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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS**

Ferris - 24 April

Gower - 3 May



# Nature Notes.

Feb. 21st. The muntjac has been around the garden for most of the day. It lay in the sun chewing its cud for an hour or so. Its leg must be more comfortable as it uses it a bit but is still raw where an abscess has burst on the hock. Hopefully it will now heal up. It eats quite a lot of ivy leaves, which we used to carefully avoid when tethering our goats years ago, thinking that they were toxic if eaten in quantity.

Mar. 1st. I hear that blackcaps are now wintering quite happily as far north as Killin in Scotland. We are told that the ones wintering here are mostly ones that have moved south from Scandinavia, ours having themselves moved south. If this is so I suppose that the increase in the number wintering here means that they are extending their breeding area northward or at least breeding in larger numbers in the north which may in turn indicate climatic change. I don't suppose that the ones wintering with us will start singing until they get back to their breeding ground so we can still look forward to that first burst of song when our breeding ones arrive. We have a female coming regularly to the bird table and saw two a few days ago.

Mar. 5th. I saw about 20 pigeons feeding on oil seed rape today which is the most I have seen this winter. I hear that there are some big flocks in Scotland but hear they have been conspicuous by their absence.

Mar. 14th. The muntjacs leg is now healing nicely. Today I saw it standing on the bad leg while it was scratching its chin with the other hind leg.

Mar. 19th. These less cold days have set the birds singing. The hedge sparrow or dunnock has a sweet little song that can easily be missed. With all members of the crow family building, the collared dove already sitting and woodpeckers drumming it is all go.

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## WANTED - SETS of BOWLS

The Sibford Bowling Club is now in need of one or more extra sets of bowls to cater for increasing membership.

If you have a set you no longer use, or if you spot a set in a car-boot sale, etc, please contact Muriel Chandler (780025).

## SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

\* Village Spring Clean - Village Skip \*

This year, the National Spring Clean campaign runs from 12th to 21st April. Sibford Gower Parish Council will be supporting this campaign by tidying up our village and plan to meet on Saturday 20th April at 2.00pm at the Village Hall. Sacks will be provided so please come along and help to litter-pick and spring clean our village verges and public areas. Please wear stout shoes and protective gloves. Children will be accompanied.

Villagers are reminded of the **FREE** collection service by Cherwell District Council Environmental Health Department (01295 252535) who will arrange to collect large items of household rubbish from your home. The village skip should not be used for these large items and fridges and freezers should **NEVER** be put in the skip. They need separate disposal due to the CFC's contained in them. Everyone can benefit from the village skip service, but if it is overloaded or wrongly used, we will lose this amenity.

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## WELCOME to SIBFORD - ALL NEWCOMERS

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This month we give a warm 'Welcome' to:

- Karen Fredrick and Russell Barron, who have moved into 'Oakenstone' in Sibford Ferris. They both work in Oxford, Karen in accounts at Sharps Laboratories and Russell, a business analyst, for Rand Information Systems. For leisure, they share a keen interest in cookery, wine/jam making and listening to music.

They both look forward to getting to know the area on their bikes, when they take time off from DIY. They have already found their way to *The Bishop Blaize* and really appreciate the warm welcome they always receive. [Take a bow, Paul.]

- Julie Pharazyn and her daughter Michelle, who have moved into 2 West Town Cottages (next to Joan & Jim Shields, so they will be well looked after). Julie works as a restorer of old china (phone 788634 if you have something worthy of repair) and her other interests are gardening & walking.

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## The 1996 BROWN-ENVELOPES APPEAL on behalf of the Sibford Scene Funds

At present (20 March), I have not had time to collect all the **Brown Envelopes** that our readers have been kind enough to drop into many of the collectors' letter-boxes.

Even so, the Village Shop collection box plus envelopes delivered to my home have so far yielded 53 responses and a total of £201.60 - an excellent start to our appeal.

If you have forgotten to return your contribution yet, it is not too late to slip it into an envelope (*don't worry if it is not actually brown*) and drop it into one of the letter-boxes listed below or into the Village Shop collection box.

I look forward to providing a glowing final report next month. *Thank You.* The Editor

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### LETTER-BOXES

#### SIBFORD GOWER

Roger Powell	6 The Colony
Petra Berry	2 Barley Close
Mollie Mulley	Old Post Office, Main St (garage door)
Kathleen Winter	Cels Bield, Backside Lane
Ann Spicer	7 High Meadow
Timothy Wimbush	The Rectory, Acre Ditch

#### BURDROP

Sheila Baseby	Park Farm House
Colin Frith	Barn Close

#### SIBFORD FERRIS

Jim Shields	West Town Cottage
Carole Moir	4 Home Farm Close
Ray Henbrey	Virginia Cottage, Hook Norton Rd
Bruce Horn	3 Cotswold Close
Jane Holliday	2 Hillfield

\* also Collection Box at Village Shop \*

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### DONATIONS to SIBFORD SCENE FUNDS from LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

We are very pleasantly surprised by the immediate response to our subtle(?) hint to local organizations, in last month's *Scene*, concerning donations to our 1996 funds.

Much appreciated donations have already been received from four organizations - Sibford Brownies, Sibford Ferris Play-area Group, Sibford Friendship Club and Sibford Womens Institute. *Many Thanks* to you all - we hope to continue providing you with as good a service as space will allow.

The Editor

## W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

The tinkling of the brand new bell heralded the commencement of the March meeting when we were joined by members from Tadmarton and Shutford.

The president introduced Miss Christine Paterson, a member of the D'Oyley Carte Opera Company. As Miss Paterson erected her music stand and mother took her seat at the piano we anticipated a treat in store - and what a feast we had!

Many were the anecdotes of interviews and auditions, and of wardrobe embarrassments and calamities, not least when the row of solemn *Trial by Jury* judges disappeared from view as their bench disintegrated beneath them! But the real highlights were the renderings of excerpts from *La Boheme*, *Ruddigore*, *The Mikado* and *Trial by Jury*, with memories being refreshed of the numerous and varied contents of Buttercup's basket.

The recital ended on an ethereal note as we were transported into "The Garden of the Lord" and reminded that "one is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth!"

It was a really delightful programme and, as was expressed in the vote of thanks, "the roof was still intact"!

The competition produced a varied selection of "musical items", from a set of Gilbert and Sullivan cigarette cards to grandmother's violin, a treasure from the attic.

We partook of delicious home-made refreshments served by Mrs Walpole and Mrs Baggaley.

The meeting on April 9th will be Mrs Usherwood on "Memoires of a Matron".

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† KATHLEEN HORN †

Early in the 1950's, Kathleen, a Nottinghamshire girl, was persuaded to put her career in ballet in abeyance and train as a NAAFI manageress. Her first posting, in 1953, was to an RAF station near Scarborough, where she met Bruce, who had joined the RAF Police. They fell in love and married in 1954. In 1956, by which time Jane, the first of their three children, had arrived, they were the first family to move into Cotswold Close and this is still their home.

Two more children were born, Carlton & Adele, and, although busy with her own family, Kathleen was always there to help when someone was in need. While the children were young, she worked for some years at Sibford School, where her caring and expertise made a very valuable contribution to the welfare of children for whom we were *in loco parentis*. Later she worked in Sibford Post Office for several years. In her very busy life, Kathleen still found time to be an active member of the Youth Club committee and was also on the Village Hall committee for many years; in both capacities she worked tirelessly to raise funds.

Kathleen found great joy with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren - in fact, I think she loved, and was loved by, *all* children. One day I was invited to see the album she had prepared for her grandchildren - a record of her earlier life as a ballet dancer & teacher. That day she was child-minding and I was amazed how she motivated the children in her care and how eager *they* were to please her. They had a time for drawing, hearing a story, exercise - including learning a few ballet steps, lunch, a rest period and time in the fresh air - child-minding at its best.

More recently she worked for people who really needed her. For families who were without a mother, she was there with a welcome and the smell of an appetising meal being cooked when the children came home from school; or she would be helping a husband care for his sick wife. The patience and kindness shown by Kathleen towards one such elderly charge made a deep impression on many who saw them together whenever they visited the Fielding Day Centre.

Kindness is a paramount virtue and those of us who have been privileged to know Kathleen during all or part of the last forty years will always have happy memories of the time she lived among us.

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THESE TWO POEMS (Circa 1960) HAVE  
RECENTLY BEEN FOUND BY ROSEMARY HARRISON.  
SHE AND KAY WINTER, THOUGHT THAT THEY  
COULD WELL SPARK A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY  
IN SOME QUARTERS

What follows is from EDWARD - a cutter of  
grass; a pruner of garden canes; a feeder  
of runner beans to the neighbouring dog;  
a lover of spinach; to DOROTHY.

## SPRING LAMENT

*Confounded Summer-time is here once more  
Long, quiet evenings by the T.V. end.  
Wives, merciless, lead husbands to the tool-shed door  
And, adamant, enforce the gardening trend.*

*The trek to ironmonger, seedsman grows  
Men's minds to nobler thoughts must turn  
To cultivation of the leek or rose  
At Shows a worthy prize to earn.*

*Chemists wait, listening for the shop-door bell  
To reap their harvest from the gardeners' ills  
As various aches and pains do swell  
The sales of liniment and lumbagic pills.*

*For me - roll on October and the early dark!  
How I abhor all this endeavour!  
Give me a flat by Regents Park  
Let others battle with the soil and weather.*



# GARDEN FENCE

DOROTHY, a true artist in home, garden and with easel, tries to put him right with this, her reply.

## On reading a "SPRING LAMENT"

*Alas for those who Spring-time do deplore  
Who find no joy in Nature's mood ecstatic  
Who have no cause to vaunt Her many charms  
Nor heart to share Her song in vein melodic.*

*Like men who from their prison grim did gaze,  
And found, the one, but mud and the other stars  
So he who finds the op'ning seed and flower  
Sees only weeds and all that in Nature mars.*

*For him the length'ning days and sunny hours  
Bring only added chores, not relaxation,  
The endless tasks to gardeners presented  
Serve but to drive him near to desperation.*

*For who the sward immaculate will keep?  
And who shall prune the thorny, rampant roses,  
Tha hedges trim and borders gaily plant?  
Save him on whom Dame Nature so imposes.*

*The hapless male no sweet compassion earns  
From Her, who doth his help-mate claim to be  
But only urgent pleas for greater speed  
With planting seed and flower and bush and tree.*

*But when appears the green and velvet lawn  
And bright hued flowers do scent the summer air  
Then all the ills of yester-year lie dead  
And we, with joy, can greet the Spring most fair.*

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

### \* New Members Required \*

Regretfully, we have to report the loss of another of our members, the fourth since Christmas. Mrs Austin passed away suddenly at home; our sympathies go out to her husband and family.

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The Friendship Club is desperately in need of new members in order to keep the Club in existence. The only qualification required is that you are over 50 years of age. We meet once a month, usually on the first Tuesday in the Village Hall. We either have a speaker, play bingo or whist or have a discussion. The cost is £1.50 per annum for Membership and 25p each visit, which includes tea and cake/biscuits. We also arrange many interesting coach tours during the year, details of which are given below. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us, either at our meetings or on our coach tours - preferably at both.

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On 5 March we welcomed the Bishop of Dorchester, who gave a very interesting talk on 'The Changing Countryside'. The vote of thanks was made by Mrs Boughton.

Future events are as follows:

Tuesday 2 April - meet in Village Hall at 2.00pm

Tuesday 7 May - AGM in Village Hall at 2.00pm

Outings:

Tuesday 23 April - Scenic Tour to Barrington

Tuesday 21 May - Rare Breeds at Guiting Power

Tuesday 18 June - Hatton Crafts Centre

Tuesday 17 Sept - Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust

For further details, please phone 263460.

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### COACH TOUR to NORFOLK LAVENDER FIELDS

A coach tour has been arranged to see the Lavender Fields at Heacham, Norfolk, on Tuesday 9 July, leaving Sibford at approx 8.00am.

There will also be a guided tour of the herb garden & distillery (or a slide show if the distillery is in use). A ploughman's [or should that be 'ploughperson's'?] lunch will be provided.

For further details, please contact Mrs E Boughton (263460).



## Young Scene

### HAPPY EASTER.

Did you know that Easter has been a time to celebrate all over the world for thousands of years?

This winter has been long and cold but try to imagine what it must have been like all those years ago. It was COLD! There were no warm centrally heated houses. There was no electricity to light the long evenings. Food was in short supply as there were no refrigerators, freezers or canned food. Is it surprising that people celebrated the coming of Spring?

Many religious festivals also occur in Spring. The Jewish Passover for instance, dating back to when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt and the Pharaoh refused to free them. Since Jesus' death and resurrection happened at Passover, Easter has become more important than ever.

How much do you know about "The Easter Story"?

- 1) On Palm Sunday we remember when Jesus rode into \_\_\_\_\_ on a donkey.
- 2) The last meal shared by Jesus and his disciples is known as \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What was the name of the garden where Jesus went to pray and where he was arrested? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Which disciple betrayed Jesus with a kiss? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Which disciple three times denied being a friend of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) What was the name of the Roman Governor who sentenced Jesus to death? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ on a cross.
- 8) Who took the body of Jesus and put it in a tomb? \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) What was put at the entrance to the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Who first discovered that the huge stone had been rolled away and first saw Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

You will find the answers at the bottom of the right-hand page.

Have you ever wondered why pictures of hares and rabbits feature on many Easter cards? In lots of countries, children get up early on Easter Day and go around their houses and gardens looking for Easter eggs. Maybe you do. Some people say that the eggs were hidden by the Easter hare or rabbit. How did this story start?

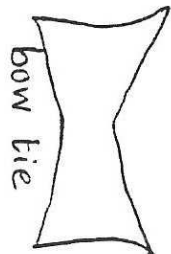
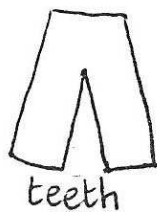
Long ago, people believed that the Easter hare belonged to the goddess of Spring, Eostre. Parents told their children that the magic hare would leave presents for them. These were usually painted hens' eggs. That is why pictures of hares and rabbits are often seen on Easter cards. The eggs that we get today are usually made of chocolate.

Here is an Easter hare for you to make. You can use it as a card or as a table decoration.

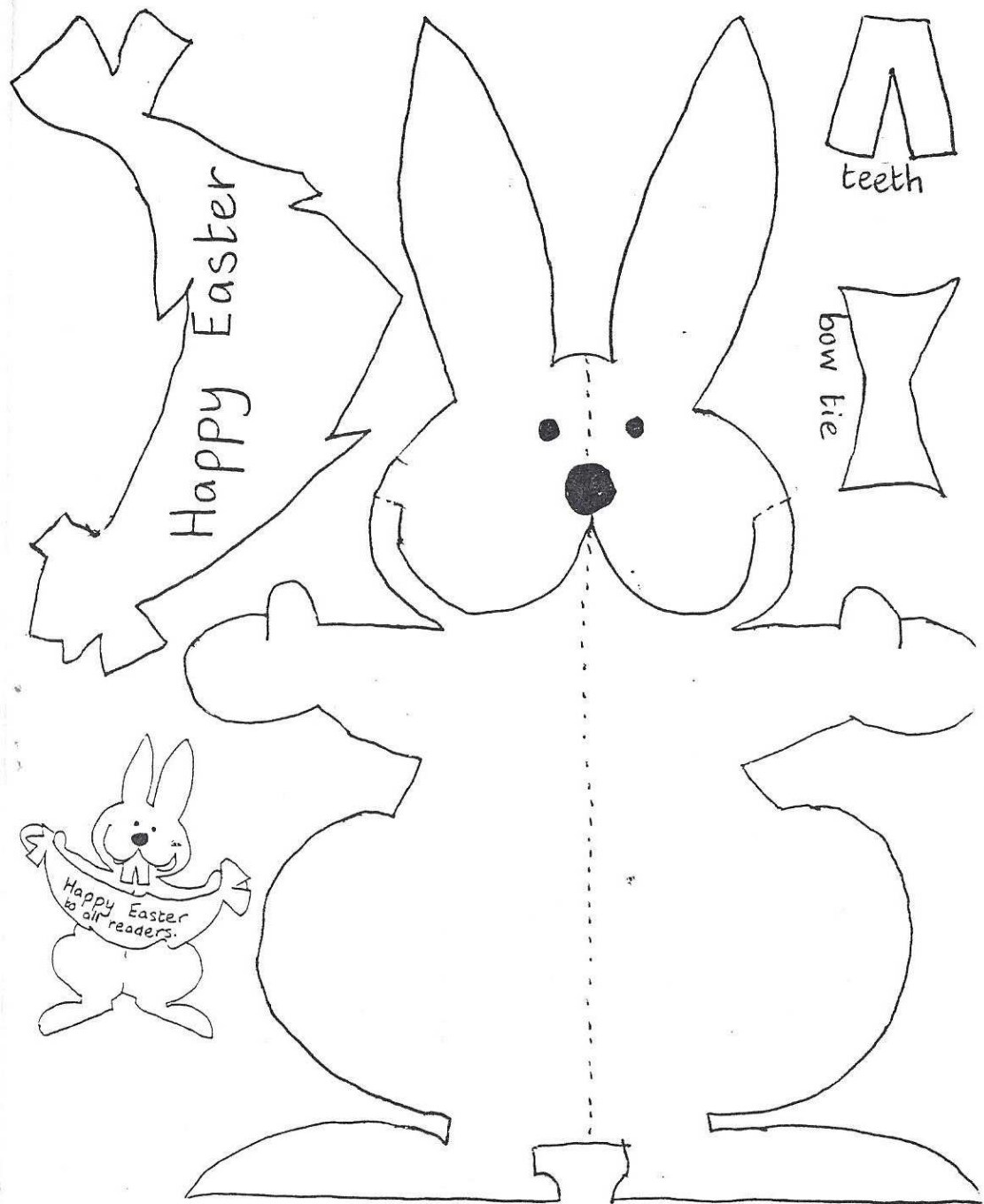
- 1) Trace the shapes and transfer them onto card.
- 2) Cut out the hare and fold it in half along the dotted line.
- 3) Colour it.
- 4) Cut out the mouth being very careful not to cut too near the side of its face.
- 5) Cut out the teeth and bow-tie and colour before glueing into position.
- 6) Cut out the message board. Write your message and slide it into the slits which you must cut on the hare's paws.

# Answers

- 1) Jerusalem. 2) The Last Supper. 3) Gethsemane. 4) Judas Iscariot. 5) Peter.
- 6) Pontius Pilate. 7) crucified 8) Joseph of Arimathea. 9) a huge stone
- 10) Mary Magdalene.



Happy Easter



## SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

(Held Mon/Wed/Friday mornings 9-12 for children aged 2-5)

*Sibford Playgroup is a Registered Charity (No. 1026753)*

Everyone at Playgroup, children & mums alike, would like to pass on our warmest congratulations to Julia & Paul on the birth of Barney, 7lb 9oz, on 7 March. Both Julia & Barney are doing well and I'm sure they will soon be out & about.

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the 50/50 sale in March and at the Children's Easter Party, which was great fun for all.

For information about Sibford Playgroup, please contact Julie Bruggenwirth (788231).

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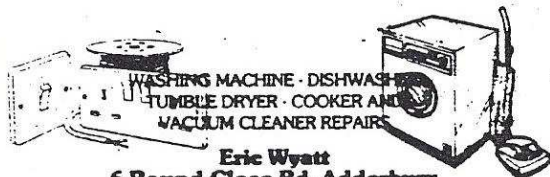
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## LEO CLUB NEWS

In March, LEO Club members gathered at the home of Rosalind Pearlman, to puzzle over a number of objects they had brought along - some unusual, some with very interesting stories attached. A most enjoyable evening, rounded off by Rosalind's refreshments, including a delectable chocolate cake.

Michael Fish has forecast better weather for our second attempt to reach Birch Hill, Mary Bristow's home, on Tuesday 16 April. Members are asked to bring a dish of 'Continental-European' food (main course or dessert). After supper, there will be a series of debates on a variety of topics, drawn at random from those proposed by members. MH

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# SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our first meeting on 13th March, a slide show by Mr Holliday about "Birds of the Garden", was voted a great success. Events arranged for the rest of the year, have the same promise. Please note these dates in your diaries. To join us, just turn up at a meeting at the Village Hall on a second Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. The subscription of only £2.50 entitles you to useful discounts at many local garden centres, as well as free entries in the Annual Show. Forthcoming events include:-

APRIL 10th. Irene Glaister will show us slides to illustrate her talk on "Alpine Plants in the Garden". Irene last spoke at one of our meetings some 15 years ago!

APRIL 25th. Our President Mrs Ellen Warwicker, invites you to 'The Court House' to a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale. Any profit helps to finance the high costs of the Annual Show.

MAY 8th. A flower arranging demonstration in the Village Hall at 8.00p.m., promises to be a highlight.

JUNE 8th. The regular morning Plant Sale at 'Park Farm House, the home of 'the Basebys, will provide stock for everyone at 'down to earth' prices.

JUNE 12 - 16th. Discounted tickets are available at £8.50 for the National Flower and Garden Show at the N.E.C. Please ring 788400, if you would like transport to be arranged. Meanwhile, arrangements for September onwards, are well advanced.

JUNE 27TH. The 'Annual Day Out' this year, leaving Sibford at 8.30 a.m. is to be to the Wedgewood factory (seconds available!) followed by lunch (picnic or restaurant as wished) at Bridgemere Nurseries. We shall spend the afternoon there and should be home by 6.00 p.m. The coach will cost about £7.50 and admission charges £2.50. Bookings please to Mrs Sheila Baseby on 01295 780544.

AUGUST 17th. The event of the year, the Annual Show in the marquee at the Village Hall. Schedules will be distributed shortly to every home in the villages but spare copies will be available at the Surgery and in the Village Shop.

## Like Father - Like Son!

In the early parts of 1993, 1994, 1995, **David Bennett** was a familiar figure around the villages as he trained hard for the **London Marathon** - and on his last run, where he finished as 6829 reserve for the **World Championship** on Gothenburg, Sweden, David declared his intention to "retire" and to let some of the 70,000 who had failed to gain entry, have the opportunity to take part.

The honour for **Sibford** on Sunday, the 21st April 1996 will be covered by 20 year old **Jonathan Bennett**. Its third time lucky for **Jonathan**, a student at **Bath University** who has been exercising his limbs in Essex, where he is currently on an industrial placement with the **Ford Motor Company**. His target is to try to beat the 3-Hours barrier and to raise funds for

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## TWO VACANCIES at SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

Firstly, we are in URGENT NEED of a VOLUNTEER (male or female) to look after general matters in the Village Hall. For example, the heating programmer needs to be adjusted each week - it takes about 10 minutes.

Secondly, we need someone to MOW THE GRASS at the Hall.

If you do not do anything for the Village at present, this is your opportunity to become involved. Perhaps two or more volunteers would like to share one of these jobs?

If you would like to know more, please contact Bernard Phillips on 780634.

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## SIBFORD BOWLING CLUB DANCE & DRAWING COMPETITION

A great time was had by all at the Bowling Club's 'country & western' dance, with live music by the New Dorne Valley Boys, with an enjoyable supper and a successful raffle. The evening produced a small profit. We were grateful for the support from surrounding areas but were saddened by the lack of local residents.

The Drawing Competition for local children, organized by the Bowling Club, was a great success. There were almost 70 entries, all of which were displayed at the Dance. It was necessary to change the categories completely, but even then judging was extremely difficult, with many entries tying for 2nd & 3rd places. The eventual category winners were:

Aged 4 - Thomas Parmiter & William Spackman

Aged 6 - Daniel Paine

Aged 7 - Amy Maguire & William Parmiter

Aged 8 - Osahon Osular

Aged 11 - Oliver Snelson

Most Humorous Drawing - Thomas Smith, aged 8.

Another 15 entries won 2nd & 3rd places and the total of 23 prizes were presented at the School Assembly by Bowling Club members, who then received a musical treat when the pupils sang their songs from 'Bugsy Malone', which they were to perform at the Chipping Norton Theatre the following week.

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Sibford Bowling Club members have two hours of fun & laughter every Monday afternoon, between 2.00 & 4.00 pm, playing short-mat indoor bowling, at a cost of £1 only - with a cup of tea thrown in! New members are welcome from any surrounding villages. Other meeting times could be arranged - please phone 780025 for details.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

The recent spell of cold weather has coincided with the collapse of the church boiler so the Annual Meeting was held in the Village Hall. At the end of the shortened service of Holy Communion, the meeting received reports from the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Churchwardens, the Electoral Roll Officer and the Rector and the accounts for 1995 were submitted and passed. Thanks were expressed to Hilary Maquire FCA, the Honorary Auditor and to Barry Davies, the retiring Deanery Synod representative also to Mary Poulton, the retiring Electoral Roll Officer who reported that the new Roll contained 77 names. Colin Frith, the retiring Hon Treasurer was also thanked for his many years of service. Eric Payne and Robin Spicer were re-elected as Wardens and the representatives on the Deanery Synod for a period of three years were Erica Wimbush, Petra Berry and Matthew Spicer. Those elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council for one year were: Pat Bates (who was also elected as Electoral Roll Officer), Ann Spicer, Maureen Warden, Colin Frith, Bernard Keen, Norman Nash, David Soden and James Wimbush. Sidespersons elected were members of the Council and Tina Frith, Gilian Soden, Peter Abbott, Brian Barratt, John Berry and Bernard Phillips.

The Wardens' report included a reference to the first estimates for the replacement of the boiler and to an immediate need for repairs to the roof, with a warning that major roof repairs at a probable cost of nearly £30,000 would be needed within two years.

The appreciation of those present was expressed to the many members of the church and of the community for flower arranging, church cleaning, churchyard mowing, lesson reading and for general support on fund raising and many other occasions.

At the PCC meeting held after the Annual meeting, Colin Frith was elected as lay Vice Chairman, David Soden as Hon Treasurer and Norman Nash as Hon Secretary.

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - PLANNED GIVING SCHEME

It has been suggested to me by a number of people that nearly two years after we held the launch supper for the appeal it would be good to know how the Planned Giving Scheme is doing.

While there are still one or two new donors appearing, it is fair to say that the results of the appeal are pretty clear.

I ought at the outset to say that the Parochial Church Council is most grateful to all who support the scheme, even though they cannot know who they are or how much individually they give, since every donor is promised complete confidentiality.

In the financial year 1995/96 we will have received through Planned Giving some £10,975 under Deeds of Covenant (including Income Tax reclaimed) and about £1,100 of uncovenanted but regular gifts. Under existing pledges/covenants this will remain more or less the same in 1996/97 - there are one or two new donors, but income tax will be reduced by 1p in the pound so that we will be able to reclaim a smaller sum. One can only say that on these figures the campaign can be thought to have been a success.

At the time of the launch a parishioner remarked that he had not been aware on how narrow a base the Planned Giving donations were founded. I fear that much the same could be said today. Of the covenanted income 59% comes from donors aged over 65 (some well over!) and over half comes from only 5 out of 34 donors. The same is true only more so of the other donors. So if the 'wrong' people were to die or move away the fund would be in considerable difficulty. At the moment it can just meet the 1996/97 Parish Share; other expenses have to be paid from collections and fund-raising events.

It is perhaps worth reminding our readers that the Planned Giving Fund is devoted exclusively to church expenses; for many years the Parochial Church Council has thought it proper to give a proportion of the collections taken at services to charity and I hope that it will continue to do so. So while this is intended to be a report rather than an appeal, perhaps I could end by saying that if anyone who wants to ensure the survival of Holy Trinity Church can either increase their giving or join the scheme I will be happy to provide covenant forms and/or envelopes.

Colin Frith

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## AGM of FIELDING DAY CENTRE

The Annual General Meeting of the Fielding Day Centre will be held at the usual venue on Monday 29 April, starting at 7.30pm. This replaces the two meetings previously arranged for that date, although it may be necessary to hold a short Committee Meeting at 7.00pm to approve the audited accounts - committee members will be informed in good time.



## 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

31 Mar 10.00am **Palm Sunday** Benefice Eucharist, Swalcliffe  
(meet at 9.55am at Tithe Barn)

1 Apr	(7.30am	Matins
2 "	(7.00pm	Evensong
3 "	(7.30pm	Holy Communion
4 "	7.30am	Matins
	7.00pm	Evensong
	8.00pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Benefice Eucharist, Epwell
5 "	7.30am	Matins
	1.30pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Service at Tadmarton
	7.00pm	<i>Cross of Christ</i> musical service, Broughton
6 "	7.30am	Matins
	7.00pm	Evensong
	11.00pm	<b>Easter Vigil &amp; Midnight Eucharist</b>
7 "	11.15am	<b>Easter Day</b> , Holy Communion
14 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
21 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
28 "	8.00am	Holy Communion

5 May 10.00am **Deanery Eucharist** at Banbury Parish Church

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Your Chance to Sing  
at a  
Promenade Concert

Would you like to sing in a Promenade Concert here at Sibford on Saturday 15th June? The Choral Society will sing the Polovtsian Dances from Borodin's opera "Prince Igor", accompanied by the Banbury Symphony Orchestra. The concert will also include the second Piano Concerto by Shostakovich, performed by Madeline Mattar. Please contact Mark Paine as soon as possible if you are interested in this exciting event. Tel: 01295 780377. Musical Scores are being ordered and one could be reserved for you! There are no formal auditions, but you do need to be able to sing in tune. Weekly rehearsals next term-Thursdays 4.40 - 5.30 p.m.



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High Meadow  
Crossroads  
The Colony

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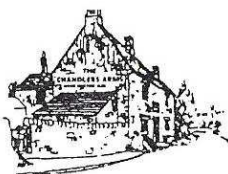
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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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1996 month date day	Event	Where	Contact
Apl 14 Sun	Nat Open Gardens Tadmarton, Teas in		Jane Asser (780212)
* * *	Village Hall in aid of Church		
Apl 25 Thur	Sibford Horti Coffee morning	Court House	Ellen Warwicker (788400)
May 12 Sun	Broughton Fun-Run/walk for Christian Aid	Broughton Grounds	Margaret Taylor (730315)
(Corrected Date)			
May 25/27 Sat/Mon	Tadmarton Flower Festival	Church	Pat Salethorne (780630)
June 1 Sat	Car Boot Sale 10.30 am Sibford	Village Hall	Bernard Phillips (780634)
June 8 Sat	Sibford Horti Plant Stall	Park Farm House	Ellen Warwicker (788400)
June 8 Sat	Sibford Church Garden Party 2.30 pm	Barn Close	
* * *		Burdop	Colin Frith (780512)
June 9 Sun	Epwell Pete 2 pm & Songs of Praise 5 pm	Church	R Kinchin Smith (780601)
June 15 Sat	Summer Concert Banbury Symphony Orchestra	Sibford School	Ann Stevenson (780441)
June 16 Sun	Nat Open Gardens Sibford Gower (2 gardens)		Vera Jones (780222)
June 19 Wed	Nat Open Gardens Sibford Gower (2 gardens)		Vera Jones (780222)
June 30 Sun	Nat Open Gardens Sibford Ferris (4 gardens)		Ina Lamb (780357)
July 1 Mon	Concert Warwickshire Singers 7.30 pm	Manor Barn	Jane Asser (780212)
* * *	Tickets £6 (incl refreshments & wine)	Tadmarton	
* * *	in aid of church		
July 7 Sun	Open Garden of Mr & Mrs Powell in aid	6 The Colony	
* * *	of Holy Trinity Church	Sibford Gower	Norman Nash (780275)
July 20 Sat	Dressage and Pete 2.00pm Parkfield	Shutford Manor	Alec Colgrave (780721)
July 20 Sat	Village Hall Pete Sibford	Village Hall	Bernard Phillips (780634)
July 21 Sun	Nat Open Gardens Sibford Gower (4 gardens)		Vera Jones (780222)
July 21 Sun	Sports Day Sibford	Village Hall	David Baker (780676)
Aug 17 Sat	Sibford Horti Annual Flower Show	Village Hall	Ellen Warwicker (788400)
Sept 14 Sat	Car Boot Sale 10.30 am Sibford	Village Hall	Bernard Phillips (780634)
Sept 22 Sun	Nat Open Gardens Tadmarton, Teas in		Jane Asser (780212)
* * *	Village Hall in aid of Church		
Oct 5 Sat	Open day	Sibford School	Ann Stevenson (780441)
Oct 11 Fri	Epwell Harvest Supper 7 pm	Village Hall	R Kinchin Smith (780601)
Oct 25 to Fri to	Cottage Crafts for Christmas. Sale in aid	Malcolm's Cottage	Peter & Margaret Whittle
27 Sun	of Katharine House	Tadmarton	(780453)
Nov 9 Sat	Epwell Grand Draw & Social Event	Village Hall	R Kinchin Smith (780601)
Nov 16 Sat	Sibford Church Bazaar 2.30pm	Village Hall	Erica Winbush (780555)
Dec 7 Sat	Sibford Methodist Church coffee/sale 10.00	Methodist Church	Kathleen Winter (780461)

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**CALENDAR for APRIL 1996**

Monday 1st START of BUS PASS SCHEME  
Monday 1st Lent Austerity Lunch  
Tuesday 2nd Friendship Club - Village Hall 2pm - see p11  
Wednesday 3rd Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)  
Friday 5th Good Friday - see p21  
Saturday 6th Scouts Paper Collection  
Tuesday 9th W.I. Meeting - Memoires of a Matron - see p 6  
Wednesday 10th Horti Society meeting - Alpine Plants - see p16  
Thursday 11th Sibfords Society meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm  
Thursday 11th Gardeners Question Time at Bodicote - see p22  
Saturday 13th Ernest Jones Memorial Concert, St Michael's Whichford  
Sunday 14th Open Gardens, Tadmarton, Vill Hall teas in aid of Church  
Tuesday 16th LEO Club meeting 8pm - see p15

TUESDAY 16th \* DEADLINE for SIBFORD SCENE CONTRIBUTIONS \*

Wednesday 17th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)  
Saturday 20th Sibford Gower Spring Clean - see p 3  
Saturday 20th Skip in the Gower - Barley Close  
Saturday 20th SF Playarea Group - DISCO Village Hall - see p 1  
Sunday 21st London Marathon with Bennett 11 - see p17  
Tuesday 23rd Friendship Club - Scenic Tour to Barrington - see p11  
Wednesday 24th Sibford Ferris APM, Sibford School Library 8.00pm  
Thursday 25th Sibford Horti Society Coffee Morning - see p16  
Monday 29th Fielding Day Centre AGM - see p20

**CALENDAR for MAY (part)**

Wednesday 1st Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)  
Friday 3rd Sibford Gower APM, Primary School 7.30pm  
Saturday 4th Scouts Paper Collection

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