the Scene to all households, making a total of 8 readers supporting this view. It would appear that anyone who wants to comment has now done so and consideration will now be given to what changes, if any, to make in the present arrangements. Ed.

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STILL NO BROWN ENVELOPES??

A memo from our Stationery Dept reports that the supply of Brown Envelopes should arrive 'any day now' - so it looks as if **May will be our 1995 Brown Envelope Appeal Month.**

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OUR INTREPID EDITOR FINDS SEVEN VALUABLE FACTS

Since the last issue of the Scene, our Editor has been on a fact-finding mission to the Tropics on behalf of our readers.

He reports having found the following little-known facts, which should prove invaluable when planning your next holiday in warmer climes:

1. In March it is much hotter in the Tropics than in Sibford, but the rain is just as wet.
2. When you have seen one rain forest, you have seen them all.
3. When you have tried one type of banana, you have *not* tried them all - there are over 100 varieties, most of which are not exported; some are too small and some don't travel well.
4. The most refreshing drink *in the World* is the clear 'juice' inside a coconut that has been *freshly* collected and sliced open. It's even better than Hooky!
5. Flying in a six-seater helicopter soon after a four-course lunch can be dangerous to your health.
6. If you eat more than three full meals a day for two weeks, you tend to put on weight.
7. If you sample five types of Grenada rum in ten minutes, including 138 proof pure white rum, your legs go all wobbly.

The Editor also reports that, although it was an arduous mission, he is prepared, in the interest of our readers, to undertake another one next Winter (well, *someone* has to do it), if the Scene has accumulated sufficient funds by then.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

* Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 25 April *

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th April 1995 at 8.00pm in the Library at the Friends School. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend as it is an opportunity for the Parish Council to report on what they have done on the past year and to obtain your views on various Parish issues.

It has been suggested that we should purchase "Kill your Speed" signs for the entrances to the village and we would like to know whether you think this is an appropriate use of the money which you contribute through your Council Tax.

We have received the Centenary Grant now and final plans for spending this will be made at that meeting as well. I have received no further suggestions so it is likely it will be spent on a seat at the bus stop and a glass front for the notice board. It is still not too late however, to bring other suggestions to the Annual Meeting.

We have been offered a grant to celebrate V.E. and V.J. Days. If anyone is interested in arranging some sort of celebration that would require funding, perhaps they would get in touch with me so that could be considered at the meeting as well.

No one came forward as our transport representative. This is a very important role in the village and I am ~~am~~ hopeful that someone may feel that they can take it on.

I have the usual interesting assortment of leaflets and information. This includes a publication called "Fighting Crime Together" with useful tips and advice for senior citizens. Details of a four point strategy to protect the environment called "Towards a Better Future" and the latest newsletter from the Carers Centre. The latter includes details of training days about benefits. If anyone in the Parish feels they may not be receiving all the benefits to which they are entitled or you know of an elderly relative, friend or neighbour who may not be receiving their full entitlement, there is a Benefits Advisor at the Carers Centre (Telephone 01295 264545) who will be pleased to advise.

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W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

The presidential table was enhanced by a delightful bowl of spring flowers, thanks, as usual, to Mrs Hutchinson, deputising for our treasurer who sent greetings from Australia!

Business was cheerfully despatched by the president. The competition at the Group Meeting on April 26th is to be for a basket of eggs - nothing so common as free range or battery variety, but hand crafted, new made rather than new laid!

Our speaker, Mrs Piper, intrigued us with details of "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf", an organisation started 15 years ago and now involving 300 dogs. These are trained to respond to a variety of sounds, from door bells to babies cries. A touch from a doggie paw alerts the owner who is directed to the source of the sound. With their identifying collar and lead, "hearing dogs" enjoy the same privileges of access as Guide Dogs for the Blind, both of which are truly "man's best friend".

The appropriate competition for a doggie picture was won by Mrs Power, Mrs Gallard and Mrs Baadsgaard.

Tea hostesses for the March meeting were Mrs Conway and Mrs Pearlman.

The April meeting will be a 'surprise' as the programmed speaker is unavailable; the competition remains as planned.

M.C.

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WELCOME to SIBFORD - ALL NEWCOMERS

If you are a new resident of Sibford and have not yet received a copy of the 'Welcome to Sibford' leaflet, please telephone Barry Davies on Swa. 780291 (Gower or Burdrop) or Jane Holliday on Swa. 780500 (Ferris) and a copy will be delivered to you. The information will help to make you feel at home - by acquainting you with the services, schools, churches, clubs and societies that are currently active in the villages.

This month we say 'Welcome' to:

- Peter, Leah and Joseph Barden, who have moved from Leicestershire into Larkrise (was Acaric), Woodway Rd in the Ferris. Peter is a wood scientist and Leah is a teacher of art & design. Joseph will soon be starting school.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our meeting in March we all enjoyed a talk by Mrs Joy Newman on the various "Stepping Stones" of her life, accompanied by many bits of memorabilia which she had collected over the years.

Our outing at the end of March was a coach ride around parts of the Cotswolds, and then to the "Wobbly Wheel" for lunch.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th April at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, when we hope to have a speaker and also a 'bring-and-buy' stall.

Our outing will be on Tuesday 25th April to Moreton Market, and then on to Snowhill for lunch, the coach will leave at about 10.00am.

If anyone would like to join us, they will be most welcome, further details from Mrs Webb (788211).

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NEWS FROM SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA GROUP

SCAVENGER HUNT - 22 APRIL

There will be a sponsored Scavenger Hunt in aid of the Playarea on **Saturday 22 April**, starting from the Playarea at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome to join in - teams, families or individuals. There will be a suggested route, and bags for collecting items will be provided. A small prize will be given to the entry collecting the most items on the list. If you would like to join in, please contact Bernie Jones (780343) or Joanna Gilkes (788190), who will get a sponsor form to you.

DISCO - 29 APRIL

The Playarea Group have organised a DISCO for **Saturday 29 April** at the Village Hall from 8.00pm till midnight - Admission £3.00 - Bar. All proceeds to upkeep of the Playarea.

VOLUNTEERS & IDEAS WANTED

Once more the mowing season is fast approaching, and with it an increasing amount of work for the couple of parents who try to maintain some semblance of order in the Playarea. If **anyone could make an offer to care for the Playarea for a month**, trimming grass and hedges and anything else they feel needs doing, it would be greatly appreciated. Also **any new ideas for fund raising**, to pay for insurance, sand and repairs, would be welcome. If you have any ideas or offers of help, please contact Bernie Jones (780343) or Joanna Gilkes (788190).

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BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH - THE AMERICAN WAY

The following excerpts are from letters written to a US Govt Welfare Department in Washington:

* 'In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.'

* 'I am very annoyed to find you have branded my son illiterate. This is a dirty lie, as I was married a week before he was born.'

* 'I am forwarding my marriage certificate & three children, one of which is a mistake, as you can see.'

* 'Unless I get my husband's money pretty soon, I will be forced to lead an immortal life'.

* 'I am glad to report that my husband, who was missing, is now dead.'

'FARM FRESH' and 'FREE RANGE'?

Seen on a church notice-board:

'This being Easter, Mrs Wilberforce, of Westdown Farm, has agreed to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.'

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LEO CLUB NEWS

Those LEO Club members who attended the March meeting at Sheila Baseby's home were treated to a most interesting & informative talk and video, provided by Chris Ross, on the history, and current training methods and uses, of Guide Dogs, right from the first observations of a German doctor that Alsatian dogs had a natural tendency to guide soldiers blinded in the First War. A most rewarding evening.

There will be no LEO Club meeting in April. Details of the date, topic and venue for the May meeting will be published in the next *Scene* or contact Vivienne Scouse (788320) near the end of April.

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ADULT PEN-FRIENDS WANTED by TWO AMERICAN LADIES

Sue Colquhoun, of Handywater Farm, Sibford Gower, has received a letter from a 35 year old lady in Pennsylvania ('a wife, mother & nurse, who likes good books & gardens'), who would like a woman pen-friend in the Sibford area.

A second lady, in Alabama, would also like a pen-friend, aged between 40 and 65 years.

If interested, please contact Sue (780660), who will provide further details.

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LETTER to the EDITOR

Dear Editor

We have a new arrival in our village [Swerford] - a not so young Border Terrier. I've seen him in his new home and out for walks and he looks very happy - so do his new owners. I think George Paxford, whom I remember from my time in Sibford, would be glad; a happy ending to a sad story. What a good job the *Scene* - and the Abbotts - have done.

Yours sincerely

June Ellis

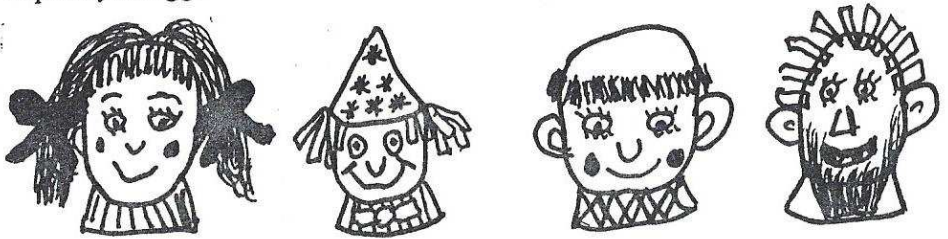
[June, who is a subscriber to our 'Scene-by-Post' service, read in the *Scene* about the plight of George's lonely dog and found an ideal home for him in Swerford. - Ed]

Young Scene

This year Easter Sunday falls on April, 16th. This is the day that Jesus was raised from the dead after his crucifixion. Christians remember this miracle each year- in fact, Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Christian feast days. In many Christian countries, eggs are given on Easter Sunday as a symbol of the re-birth of Christ. The giving of eggs is a very ancient custom. It probably began when Christians gave up eating meat, fats, and eggs for the forty days before Easter. This period of fasting is called Lent. When Lent is over, and Easter arrives, it is a time for rejoicing, and eating nice things like eggs again.

Have you ever tried decorating a hard-boiled egg?

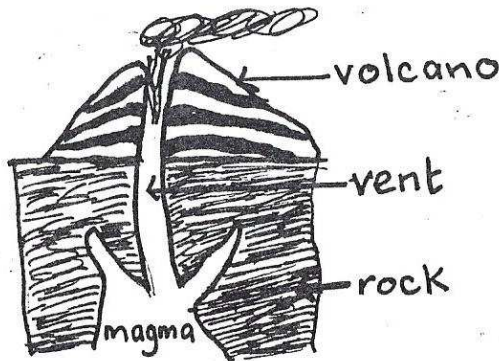
Use felt-tip pens to draw eyes, a nose, and a mouth on the hard-boiled egg. Glue on paper or wool hair, and then make a paper hat. Cut a 3 x 6 cm. strip of coloured paper and then stick the ends together so you have a small circular "display stand" in which to place your egg.



Make a volcano erupt.

Build a model volcano- and then make it erupt!

Inside the earth there is hot liquid rock called magma. It is far below the earth's surface. On the surface the rock is cold and solid. In some places the magma pushes its way up to the surface through a hole in the earth's crust called a vent. This forms a volcano. Each time the volcano erupts another layer of lava or ash builds up around it which gives the volcano its cone shape. Magma from a volcano is called lava. At first it is so hot that it flows but eventually it cools and slowly turns to rock.



You can make "red-hot lava" flow down the sides of your volcano. Although the lava is not real, your model will work just like a real one.

You will need:

a large dish or tray
white vinegar
a small plastic bottle
bicarbonate of soda
sand and gravel
red food colouring

1 Add red food colouring to the vinegar. This makes your "lava" red, like the real red-hot lava in a volcano.

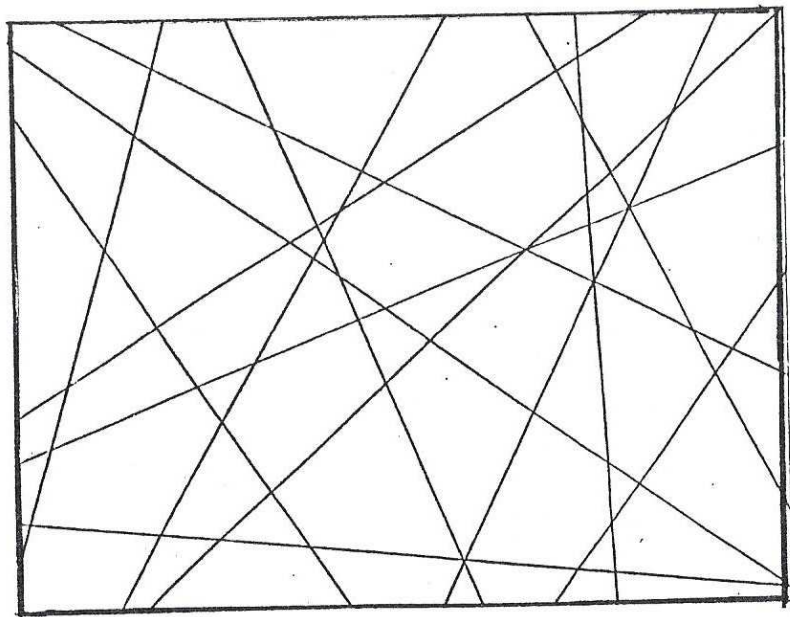
2 Make a funnel out of paper, and half fill the bottle with bicarbonate of soda. Then stand the bottle upright in the middle of the dish.

3 Pile gravel, then sand around the bottle to make the volcano. Quickly pour some red vinegar into the bottle and watch the volcano erupt!

(The vinegar reacts with the bicarbonate of soda to release bubbles of carbon dioxide gas which forces out the red vinegar).

Colouring Shapes.

Use 5 different colours for this pattern. Try to keep all the colours separate.



That's all for this month.
HAPPY EASTER!

EASTER SPORTS ROADSHOW to VISIT SIBFORD on 12 & 19 APRIL

The Cherwell DC Easter Roadshow offers fun and games for children aged 5 - 14 and costs £2 per session.

In addition, there are 'All Action Activity Days' for children aged 8 - 16 on 11, 13, 19 & 21 April. These include Skiing & Ten Pin Bowling and visits to Symonds Yat & Alton Towers and cost from £12.50 to £20.

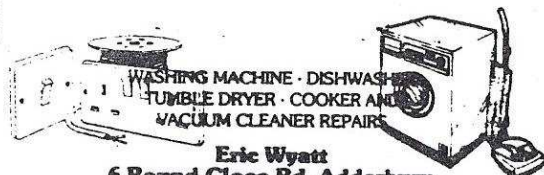
Dates for Football & Tennis Coaching Courses have not yet been finalized.

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TOWN ESTATE CHARITY - BUS SERVICE

In order to find out whether the free bus service for inhabitants of Sibford Gower and Burdrop could be improved, Mrs Vera Jones got users of the service to complete a questionnaire.

The responses, which have been considered by the Trustees, showed that about half the users would like some change, such as different times or other destinations, but an equal number did not want any change. Therefore, since there was no clear desire for any particular change, the Trustees decided to continue the service without change. VJ/PHB

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'THREE TIMES in a ROW'

Latest reports on the 1995 **Nutrasweet London Marathon** suggest that the number to watch is **24911**. The runner? the intrepid **David Bennett** who has been building up his strength and stamina around the **Sibfords** during the winter months to tackle this prestigious course on Sunday, the 2nd April. Pasta and more pasta has been the key to his culinary intake, washed down by pints and pints of tea and mineral water - alas no Hook Norton Bitter.

The charity to benefit from David's efforts this year is **Workable**, which provides work experience and real jobs for students with disabilities. In 1994 - 60 placements were made with 20 young people moving into permanent employment.

Coverage of **London Marathon** commences at 9.30am on BBCTV and David will be starting from Greenwich Park, on this, his third, and most definitely last occasion he is hoping to improve on his 1994 time of 3H 44M 58S.

Any support to David's special efforts would be very welcome and would guarantee that special wave on TV.

Tel 0295-780 373

The Sibfords Society

Enclosed with this month's 'Scene' is a copy of the Sibfords Circular Walk recently published by the Society with grant aid from Cherwell District Council. Lots of people have helped in many different ways to complete this, our first project. The leaflet will enable you to take a trip through time as you follow the footpaths through the Gower, Ferris and Burdrop. The research for the

leaflet has provided lots more detail than is printed. If you are interested in finding out more or helping with future projects please talk to members of the Society or telephone Maureen Hicks on 01295 780259. Happy walking!

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Our Supervisor, Jill Leather, will be leaving at Easter in order to attend a college course on Design. The Committee would like to thank Jill very much for the contribution she has made during her time with us and we wish her every success for the future.

As a result, we shall be seeking a new Supervisor to work three mornings per week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). Candidates should have a DPP, NNEB or City & Guilds qualification and should apply in writing to Anne Spackman, Chairman, Stone House, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower. Tel: 780734.

If you have a child aged between 2 - 5 and would like to find out more about Playgroup, you are welcome to visit us in the Village Hall between 9am and 12 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, or if you would like to receive a brochure, please contact Sandra Butt on (01295) 780352.

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NEWS from SIBFORD SCHOOL

Albert & Dorothy Griffiths are retiring after 15/16 years working at Sibford School - Albert as Caretaker and Dorothy latterly as Matron in Orchard Close. They will be moving to their new home at Bloxham.

Six members of the School entered the 1995 Banbury Rotary Club **Young Musician of the Year Competition** and three of them came first in their section - details as follows:

Junior Woodwind - Nicola Sale & Naomi Chant
" Strings - Naomi Chant (first)
Intermediate Strings - James Brash (first)
" Brass - Oliver Fairweather & Simon Robinson
" Piano - James Chen (first)

About a dozen senior students have just finished **three weeks of work experience placements** as part of their courses. They have been working at such places as Tadmarton Golf Course, Colgrave Seeds, Applegarth Nurseries, Hurrans, Freefields Florists, Upton House, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Sibford Catering and hotels in Banbury & Moreton.

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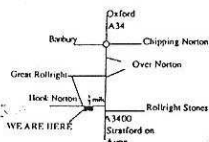
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NOTICE for ALL SIBFORD ORGANISATIONS from your Diarist - Norman Nash (780275)

The Cherwell District Council is compiling and publishing an Events Leaflet for the Cherwell Area covering the period April to September 1995. It seems that they have done this before though it has never previously come to my notice. I was recently passed a questionnaire asking for all the events I knew about and requesting I sent it before 28th February. I did this in time but of course there were not many events that I have been told about at this stage of the year.

There will be a print run of 8,000 copies of the leaflet which will give a comprehensive month by month schedule of events for residents and visitors.

The distribution of the leaflets in and around the area will be through Tourist Information Centres, Libraries, Accomodation providers, Tourist Attractions and District Council outlets and will be available at the end of March.

Perhaps for future years, local organisations could remember this so that dates can be given to me much earlier in the year ie by the end of February so that I can get them into future publications of this leaflet. I feel sure this could add to the numbers attending our events.

Norman Nash

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SIBFORD SCENE by POST - Renewal of Subscriptions

Five of our regular subscribers have renewed their subscriptions of £6 per annum, including postage, which were due last month - many thanks for your continued support and interest in the goings-on in the Sibfords.

We look forward to hearing from our other subscribers in the near future.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SIBFORD

The 155th Annual Parochial Meeting was held in the church on Monday 8th March 1995 as a part of a service of Holy Communion. Having attended to the notification of absences and read the minutes of the previous year's meeting, the annual business of the year was attended to.

Mr Eric Payne was re-elected as Churchwarden but Mr David Soden stood down after many years in office and his successor will be elected at a later date. The result of the ballot for membership of the Parochial Church Council was as follows: Mmes Pat Bates, Petra Berry, Ann Spicer, Maureen Warden, Lt Col Colin Frith (Hon Treasurer) and Messrs Norman Nash (Hon Secretary) and Matthew Spicer. The meeting passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Mrs Tooney Law and Mr Bernard Keen for their many years service on the Council.

Sidesmen elected were all the members of the PCC together with Mrs Frith, Mrs Soden, Mr Bernard Keen and Mr Robin Spicer. Mrs Hilary Maquire FCA was elected as Hon Auditor.

Reports were received on the Council meetings held during the year, on the accounts, on the church fabric and on the meetings of the Deanery Synod.

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FUND-RAISING EVENTS in SWALCLIFFE

Thursday 20 April at 2.30pm at Swalcliffe Grange - in aid of Swalcliffe Churchyard Maintenance - Afternoon Tea, fun & games, pony rides, croquet, raffle, cakes.

Saturday 29 April at 2.30pm at Village Hall - in aid of Swalcliffe Church - Jumble Sale. Jumble can be collected, contact Barbara Taylor (780206).

Saturday 27 May at Swalcliffe Grange - in aid of Swalcliffe Festival Charities - Pork Roast Bar BQ & Disco. Tickets £4, Families £10 (2 adults + 2 children under 15).

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SCRABBLE DRIVE in aid of TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

To be held on Wednesday 19 April at 2pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome, especially if they can bring a Scrabble Board!

Enquiries: Barbara Wright (780402) or Marion Pedder (780285)

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SALVATION ARMY APPEAL

As coordinator of the annual collection in Sibford Gower and Burdrop, I would like to thank everyone who contributed, as well as the ladies who collected. This year the sum collected was £116.27.

Greta Baadsgaard.

CHURCH SERVICES

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| Society of Friends | Sunday at 10.30 am |
| Methodist | Sunday at 11.00 am |
| 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
- 2 Apr 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton
- 6 " 7.30am Holy Communion
- 9 " **Palm Sunday**
- 10.00am Benefice Eucharist, meet at Swalcliffe Barn
- 10 " 7.30am Matins
- 5.30pm Evensong
- 8.00pm 'Lift High the Cross',
Music & Readings, Choir, at Tadmarton
- 11 " 7.30am Matins
- 5.30pm Evensong
- 12 " 7.30am Matins
- 5.30pm Evensong
- 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 13 " **Maundy Thursday**
- 7.30am Matins
- 5.30pm Evensong
- 8.00pm Benefice Eucharist of the Last Supper, Epwell
Watch of Prayer to Midnight
- 14 " **Good Friday**
- 7.30am Matins
- 1.30pm 'At the Cross',
Devotional service with address, at Tadmarton
- 5.30pm Evensong
- 15 " 7.30am Matins
- 5.30pm Evensong
- 11.00pm Easter Vigil & Midnight Eucharist
- 16 " **Easter Day**
- 10.00am Holy Communion, hymns & sermon
- 19 " 10.05am Holy Communion, at 4 High Meadow, Sibford
- 23 " 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell
- 30 " 10.00am Holy Communion

SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop

			Depart	Return
Friday	7 & 21 Apr	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	12 & 26 Apr	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	5 May	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, 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. CHERWELL VILLAGER, Sibford - Banbury

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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 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)

THE DEADLINE for CONTRIBUTIONS
for the *MAY SIBFORD SCENE* will be
* TUESDAY 18 APRIL *
Contributions to Editor, Treasurer or Shop
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**FORTHCOMING
EVENTS**

DIARIST - Norman Nash (Tel 780275)

8 May	Monday	VE Day - Epwell all day celebrations	[780773]
9 May	Tuesday	Sibford Village Hall A G M - see p1	
10 May	Wednesday	Sib Horti - TV Chan 4's Matthew Biggs -see p4	[780601]
12 May	Friday	Sibford Gower A P M - Primary School Hall	[780462]
13 May	Saturday	Sibford Village Hall Car Boot Sale - am	[788162]
20 May	Saturday	Sibford School 'Marching to a Different Drum'	[780441]
27/29 May	Sat/Mon	Swalcliffe Festival	[780274]
3 June	Saturday	Garden Party for BBONT, Sibford Ferris	[780357]
10 June	Saturday	Horti Society Plant Sale - see p4	[780601]
15 June	Thursday	Sibford Soc - Visit to Claydon Museum	[780259]
17 June	Saturday	Sibford Church Garden Party 2.30pm Red House	[780275]
18 June	Sunday	Epwell Village Fete 2.00pm	[780773]
18 June	Sunday	Sibford Gower Open Gardens	[780525]
20 June	Tuesday	Sibford BBONT Circular Ramble	[780357]
21 June	Wednesday	Sibford Gower Open Gardens	[780525]
24 June	Saturday	Garden Fete Tadmarton	[780630]
24 June	Saturday	Sheepdog Trials Swalcliffe 9.00am	[780253]
24 June	Saturday	Sibford School, Banbury Symphony Orch Concert	[780441]
25 June	Sunday	Sibford Ferris Open Gardens	[780357]
25 June	Sunday	Sibford School Open Gardens - Walled Garden	[780441]
1 July	Saturday	Sibford School Open Day	[780441]
8 July	Saturday	Sibford Village Hall Fete	[788162]
16 July	Sunday	Open Gardens - Sibford Gower	[780222]
17 Aug	Thursday	Sibford Society Circular Walk	[780259]
19 Aug	Saturday	Sibford Horti Soc Annual Show, Hall & Marquee	[780424]
10 Sept	Sunday	Tadmarton Open Gardens	[780212]
16 Sept	Saturday	Tadmarton Open Gardens	[780212]
14 Oct	Saturday	Sibford Harvest Service & Supper	[780275]
28 Oct	Saturday	Sibford Village Hall Quiz	[788162]
28/29 Oct	Sat/Sun	Tadmarton crafts sale for Kathrine H'se	[780453]
2 Dec	Saturday	Sibford Methodist Church Coffee/Sale	[780461]

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LOCAL CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - David Green (Tel 780444)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
Short Mat Bowls(pl)	Village Hall	Monday	2.00 - 4.00pm
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	Friends School	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.30pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday	8.00pm
Mums & Toddlers	Gillett House	Wednesday	10.30am - 12noon
Fielding Day Centre	Friends School	Wednesday	12.30pm - 4.30pm
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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CALENDAR for APRIL 1995

Saturday	1st	Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday	1st	Church Jumble Sale, Village Hall 2pm - see p1
Sunday	2nd	The David Bennett TV Show & Charity Run - see p16
Tuesday	4th	Friendship Club - see p8
Wednesday	5th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Friday	7th	Sibford Playgroup Easter-Egg Hunt
Saturday	8th	Sibford Gower Litter Blitz - see p1
Tuesday	11th	Start of Easter Sports Roadshow activities - see p14
Wednesday	12th	Horti Society meeting - see p4

TUESDAY 18th * DEADLINE for SIBFORD SCENE CONTRIBUTIONS *

Wednesday	19th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday	22nd	Ferris Playarea Group - Scavenger Hunt - see p9
Tuesday	25th	Friendship Club - see p8
Tuesday	25th	Sibford Ferris ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - see p6
Thursday	27th	Horti Society Coffee Morning & Sale - see p4
Saturday	29th	Ferris Playarea Group - Disco & Bar - see p9

CALENDAR for MAY (part)

Monday	1st	Fielding Day Centre AGM - 7pm
Saturday	6th	Scouts Paper Collection

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