

# SIBFORD SCENE

NO. 187  
JUNE 1995

SPECIAL CHARITY OPENING  
of a  
GARDEN in THE COLONY  
and a  
BRING - & - BUY SALE

Roger & Val Powell are kindly opening their well-known garden at Meadow Cottage, 6 The Colony, on Sunday 11 June, starting at 2pm.

This special opening is in aid of Research into M.E. (chronic fatigue syndrome) and will include a Bring-&-Buy stall.

So please come along, on 11 June, and bring *anything* useful or edible that will sell, to help us raise a goodly sum for this very worthy cause. RH

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## SIBFORD GARDENS OPEN UNDER THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

Sibford Ferris Sunday 25 June 2 - 6pm

Back Acre - Mr & Mrs Lamb

Home Close - Mr & Mrs Randall

\*\* Maria's House - Mr & Mrs Mills

\*\* Sibford School, The Manor Walled Garden

\*\* First year of opening for these two gardens.

Sibford Gower Sunday 18 & Wednesday 21 June 2 - 6pm

Handywater Farm - Mr & Mrs Colquhoun

Meadow Cottage - Mr & Mrs Powell

Sibford Gower Sunday 16 July 2 - 6pm

Carters Yard - Mr & Mrs Clutterbuck

Meadow Cottage - Mr & Mrs Powell

Temple Close - Mr & Mrs Jones

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our AGM on 2 May was attended by 14 members. Mrs Webb thanked the Committee for their help during the previous year and also the members for their help & support. The Committee was re-elected *en-bloc* - Mrs Webb remains 'in charge' with Mrs Sandra Tustain as Treasurer and Mrs Evelyn Boughton as Secretary. It was unanimously agreed to increase the membership fee to £2 per year but other charges would remain the same; it was also agreed to have a stall each time we meet in the Village Hall.

The afternoon concluded with a game of card bingo, which was won by Mrs Hone, Mrs Tanner & Mrs Jordan; this was followed by afternoon tea provided by Mrs S Tustain & Mrs E Boughton.

The Next Meeting is on Tuesday 6 June at 2pm in Mrs Tanner's garden.

Future Outings are planned as follows:

Tuesday 20 June - Boat Trip on Oxford/Abingdon canal.

Wednesday 19 July - Steam Train outing Toddington/Winchcomb. Bring a Picnic Lunch.

Tuesday 8 August - Trip to Bournemouth.

Anyone who would like to join us on any of these outings please contact Mrs Webb (788211).

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# Nature Notes.



The Badger

May 10th. This dry spell is making life hard for the birds and mammals that rely on worms and slugs as their main source of food. I have heard of two places where badgers were thought to be taking ducks because the force used to break into the pen was beyond a fox's capability. In one case the ducks made nests away from their usual pen and were sitting on eggs, so rather than disturb them a barricade was put round the nest to keep foxes away, but they were still taken. Last night at about ten o'clock they heard a noise and went out to see a badger trying to get at another sitting duck. It was very determined and was not going to give up easily. It took a bang on the nose with the torch to persuade it to move away. With the big increase in the badger population I expect we shall see more poultry taken by them during dry spells of weather in the future.

May 12th. I was told today about a muntjac that found itself trapped when it jumped down into a back garden and found the walls too high for the return journey. It had to be let out through the house.

May 14th. I saw my first swift of the year today. Their decline in numbers in recent years is probably due to the lack of good nesting sites. They are among the least adaptable birds in that respect. I cannot recall a nest anywhere other than under the eaves of a building and modern farm buildings leave few places for them to get in. I wonder whether a nest box with the entrance through the bottom, fixed under the eaves of a two or three storey house might attract them. Years ago there was plenty of poor thatch around which provided well insulated nesting sites.

May 17th. A good rain at last! Nearly an inch has fallen over the last two days which is more than we have had over the last six weeks.

## SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

11 Parishioners attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April and heard of the work which had been done by the Council during the past year. It was quite a lively meeting and it is a pity that more parishioners do not attend and learn that local democracy does not have to be dull and boring!

On the whole, it was felt that the year had been busy and eventful for the councillors.

We had received no further suggestions for the spending of the £500.00 Centenary Grant, so this will be spent on a cover for the Notice Board and a seat at the bus stop. We have received another grant of £500.00, this time to celebrate V.E. and V.J. days. Some of it has been spent on the V.E. day party but there will be a balance, and suggestions for spending that would be welcome.

The Clerk has a leaflet concerning art bursaries for Cherwell District residents and an application form. These bursaries are intended for individuals pursuing professional arts careers or enthusiastic amateurs wishing to attend professional short courses and workshops. They are also available to purchase equipment which will improve or enhance the quality of future work. The word art is meant in its broadest sense and covers every aspect, e.g. painting, sculpture, photography, theatre, dance, music, literature, craft etc. Applicants must be over 14 years of age but there is no upper age limit. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 27th June 1995 in the Library of the Friends School, to which, as always, all residents of Sibford Ferris are invited.

Judith Weeks  
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\* So Far - So Good \*

Because of other commitments, I have not had time to collect all the **Brown Envelopes** that our readers have dropped into the various collectors' letter-boxes in our villages.

However, the collecting box at the Village Shop plus the envelopes delivered so far to my home have yielded a total of **50 responses** and a total of **£191.50** - a very useful addition to the *Sibford Scene* funds.

Hopefully this report will remind a number of our readers who may have forgotten to return their contribution of £2 (or more!) in the Brown Envelope enclosed with last month's *Scene*. It is **not too late** to remedy matters using any of the letter-boxes listed last month or the collecting box at the Village Shop.

I look forward to providing you with a glowing final report next month. *Thank You.*

*The Editor*

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## BBONT Garden Party - Saturday 3 June (Berks, Bucks & Oxon Naturalists' Trust)

A Garden Party, in aid of BBONT funds, will take place on Saturday 3 June from 2.30pm at 'Back Acre', Sibford Ferris, the home of Arnold & Ina Lamb. The gardens at Home Close & at Maria's House will also be open.

Cream teas will be available and there will be stalls for the sale of Plants, Cakes and 'White Elephants' of all sizes. Items for any of these stalls would be gratefully appreciated.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you on the day. For further details please contact Arnold & Ina Lamb (780357) or Bill & Barbara Crabtree (780635).

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### CIRCULAR RAMBLE starting from SIBFORD - Tuesday 20 June

This year's BBONT Sibfords guided cross-country circular ramble (Cherwell Walk) on Tuesday 20 June, will leave Bill & Barbara Crabtree's home at 'The Brambles', Sibford Ferris (½ mile down Woodway Road) at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.

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## LEO CLUB NEWS

About a dozen members attended the May meeting at the home of Sheila Baseby where a lady from Churchill gave a short talk on the Carbouchon Jewellery Company and showed a selection of their costume jewellery and silk ties, which were available for purchase.

The next meeting, on Tuesday 20 June, will literally be an 'Evening Out', since LEO Club members will be joining in the BBONT Circular Ramble - see item above for details. This annual walk usually goes via Traitor's Ford, along the county boundary and back via the far end of Backside Lane. A very enjoyable walk - if the weather be fine! MH



# The Sibfords Society

Following our AGM the society is looking forward to the year ahead. Our next meeting, on Thursday 15 June is our summer visit to The Museum of Bygones at Claydon. The Fox family have a marvellous collection of interesting exhibits collected over the years and we hope members and non-members will join us for this outing. Meet at Sibford Village Hall at 6.15 pm

so that we only need to take as many cars as are required. The cost will be £2 for adults or £1.50 for all concessions. Anyone unable to meet at the Hall would be welcome to join us at Claydon at 7pm. Further details from Barbara Crabtree 780635, or Maureen Hicks - 780259.

During the coming year the Society will be working on 3 new projects:-

Farming in the Sibfords - this group to be led by Ivor Hopkyns - 788367

A countryside walk around the Sibfords - this group led by Ian Warden - 788252

Millennium preparations - this group to be led by David Ryall - 780574

Please let the project leaders know if you would like to join with any of these groups - meet new friends as you discover more about our lovely villages and their history.

Our meeting on Thursday 20 July will be our joint meeting with the Swalcliffe Society when Martin Layer will be giving us an illustrated talk on 'Geology and our locality'. Further details next month.

## Oddjob

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## SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

\* Plant Sale - Day Out - Annual Show \*

Not only does the Editor win National Lottery prizes, but he also swans off on cruises. As a result, he was able to persuade the host of one of them, Matthew Biggs of Channel 4's "Garden Club", to come to our May meeting to talk about, and to show pictures of "Gardens of the Caribbean- Planting in Paradise". Members and visitors alike thoroughly enjoyed his programme whilst he himself, was pleased to be visiting the village in which his grandfather's school stands.

On Saturday June 10th, our Plant Sale takes place from 10.00 a.m. 'til noon at Park Farm House where it is hoped that there will be varieties to suit everyone.

Twelve days later on Thursday June 22nd, the "Day Out" is to Mr and Mrs John Phillips' (Mrs Phillips' son, Dame Anne's nephew) circa 1750, 18½ acre garden at Wombourne Wodehouse, followed by a visit to David Austin's Rose Nursery. Admission will be £2.00 to include coffee on arrival and we shall take picnic lunches. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 9.30 a.m. and be back for about 6.00 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the party should 'phone Sheila Baseby on 780544 to reserve a seat and to pay the deposit of £5.00.



The major event of the year is the Annual Show in the marquee at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th August at 2.30 p.m. Schedules have been distributed but extra copies are available at the Surgery and the Post Office. Entries must be made by 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday 16th August. Will last year's winners please return Cups and Trophies for the engraving of their names, to the Surgery, by no later than the end of June.

Further interesting meetings of the Society are scheduled for September 13th (Bees and Beekeeping), October 11th (Garden Photography), November 8th and December 13th. You will very be welcome at any or all of our activities.

## ELECTRIC COOKER WANTED

An electric cooker is urgently required, for a very worthy cause; can pay a modest amount. Please phone 780500 if you think you can help.

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## SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB 1995

### A DOUBLE DOZE OF MAY!!

An excellent start for the village, with success in the South Northants League and a first ever win in the NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP; without doubt, the warm May weather has been augmented by the hot pace and hitting of DANIEL MAY, who has scored 2-centuries, and taken plenty of wickets to boost Sibford's challenge in all competitions.

David Pratt has led the side with quile as well as wisdom, and our loyal fans have been treated to entertaining and exciting cricket. The scene is well set for another successful season.

### SOUTH NORTHANTS LEAGUE - DIVISION III

v. GREAT HOUGHTON "A" - 29th April 1995 Won by 107 Runs  
HOME

SIBFORD 205-3 Ron Morbey 96; David Pratt 64

GREAT HOUGHTON 98-9 Daniel May 4-9;

v. WOODFORD HALSE "A" - 6th May 1995 Won by 9 - Wickets  
HOME

WOODFORD HALSE 64 - All out Nigel Fletcher 4-7; David Lamb 3-21

SIBFORD 67-1 Roger Gilbert 29, Ron Morbey 27

### FRIENDLIES

v. RADWAY - 30th April 1995 Match Drawn  
HOME

SIBFORD 233-9 Daniel May 118; David Pratt 43;  
Matthew Spicer 28

RADWAY 144-6 Daniel May 2-15; David Simms 2-18

### NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP - 2nd ROUND

v. BALDONS 14th May 1995 Won by 76 Runs  
HOME

SIBFORD 224-3 Daniel May 164; Nigel Fletcher 29

BALDONS 148 All out Daniel May 4-33; Nigel Fletcher 2-38



## Young Scene

Here is a quiz for you to try out on your friends. The answers will be in next month's Young Scene.

- 1) When you throw something up into the air, it always falls back down to earth. What is the name of the force that makes this happen?
- 2) Which will fall to the ground faster; a playing card dropped face down or a playing card dropped end on?
- 3) If you make water flow from one jar to another, through a tube, have you made a lever, a siphon or a filter?
- 4) About how much of your body is made up of water; a quarter, a half or three-quarters?
- 5) Are the pupils in your eyes larger in bright light or in dim light?
- 6) Does chlorophyll make leaves green, or keep swimming pools clean?
- 7) What is a meteorologist? Is it someone who studies rocks, meteors or the weather?
- 8) Is gravity on the Moon stronger or weaker than on Earth?
- 9) Is the bark on trees dead or alive?
- 10) Do cranes use gears, screws or pulleys to lift heavy objects?

### Did you know?

Did you know that crocodiles hatch out of eggs?

Crocodiles are very special creatures. Their ancestors were around a long, long time before ours. There were crocodiles already roaming the earth over 200 million years ago and their appearance has changed very little since then. They lived at the same time as the dinosaurs and managed to survive when the dinosaurs died out.

Here are some interesting facts about crocodiles.

A crocodile can close its ears and nostrils and hold its breath underwater for over an hour.

The longest crocodiles (the estuarine or saltwater crocodile from South-East Asia and Australia) can grow as long as 9 metres.

The mother crocodile digs a pit or builds a nest of plants in which to lay her eggs. She may lay up to 95 eggs at a time.

To tell the difference between a crocodile and an alligator, look for the large 4th tooth on the bottom jaw. If you can see it when the mouth is closed it is a crocodile, if you can't then it's an alligator.

The oldest crocodiles can live up to 100 years.

And for some more facts about crocodiles.....

What is a crocodile's favourite card game?

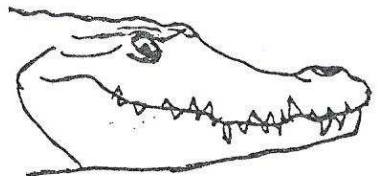
Snap.

What is a crocodile's second favourite card game?

Eat your neighbour.

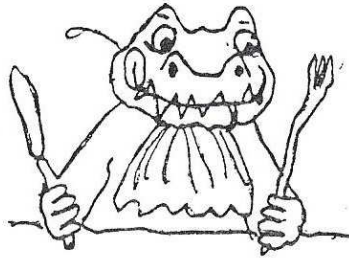


(Is this an alligator or a crocodile?  
Look for the 4th tooth on the  
bottom jaw).

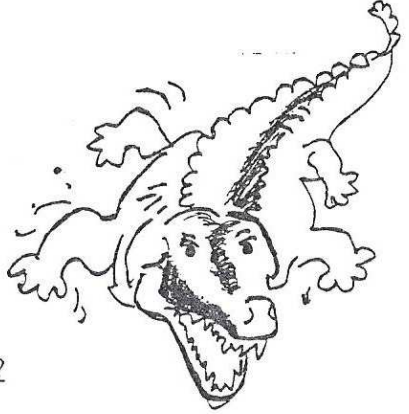


What do crocodiles drink at parties?  
Crocktails.

What is a crocodile's favourite snack?  
Crocolate.



Of course you all know that a crocodile is a reptile. Reptiles hatch from eggs and most have scaly skin which they shed from time to time. They are all cold-blooded. This means that they cannot control their own body temperature, which varies according to how hot or cold the reptiles' surroundings are. So during the day they will alternately bask in the sun and slide into cool water to stay the same temperature.



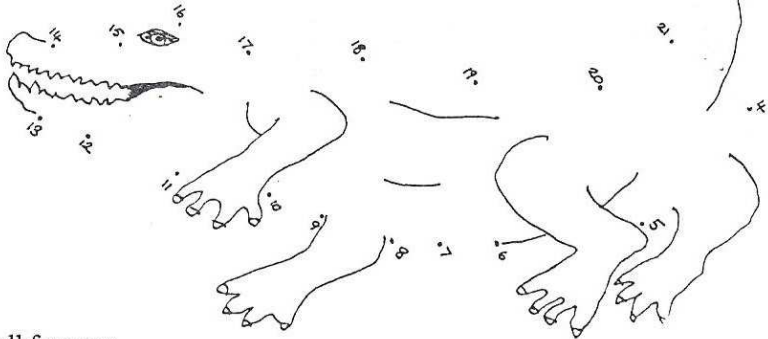
Here are some other reptiles.

Can you unjumble the letters to find out their names?

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Younger readers may like to try this dot-to-dot picture.

You could colour it in carefully, giving it a scaly skin, and then perhaps cut it out to stick onto paper. If you are feeling very clever you could colour in a background. Your crocodile could be basking in the sun or cooling itself in the water, disguised as a log.



Well, that's all for now.  
See you next month and keep busy.

## WELCOME to SIBFORD - ALL NEWCOMERS

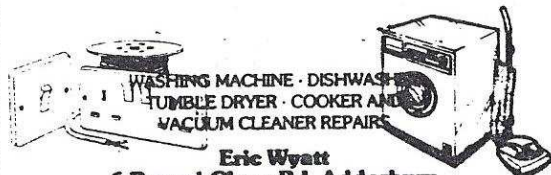
If you are a new resident of Sibford and have not yet received a copy of the 'Welcome to Sibford' leaflet, please telephone Barry Davies on Swa. 780291 (Gower or Burdrop) or Jane Holliday on Swa. 780500 (Ferris) and a copy will be delivered to you. The information will help to make you feel at home -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

This month we say 'Welcome' to Simon & Joane Marsden, who have moved from Kirklington into Butwick House, Woodway Road in the Ferris. Joane is a midwife at the Horton Hospital and Simon works for the County Council. They have a 5 months old baby boy called Thomas.

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## SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA GROUP

On behalf of the Playarea Group I would like to thank everyone who supported the Disco held in April. A very healthy sum of £270 was taken at the door plus a kind donation of £20 from The Bishop Blaize; after costs, we were left with a clear profit of approximately £200, which will go towards another year's insurance costs and pay to refill the sandpit.

Thanks must go to Paul & Sallie of the Blaize for all their hard work (next time we'll provide earplugs!!). Thanks also go to Mr & Mrs Gilbert for 'straightening up' on the following Sunday.

A good time was had by all and we *hope* to organise another event a little later on in the year.

Bernie Jones Chairman/Sec SFPG

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## W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

Back in the presidential chair, Mrs Baadsgaard welcomed members to the A.G.M. and not surprisingly was re-elected president for the coming year.

Whilst three members had left the fold for pastures new, one new member had been welcomed in, and membership now stands at 22 - leaving room for **many** more!

Our Treasurer, Mrs Bristow, presented a very detailed financial statement, assuring us that our heads were well above water - due to successful money-raising efforts during the year.

Our Secretary, Mrs Jarvis, reported on the year's activities, reminding us of the many meetings we'd enjoyed and the many events in which we'd participated.

Retiring after seventeen years in office, her "medal" took the form of a beautiful blue hydrangea, a sincere *thank you* token from all of us. Mrs Conway is to be her successor.

The annual competition awards were presented to Mrs Grasby 1st, Mrs Hutchinson 2nd, and Mrs Pearlman & Mrs Puddle equal 3rd. Winners this month for a single bloom were Mrs Conway and Mrs Hutchinson, who was also congratulated for having a photo accepted for the county calendar for the third time.

Mrs Conway enlightened us upon the resolutions for the National A.G.M.. That Identity Cards for all aged 18 and over should be compulsory and that food labels should contain a list of all ingredients were both controversial and thought-provoking.

The Bring and Buy stall was well supplied and patronised, and teas served by Mrs Soden and Mrs Hutchinson were much appreciated.

In June, Mr Osborne's title is "*P.O.V. - RIVER KVAI*" and the competition is 'an oriental style flower arrangement'.

New members or visitors will be most welcome.

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- \* **Do note carefully-**  
-personal descriptions.  
-Vehicle descriptions-Registration number also.  
-date and time.
- \* **But do not leave your house to do this.**
- \* **Protect your valuables by postcoding and photographing them.**
- \* **I AM REQUESTED TO MAKE A WEEKLY REPORT SO TELL ME!**

John Mulley on 780629

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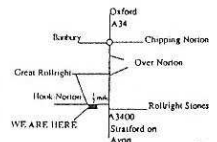
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**9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. at Sibford Village Hall**

If you have a child aged between 2 and 5 (or approaching 2 years) do come along to meet our new Supervisor and see the wide range of equipment and facilities available for the children in this pleasant, spacious venue. If you would like a brochure, please contact Sandra Butt on 780352.

We are also having a

### **50/50% SALE OF NEARLY-NEW CHILDREN'S CLOTHES/TOYS/BOOKS/MATERNITY WEAR**

**at The Memorial Hall, Hook Norton**

**from 2.30pm - 4pm on Sat. 24th June**

**(Baby equipment will be sold at a rate of 75/25%)**

If you have any such items you wish to sell, please bring them along to Sibford Hall during the Playgroup session the morning before (Fri. 23rd), with a label attached by a safety pin, showing a description of the item, the price, your name and tel. no./address. If you need to make alternative arrangements, please contact Anne Spackman on 780734.

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# SIBFORD GOWER ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of Sibford Gower was held in the Primary School on 12th May under the Chairmanship of Mr Eric Payne and was attended by 20 local electors. The Chairman welcomed 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 16 planning applications, potholes, public footpaths and their stiles and signs and grasscutting.

The monthly skip was still proving a success and it would now be in the village twice a month during June, July and August.

Also the village now has a bottlebank sited along Acre Ditch one weekend every 2 months. The dates of the skip and the bottlebank are publicised in the Sibford Scene.

The Chairman made special mention of the Council's memorable centenary celebrations last December.

He also thanked Mr and Mrs Ryall on behalf of the village for organising the VE Day celebrations.

He expressed thanks to the Town Estate Charity for their continued support in providing the free busservice to Banbury and Chipping Norton.

The Clerk reported on the Council's finances. Expenditure for the year ending March '95 stood at £1,580 which included £377 for last years Parish Council election. £223 was spent on the centenary celebrations for which the Council received a grant of £500. The remainder of the grant had been spent on 2 litterbins to be placed in the village. The remaining expenses were in line with previous years. Expenditure for the coming year, excluding VE Day celebration costs, is anticipated to be in the order of £900 and the precept was set at £500.

Mr Baadsgaard reported on behalf of the Town Estate Charity. The accounts had been submitted to and accepted by the Parish Council. Detailed accounts are available for inspection. The new instrument to update the charity was still in the draft stage but the final draft should be finalised within a matter of months and details of this would be announced in the Sibford Scene.

**Mr Mulley reported on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (see page 18).**

The Chairman then asked the meeting to raise further matters and these included the area outside Pond Cottage, the gateway in the wall at New Cottage, Burdrop, the opening in the hedge in Hawks Lane at the 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 Dept. However, repairs were largely dependent upon funding. The Chairman agreed that New Barn Farm Road was in a dangerous condition and the Council was doing all it could to having it improved. The Chairman agreed that the Council would again contact Mr Colin Carritt of the Highways Dept but he also stressed that villagers, who were concerned about this stretch of road, should write individual letters. In connection with the opening in the wall at New Cottage there was nothing the Council could do as it had gone past the enforcement date. However the Planning Department had agreed to put it on record so that it would show up in the search when any enquiries were made regarding the sale of the house. Another visit by the dogwarden was requested as grassverges and pavements were again fouled by dogs.

Will children under the age of 11 living in Sibford Gower or Burdrop contact the Clerk at 2, Barley Close (Tel 780462) if they have not yet received their commemorative VE Day mug. Children living in Sibford Ferris can collect their mug from Mr Peter Randall, Home Close, Sibford Ferris.



## CHURCH SERVICES

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

4 June	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist
11 "	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism
18 "	10.00am	Family Morning Service
25 "	8.00am	Holy Communion

2 July 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell

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### SIBFORD METHODIST CHURCH \* Anniversary Rally \*

The anniversary rally will be held on Tuesday 6 June at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. The Speaker will be the Reverend W Rolfe from Shipston and the Chairperson will be Mrs M Gibbs from Tysoe.

Anyone will be welcome to join us for this special service; light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH \* Churchyard Mowing - Church Garden Party \*

Very many thanks to all those who turned up in large numbers to bring the Holy Trinity churchyard and garden under control last Monday, in the nick of time before the rain came. If there are any family members of those buried in the churchyard who would be prepared to mow a section of the area on a regular basis, would they please contact Norman Nash on 780275. Most of the churchyard is now covered by voluntary help but there are still sections which are not.

The Church Garden Party will be held on Saturday 17th June, starting at 2.30 pm at The Red House, Burdrop or, if wet, in the Village Hall. Gifts for the usual stalls would be greatly appreciated. The theme this year will be "Noah's Ark" and it is hoped that children from the village school will perform a short play "The Story of Noah" during the afternoon.

# SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

## 1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop

			Depart	Return
Friday	2 & 16 & 30 June	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	7 & 21 June	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, 480

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

\*\*\* TO USE THIS SERVICE, PHONE 263777 or 255863 THE DAY BEFORE \*\*\*

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- -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	10.56am	1.00pm	
		(read up)	

**!! ATTENTION ALL CONTRIBUTORS !!**

Information on meetings & events planned for both July & August should be submitted for inclusion in the next issue of the *Scene*, since there will be no separate issue for August,

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**THE DEADLINE for CONTRIBUTIONS**  
for the **JULY/AUGUST SIBFORD SCENE** will be  
**\* TUESDAY 20 JUNE \***  
Contributions to Editor, Treasurer or Shop

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**FORTHCOMING  
EVENTS**

**DIARIST - Norman Nash (Tel 780275)**

1 July Saturday	Sibford School Open Day - see p17	[780441]
15 July Saturday	Sibford Village Hall Fete - see p6	[788162]
16 July Sunday	Sibford Gower Open Gardens - see p1	[780222]
17 Aug Thursday	Sibford Society Circular Walk	[780259]
17 Aug Thursday	Tadmorton Childrens' Village Disco	[788747]
19 Aug Saturday	Sibford Horti Annual Show, Hall & Marquee - p9	[780424]
10 Sept Sunday	Tadmorton Open Gardens	[780212]
16 Sept Saturday	Tadmorton Open Gardens	[780212]
14 Oct Saturday	Sibford Harvest Service & Supper	[780275]
14 Oct Saturday	Tadmorton Family Bingo	[788470]
28 Oct Saturday	Sibford Village Hall Annual Quiz	[788162]
28/29 Oct Sat/Sun	Tadmorton Crafts Sale for Kathrine H'se	[780453]
24 Nov Friday	Tadmorton Village Quiz	[788470]
2 Dec Saturday	Sibford Methodist Church Coffee/Sale	[780461]

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Monday	2.00 - 4.00pm
" "	" "	"	7.00 - 10.00pm
Mobile Shop		Tuesday	10.00am - 4.00pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.45pm
Mums & Toddlers	Gillett House	Wednesday	10.30am - 12noon
Fielding Day Centre	Friends School	Wednesday	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Cricket Club Nets	Friends School	Wednesday	5.45pm
Beavers	Village Hall	Wednesday	5.15 - 6.30pm
Badminton	Friends School	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.30pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday	8.00pm
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 JUNE 1995

Saturday	3rd Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday	3rd BBONT Garden Party - see p7
Tuesday	6th Friendship Club meeting at Mrs Tanner's - see p2
Tuesday	6th Methodist Church Anniversary Rally - see p21
Friday	9th Sibford Playgroup Open Morning - see p19
Friday	9th Sibford School Open Morning - see p15
Saturday	10th Horti Society Plant Sale - see p9
Saturday	10th Skip in the Gower - Acre Ditch - see p20
Sunday	11th Open Garden & Bring-&Buy Sale for M.E. Charity - see p1
Wednesday	14th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday	15th Sibfords Society visit to Claydon Museum - see p8
Friday	16th Gower Primary School Barn Dance - see p17
Saturday	17th Trinity Church Garden Party - see p21
Sunday	18th Sibford Gower Open Gardens - see p1
Tuesday	20th Friendship Club Boat Trip on Canal - see p2
Tuesday	20th BBONT Circular Ramble in Sibford area - see p7
Tuesday	20th LEO Club joins in BBONT Ramble - see p7
TUESDAY	20th * DEADLINE for <i>SIBFORD SCENE</i> CONTRIBUTIONS *
Wednesday	21st Sibford Gower Open Gardens - see p1
Thursday	22nd Sibford Horti Day Out - see p9
Saturday	24th Sibford Playgroup Sale at Hooky - see p19
Saturday	24th Skip in the Gower - Pound Lane - see p20
Saturday	24th Banbury Symphony Orch at Sibford School 7.30pm
Sunday	25th Sibford Ferris Open Gardens - see p1
Tuesday	27th Sibford Ferris PC Meeting - see p4
Wednesday	28th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

## CALENDAR for JULY (part)

Saturday	1st Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday	1st Sibford School Open Day & Evening Barn Dance - see p17