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MAY 1996

*For Kathleen's Friends*

To all you very kind people who sent cards, wrote lovely letters, phoned us and called at our home with words of sympathy and encouragement after the sudden and tragic loss of Kathleen, our dear wife and mother, we, my two daughters Jane and Adele, my son Carlton and myself, wish to thank you all for remembering Kathleen with so much affection.

*Thank You again, Bruce Horn.*

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**BBONT Events - Dates for Your Diary**  
(Berks, Bucks & Oxon Naturalists' Trust)

Sunday 23 June - Garden Party at Swalcliffe Lea.

Tuesday 25 June - Cherwell Country Walk, starting from  
Woodway Farm.

*Full details in next month's Scene.*

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**SCOUTS PAPER COLLECTION in SIBFORD**

All villagers are reminded that, on the first Saturday in every month, starting at about 10am, bundles of newspapers & magazines (tied with string, please) are collected from every part of the Sibfords, if they are left in a visible position near the road.

As well as helping to conserve natural resources, this helps to raise funds for the Sibfords Scouts. *Thank You.*



# Nature Notes.

March. 21st. The last three days of slightly milder weather have activated the frogs in our garden pond and they now seem to have finished spawning.

April. 1st. The month of March was low on temperature, low on sunshine and very low on rainfall, producing less than an inch, making 4.82 inches so far this year which is below average. I hope we are not going to have another dry year. They do tend to come in pairs.

April. 2nd. We have had a long run of night frosts recently. The temperature stood at 24°F this morning.

April. 8th. 5 swallows were seen at Lambs Pool today which equals my earliest ever sighting.

April. 10th. The female blackcap that has spent much of its time on our bird table over the last few months has not put in an appearance today so they may be moving north now. We found rue-leaved saxifrage growing on a piece of old wall at Temple Mill along with common whitlow-grass. There are very few old walls with enough lime mortar left in them to provide the right habitat for such plants to flourish these days. We also saw some white violets and on the way back were serenaded by two skylarks.

April. 11th. Lambs Pool has been a sad sight recently while it has been almost emptied to facilitate the netting of the carp which had become overcrowded. About 500 fish weighing 720 lbs were taken out and will be used to restock other waters. Some different sorts of fish have now been put in and the water is now flowing in again.

April. 13th. Yesterdays rain, nearly an inch, has raised the stream level considerably and the pool is now filling nicely. When I was there this evening it was already almost half full. Two herons were finding it easy to walk into the half full pond and we watched one silhouetted against a brighter background as it stood motionless in the shallow water.

April. 16th. I watched the muntjac rubbing its horns against the brushwood sheaf at the bottom of a lime tree. I thought it was trying to loosen bark for eating as it seemed to be nibbling between times but looking this morning I find that the bark is only slightly roughened and not chewed, so I think it must have been scent marking its territory.

## SIBFORD BROWNIES

World Culture Badge - Pack Holiday - Leavers & Joiners

\* Adult Helpers Wanted \*

We have had a busy term with all 24 brownies completing their World Culture Badge. This involved making a craft from another country, finding out what sort of work women did in other countries, what sort of food was eaten in different parts of the world and we heard a story and sang songs from other countries.

At Easter we also went on our annual pack holiday. This year we went further afield to a place just the other side of Norwich. We had a super week with lovely weather. Our thanks to Isabel Brown, Victoria Scouse, Christine Stott and Nicola Sale for all their help.

We have said goodbye to Jennifer Allott and Rhiannon Horsley who are both off to guides and we have welcomed Amy Maguire, Victoria Allsopp, Emily Smith, Emily Briggs and Myrriam Buck Bohan.

We have a full Pack of 24 brownies and could really still do with some regular adult help on Tuesday evenings from 5.15 - 6.45 p.m.

Vivienne Scouse  
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## W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

It was a warmer afternoon when we met for our April meeting. We talked of many things, "drew a curtain" over some and entered dates in our diaries for others, including going "Behind the Curtains" in August and amalgamating with the Friendship Club to visit Slimbridge in September.

Preliminaries completed, we were entertained and intrigued by the Memoirs of a Matron - of no less than Radley College - with duties varying from supervising the laundry, to dealing with a student's appendix in the middle of the night, to being "mum" to a small boy a long way from home!

With three young children of her own and a Housemaster husband, one room of their spacious accommodation was strictly designated for her role as hostess to their many visitors, including "troublesome" parents!

Boys will be boys, even at Radley, and it must have been her wonderful sense of humour which enabled her to cope with the many pranks and practical jokes, of which she was oft-times the victim.

Mrs Usherwood scarcely complied with one dictionary definition of a matron - "A married woman, staid and dignified" - we enjoyed her immensely!

Our May meeting is a specially important one, the A.G.M., when hopefully all members will endeavour to be present. The competition is for three blooms on a single stem - of one variety.

M.C.

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

Firstly, a very big THANK YOU to all those households who have so far returned their Brown Envelopes. Sadly, the contributions received, just over £400, are some *£80 less than at this stage last year.*

However, as those Westminster '*men-behaving-badly*' are constantly telling us, *there is still time for a turn-around in our fortunes*, so maybe there will be better news to report next month.

In the meantime, the collection box at the Village Shop and the Editor's & Treasurer's letterboxes are still available for late contributions. It would be splendid if our target of £500 could be reached.

*The Editor*

£   £   £

### DONATIONS to SIBFORD SCENE FUNDS from LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Two more local organizations, Sibford Gower Parish Council and the LEO (Ladies Evening Out) Club, have provided much appreciated donations to our 1996 funds. *THANK YOU* to all concerned for your continued support.

*The Editor*

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### CONGRATULATIONS to the SIBFORD BOWLING CLUB!

Every Monday at 2pm, a small band of faithful and improving indoor bowlers meet in the Village Hall.

Please join us - you will be made most welcome - no experience necessary - and it will cost you just £1, including a cup of tea!

Oh! I nearly forgot. The *congratulations* are because the Club members have saved up nearly enough to pay for their bowling equipment!

*BP*

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### FASHION SHOW RAISES over £400

I am pleased to say that the Fashion Show on 23 March raised a total of £447.10, which was shared equally between the Village Hall and the British Red Cross Society. Appropriate thanks have been conveyed.

*RP*

**SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Water Works \* Macmillan Way \* Annual Parish Meeting**

Thames Water will be carrying out major repairworks in the village over the next few weeks. Pipes are being relined, or renewed where necessary. Hopefully this will improve the water pressure in all parts of the village.

Parking in Burdrop has become a serious problem and the Council has asked carowners in the affected areas to do their best to keep the road access clear.

The Macmillan Way - Britain's Third longest Long-Distance Path opened on April 25th 1996. This path runs south-westwards from Oakham in Rutland to Abbotsbury in Dorset. It is called the Macmillan Way as it has been developed to increase public awareness of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. The Macmillan Way is 235 miles in length and it follows existing footpaths (it passes through our parish), bridleways and byways, and small stretches of minor roads when these are unavoidable.

The Council has a copy of the 96-page guidebook (also available from all good bookshops at £5.99). Anyone who would like to see the guidebook before purchasing a copy please contact the clerk (780462).

The Annual Parish meeting is on Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Primary School Hall. Everyone is welcome.  
This is your chance to share your views about what you feel are important issues.

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## SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

### Community Plan - Speed Cameras - Transport Rep Wanted

At their meeting on 6th March 1996 the Parish Council covered the usual wide variety of subjects. Oxfordshire County Council have offered to adopt our lighting. We would need to find an initial sum to replace some of them and to update the lighting capacity, but after we had paid that off, we would find our electricity bills much cheaper as we would not be paying the M.E.B. for maintenance. This seems an attractive option which is being considered at the moment.

The District Council is holding a series of Community Forums which have been well advertised in the Parish. The purpose of these is to discuss the proposed Community Plan. We do seem to be being consulted much more recently, and I do have information on many of these areas. If you are interested in any specific aspect of community life, I probably have some information about it if you would like to get in touch with me.

The speed camera signs have now been placed at both ends of the village. Please do not make the mistake of thinking that these are "a.con" as they are not! The road safety officer will be sending mobile cameras to the village at intervals so be warned! I like to think that it is visitors and not residents of the Parish and readers of the Sibford Scene who rush down the main street. Hopefully the signs will deter people from doing this and make life safer for us all.

The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council have written to us again about having a Parish Transport Representative. This is a very good way of serving the local community and the environment and it will be good to think that we could have a representative. Ideally it will be a bus user, but anyone interested in public transport would be considered. I have the information pack so if you are interested, please do get in touch.

By the time this appears, we will have had the Annual Parish Meeting. If you missed it there will be another one next year! A report on this year's will appear in next month's Sibford Scene.

Judith Weeks (788393)

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**CHRISTMAS CARDS 1996** - the Sibfords Society are still hoping that someone may have a village photograph which might be suitable for reproduction as a Christmas card. The photograph or transparency need not have been taken this year and a picture of the Ferris would be especially welcome. Please contact Barbara Crabtree (780635) or Maureen Hicks (780259).

## 'A CENTURY, of FASHION'

A review by a Mere Male

(well, no one else volunteered - so there)

Having been persuaded to buy a ticket for a 'mannequin parade' at the Village Hall on 23 March, I wasn't sure what to expect. Thoughts of 'period clothes' to be 'modelled by local people' brought visions of sitting among a couple of dozen ladies, watching a few brave village worthies clomping woodenly across the stage in a boring succession of granny's old clothes, pausing for an embarrassed, and embarrassing, curtsy before rushing off into the wings. Hearing later that most of the Surgery personnel were to be involved, I thought we might be in for a touch of "Carry On Florence Nightingale".

I couldn't have been more wrong! Well before the show started, the Hall was packed to the doors, with every seat taken and many dozens of late-comers lining the walls. Even the hard-worked doorman, Roger Powell (*himself a one-man fashion show, sartorially resplendent in yellow check waist-coat and plus twos*) lost his official chair in the crush!

An expertly lit and gloriously carpeted eye-level T-shaped cat-walk stretched the length of the Hall and near the stage a dinner-jacketed David Ryall was warming up at the piano. Clearly this was to be no amateurish 'wham, bam, thank you, mam' performance. An air of "you ain't seen nuthin' yet" pervaded the audience. Our expectations were proved right when the show's stunningly attired MC, Carol Bower, appeared in the spot-light.

Carol explained that most of the clothes we were to see came from the extensive collections of Susan Heath and Jane Holliday, augmented by items lent or donated by other villagers. The show then started, demurely at first, with ladies & young girls sedately parading in long white Victorian nightdresses, mobcaps & thick bedsocks. My heart sank - was it, after all, to be the 'Granny's Old Clothes Show' that I had feared? But the demureness, and my fears, soon evaporated as a dozen ladies & teenagers began to 'strut their stuff' along the cat-walk, displaying, with increasing confidence and to my increasing delight, a succession of more modern (and more revealing) nighties, negligées and cami-thingees.

After a brief pause, (enough time to wipe the steam from my glasses), the show continued, with twenty models presenting a delightful range of daywear from the 30's to the 60's, many coordinated with matching shoes, gloves & handbags. Of particular interest were the homemade dresses from the 'make-do-and-mend' War years. As each model entered, Carol gave us a succinct description of her outfit and David provided an appropriate melody as she paraded up and down the cat-walk, before exiting, to app-



reciative applause, with a twirl and an extra smile. Clearly a well-planned and well-rehearsed show, as exemplified by the next segment - a continuously circling parade of a dozen or more ladies, each in a different version of 'the little black dress', which closed out the first half to rapturous applause.

During the interval a typical & delicious 'Sibford supper' was served, to an audience full of praise for what they had seen and eagerly trying to anticipate what was to come.

The second half was opened by Carol, now even more stunningly attired, introducing clothes of the 70's. But the planners had saved the best till the last - a selection of about 40 beautiful cocktail and evening dresses from the 20's on, including some that had belonged to the late Dorothea Allen, the Sutton-under-Brailes millionairess. This time the accessories included several fur stoles and capes. By now all 20 models were brimming with confidence, each matching her demeanour to the mood suggested by her outfit. They were all superb, but I cannot resist mentioning three ladies in particular. Bee Webber - for her cool elegance in a chic backless creation, Jane Holliday - for her sexy hip-swivelling walk as she dragged her fur along the cat-walk, before casting it into the lap of a 'gentleman-friend' in the front row (*did Jane take a Marilyn Monroe elocution course - to learn how to roll her r's?*). Finally, Susan Heath - for her memorable, ritzy, sophisticated saunter, disdainfully toying with her long ivory cigarette-holder - the perfect epitome of the *New Yorker* café-society era.

The show reached its climax as, on the cat-walk, there gradually formed an ingeniously choreographed tableau, consisting of two sets of three bridesmaids, accompanying their brides, with three other brides behind them. The audience responded with tumultuous applause for the beauty & artistry of this spectacular finale to a splendid and memorable evening.

To round off the event, Sue Gale, one of the models, thanked all those who had contributed their time & resources, including Sibford School (cat-walk), Keith Hicks (lighting), Mary & Norman Nash (oriental carpets), Gil Soden and many others (refreshments), Roger Powell (doorman & finance), the back-stage helpers & dressers, David Ryall (music & artistic advice), Carol Bower (MC), all who had lent clothes, etc, and Susan & Jane (who first thought "let's put on a show"). Finally, there was a special 'THANK YOU', and applause, for Mary Nash who, as director & choreographer, had taken Susan & Jane's idea and, with much hard work & cajoling, really had "put on a show".

But, you may ask, did I enjoy the show? My answer - where can I see it again? There are rumours that it may be shown in Brailes and then Broadway. Brailes I can believe, but Broadway? Who would pay the transatlantic air freight for over 100 outfits?

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# SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our April meeting, Irene Glaister refreshed our memories of her lovely garden, with slides and descriptions of both it's preparation and contents. Later in the month, a most successful Coffee Morning and Cake Sale was enjoyed at "The Court House" by courtesy of Mr+Mrs George Warwicker.

On Wednesday, May 8th, our regular meeting in the Village Hall, at which non-members are more than welcome, will encompass a flower arranging demonstration. Do please try to come!

Saturday the 8th of June, brings our annual Plant Sale at "Park Farm House", the home of Peter and Sheila Baseby. As is usual, there will be bargains for all, as well as a "cuppa" if needed.

We have arranged discounted tickets for the National Flower and Garden Show at the N.E.C. at only £8.50 each, on Thursday 13th June. A coach can be arranged at £4.25 a head, if there is sufficient demand. Please ring 788400 to book your seat(s).

Thursday June 27th is the date of our 'Annual Day Out'. Leaving Sibford at 8.30 a.m. we shall first go 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.

Finally, please do not book your holiday to clash with the Annual Show in the marquee at the Village Hall on Saturday 17th August. 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.

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## COACH TOUR to NORFOLK LAVENDER FIELDS

The coach tour to see the Lavender Fields at Heacham, Norfolk, on Tuesday 9 July, leaves 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 lunch will be provided. For further details, please contact Mrs E Boughton (263460).

## Young Scene

### Calculator Fun.

Did you know that a calculator can make words as well as numbers?

Work out the answers to the sums below, turn your calculator upside down and you will have a boy's or girl's name in each case.

a)  $31 \times 7 =$

d)  $179 \times 3 =$

b)  $2 \times 3859 =$

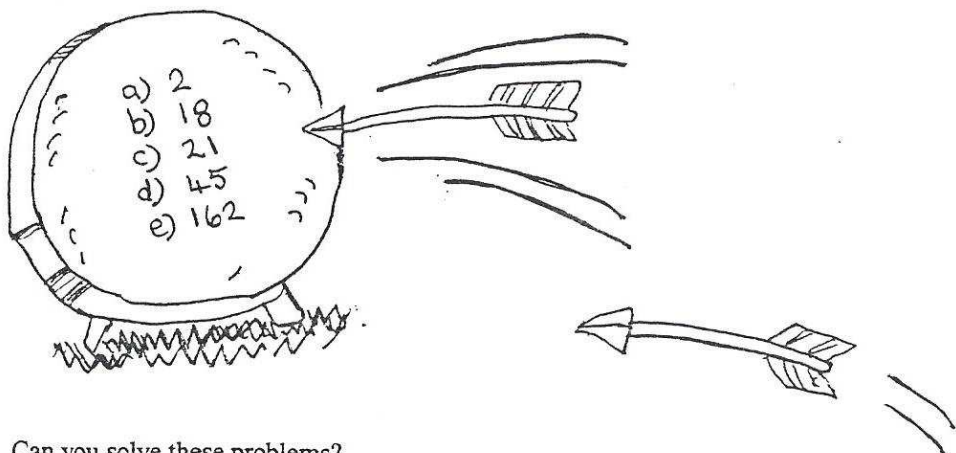
e)  $1812 \div 6 =$

c)  $1929 \times 4 =$

Can you find any more names?

Here is something else to try out on your calculator.

The aim is to make the numbers shown on the target. You can use  $+$   $-$   $\times$  and  $\div$  as many times as you like BUT the only number keys which you are allowed to use are 9 3 and 6. However you can use these three number keys as often as you like. Are you ready to start your target practice?



Can you solve these problems?

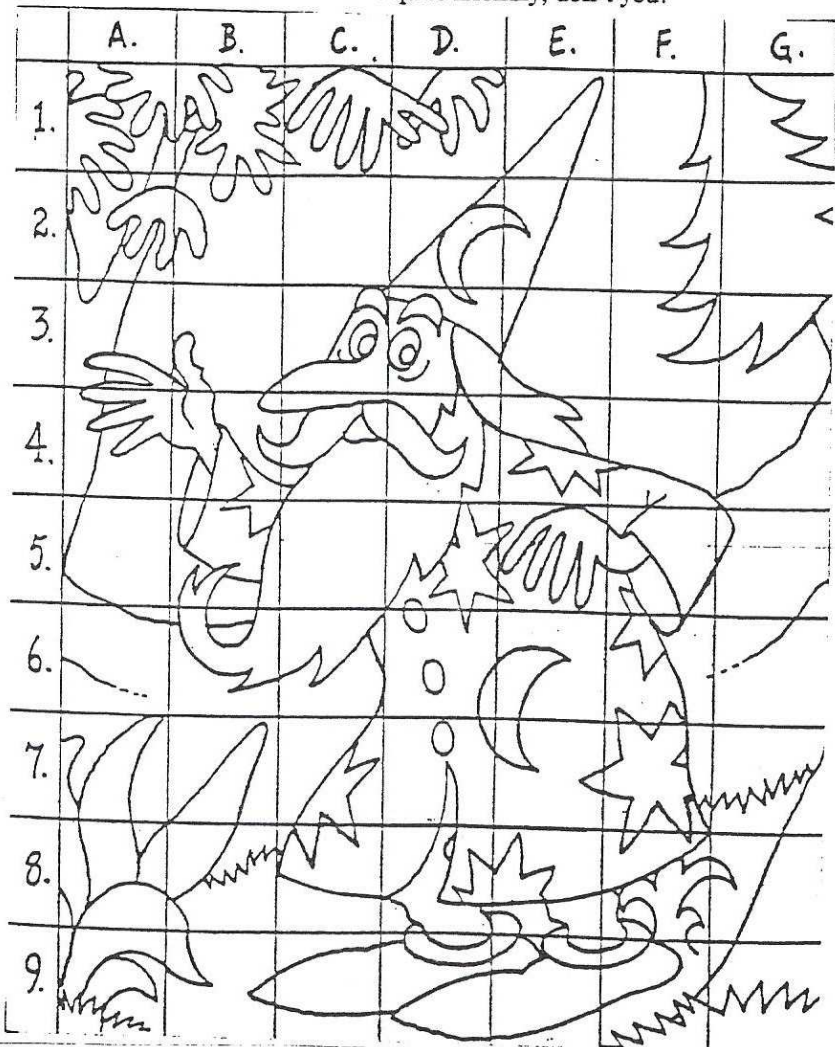
Ivor Hammer has a box full of nails which contains exactly 3500 nails. He's also got seven packets of 250 nails, two packets of 300 nails, twelve packets of 75 nails and sixteen packets of 80 nails. How many packets of nails can he get into the box?

Greedy Greg has a box of sweets that he's tipped out on the floor. He tries dividing the sweets into groups. He finds that in groups of three there's one sweet left over. The same happens when the sweets are divided into groups of four, five and six. But when Greg splits the sweets into groups of seven there are none left over. How many sweets did he start with?

(The answers to these problems appear at the bottom of the right-hand page. Please note that in Target Practice there may be more than one way to arrive at the answer. An answer is provided, but if you've got there by a different route then good for you!).



This picture of a wizard has been drawn onto a grid system. Can you find square 1C? There is an identical square to this one in the picture. Can you be very clever and find which square this is? Now find square 1E and look for the identical square. Colour in the wizard. I think he looks quite friendly, don't you?



Answers: Boy's and girl's names a) Liz / 217 b) Bill / 7718 c) Gill / 7716 d) Les / 537  
 e) Zoe / 302.  
 Target Practice:  $9 + 3 (=12) \div 6 = 2$ .  $9 + 3 (=12) + 6 = 18$ .  
 $9 \times 3 (=27) - 6 = 21$ .  $9 \times 6 (=54) - 9 = 45$ .  $9 \times 6 (=54) \times 3 = 162$ .  
 Ivor Hammer can get no packets of nails into his box as the box is already full of nails.  
 Greedy Greg had 301 sweets.  
 Wizard Squares: 1C and 5E, 1E and 7B.

## LEO CLUB NEWS

Most of the April meeting, at Mary Bristow's home, was spent in eating all the delicious Continental food brought by members. Consequently, the planned debates had to be deferred to the next meeting, which will be on **Tuesday 18 JUNE** at 3 Sycamore Close, Sibford Gower, the home of Jean Puddle. The topics for debate will be drawn at random from those proposed by members on the night.

**THERE WILL BE NO LEO CLUB MEETING IN MAY.**

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### HANDYWATER FARM

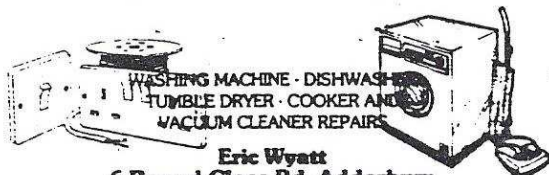
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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A few of us met in the cold Village Hall on 2 April. There was no heating and no one available to switch it on. We managed a few games of Bingo, a grateful cuppa & some of Mrs Fowler's delicious cake before going home earlier than usual.

We hope it will be warmer for our Annual General Meeting at 2pm on Tuesday 7 May.

### Future Outings:

Tuesday 21 May - Rare Breeds at Guiting Power

Tuesday 18 June - Hatton Craft Village

Tuesday 17 Sept - Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust

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# *The Sibfords Society*

## THE MILLENNIUM

At the Open Village meeting held in the Village Hall on 11 April, the way in which the Sibfords and Burdrop wish to celebrate and mark the millennium was fully discussed.

Ideas and suggestions were received from the meeting and it was felt that in addition to any events, a permanent commemoration for the

villages should be an objective. Ideas received included:- a piece of art work in the form of a sculpture, a children's playground, a permanent site for the storage and access of village archive material and the provision of additional facilities at the Village Hall.

Chairman of the Sibfords Society, Barbara Crabtree, explained that as part of the Society's programme, a group were researching the work of Frank Lascelles, with a view to producing a pageant in celebration of the millennium. Frank Lascelles had lived in Sibford and was pageant master to Queen Victoria.

David Ryall extended this idea by explaining that, with everyone's support, our community could produce a performance for ourselves and a wider audience to portray the part the Sibfords have played in the life of our nation in the past 1000 years. Using the village as our stage, short scenes of village life could be re-enacted by villagers using music, light and sound.

The idea for such a pageant was well received and it was agreed to carry the idea forward. A millennium steering group was formed but it was recognised that many additional village people would be needed to utilise the many talents and skills necessary for such an undertaking. The opportunity to establish funding would be an early priority and much more research would be needed. The steering group would have to rely heavily on information and memories from the long-established village families. The support of the 2 parish councils and 2 schools would also be enlisted.

If you were unable to attend the meeting and can offer help or further suggestions please contact any member of the steering group:-

David Ryall  
Peter Baseby  
Linda Garner  
Vera Jones  
Mary Nash

Norman Nash  
Monty Pearlman  
John Mulley  
David Soden  
Keith Hicks

We have something special here in the Sibfords and we have four years to work together to produce a memorable event in the summer of 2000 which we hope will raise funds to provide a permanent commemoration of the millennium for the future.



## SIBFORD PUPIL WINS 'YOUNG MUSICIAN' TROPHY

There were 110 entrants, including 10 from Sibford School, for this year's Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition, organised by The Rotary Club of Banbury.

Three Sibford pupils achieved success -

**Naomi Chant** was a finalist in both Junior Woodwind and Junior Strings classes,

**Julian Li** won the Senior Strings class, and

**James Chen** won the Intermediate Piano class and was unanimously awarded the Young Musician of the Year Trophy.

*Congratulations to them all.*

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## JOHN DUNSTON leaving SIBFORD SCHOOL

John Dunston, the Head of Sibford School, will be leaving at the end of the Summer term, to take up the post of Head of Leighton Park School, Reading, in September.

The *Sibford Scene* will carry an announcement of his successor in due course.

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## ANOTHER PLEA for SYMPATHY

The poems in last month's *Scene* reminded me of a poem contributed by Betty Burton to last October's issue of our sister magazine, the *Epswell Echo*. It appeared several years ago in the *Farmers Weekly* and is attributed to one Henry Brewis. Betty says "I am sure that many farmers' wives will appreciate its sentiments!" [And, I am rather pointedly told, not only *farmers'* wives - Ed]

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### Lament of a Farmer's Wife

Why don't you speak in the morning  
y' miserable crotchety bloke  
this can't be the way to start off the day  
- are y' frightened you'd choke if you spoke....

You're not worth a damn in the morning  
occasional grunt or a cough  
and we sit there waitin' while you eat your bacon  
- we might as well just wander off ...

Don't expect y' to sing in the morning  
or quote from the Latin or Greek  
But perhaps we'd be stirred by the odd civil word  
- is it too much to ask you to speak ...

Well you talk to the dog in the morning  
and y' blather away to yourself  
even a row with a bloody dead yow  
- while we sit like a mug on the shelf ...

You can talk on the phone in the morning  
you always sound cheerful enough  
but y' sit like a ghost when you're munching your toast  
- in some deep agricultural huff ...

Do all farmers say nowt in the morning  
is it part of the way they're brought up  
there's about as much chance of a touch of romance  
- from a knackered auld cross Suffolk tup ...

Can you never be bright in the morning  
were you always this way as a lad  
give a nod or a wink as I stand at the sink  
- so the kids'll still know you're their Dad ...

We're not asking for much in the morning  
when the news and the forecast are bleak  
but with twenty odd years of blood, sweat and tears  
- SURELY T' GOD Y' CAN SPEAK!!!



## A 'PROM' CONCERT FOR SIBFORD

On 15 June, 8:00 pm, the BANBURY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA and the Sibford Choral Society will give a concert in the Hall at Sibford School. The lively and tuneful programme will end with 'Last Night' favourites- Parry's 'Jerusalem' and Elgar's 'Pomp and Circumstance' March including 'Land of Hope and Glory', with audience participation!

Major works in the programme will be Borodin's Polovstian Dances, Shostakovitch's Piano Concerto No 2 and Mussorsky's 'A Night on the Bare Mountain'. The concerto soloist will be Madeline Mattar, a young artist supported by the Oxfordshire Young Musicians Trust.

Also included will be a new work by Raymond Head who teaches at the School and previously conducted the Orchestra. The concert will be conducted by Paul Willett.

Tickets, £5.00 for seat, £1.00 for standing, will be available at Sibford Stores, Ottakars, from Richard Hartree at Stables Cottage, Sibford Ferris (788215) or Mark Paine at Sibford School Music Department.



## SINGERS WANTED for 'PROM' CONCERT

Mark Paine would be delighted to hear from anyone who enjoys singing and who would like to join with the Choral Society for the above event. **Please contact Mark as soon as possible** on 780377 (or call the School on 780441 and leave your number). Rehearsals on Thursdays, 4.40 - 5.30pm; evening rehearsals are planned for those at work.



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## Charles John Lamb

Charles was born in 1924 at Stickley's Farm where he spent his childhood. During his young adult years he worked for J. Salmon Pettipher at his two farms, Gautherns Barn Farm and College Farm. These were later leased to Charles' father, which he then continued to work with his father, brother and sister.

In 1951 he went to Malaysia where he pursued a successful and happy career in the Rubber Planting Industry. He married Linda Holmes in Singapore and they had two children, who were both born in Malaysia and were later educated at the Friends' School.

Throughout his life Charles' love of Sibford remained and at every opportunity he visited Sibford, noted fresh developments and changes and renewed old acquaintances. Every month he looked forward to news of Sibford in the Scene.

His last wishes were that his ashes be brought home to Sibford, and this his wife and family have accomplished.

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### **Some useful Telephone Numbers**

Age Concern - 730417 or 811328  
Alzheimer's Disease Society (Banbury Branch)  
255320 or 263003  
Bereavement Care (Cruse) - 750705  
British Diabetic Association  
(Banbury & District Branch) - 258485  
Cardiac Support Group  
(Banbury District) - 229373  
Citizens Advice Bureau - 264637  
Epilepsy (Banbury Branch) - 257728 or 268826  
Headway - 276142  
MIND - 270292  
Muscular Dystrophy - 259570  
Multiple Sclerosis Society - 721569  
National Cystic Fibrosis - 811707  
Parkinson's Disease Society -  
Samaritans - 270000  
Stroke Club - 720865  
Volunteer Bureau (Banbury) - 255863

## 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

5 May	10.00am	Deanery Eucharist at St Mary's, Banbury
12 "	10.00am	Family Service and Baptism
16 "	7.30am	Ascension Day - Holy Communion
19 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
26 "	8.00am	Whit Sunday - Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise at Tadmorton - see below

2 Jun 10.00am Trinity Sunday - Benefice Eucharist  
Sibford Patronal Festival

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## FLOWER FESTIVAL 'THE CIRCLE OF LIFE'

St Nicholas Church, Tadmorton

25, 26 & 27 May - between 11am & 6pm - Entrance Free

Plant Sale in Churchyard. Refreshments in Village Hall.  
'Yeomans' garden open Sunday/Monday (£1 entrance).

*Songs of Praise 6pm Sunday.*

For more details, please phone 780630.

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\* A Date for your Diary \*

A Concert in Tadmorton Manor Thatched Barn

Monday 1 July 7.30pm

Midsummer Music by the Warwickshire Singers

*Full details next month*

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## SALVATION ARMY COLLECTION

Thank you to all the collectors who braved the cold in February going from house to house. Also thank you to all contributors, who gave so generously that we could send the sum of £147.71 to the Salvation Army.

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Crossroads  
The Colony

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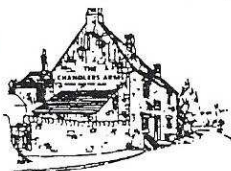
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1996 month date day	Event	Where	Contact
May 12 Sun (Corrected Date)	Broughton Fun-Run/walk for Christian Aid	Broughton Grounds	Margaret Taylor (730315)
May 25/27 Sat/Mon	Tadnarton Flower Festival	Church	Pat Salethorne (780630)
June 1 Sat	Car Boot Sale 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	
* * *		Burdrop	Colin Frith (780512)
June 9 Sun	Epwell Fete 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)	Tadnarton	
* * *	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 Fete 2.00pm Parkfield	Shutford Manor	Alec Colgrave (780721)
July 20 Sat	Village Hall Fete 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 Tadnarton, 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	Tadnarton	(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 Wimbush (780555)
Dec 7 Sat	Sibford Methodist Church coffee/sale 10.00	Methodist Church	Kathleen Winter (780461)

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### CALENDAR for MAY 1996

Wednesday 1st Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)  
Friday 3rd Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting - see p 6  
Saturday 4th Scouts Paper Collection  
Monday 6th Sibford School Open Morning - see p15  
Tuesday 7th Friendship Club AGM - Village Hall 2pm - see p15  
Wednesday 8th Horti Society meeting - Flower Arranging - see p11  
Saturday 11th Recycler Unit in Gower - Acre Ditch  
Sunday 12th Broughton Fun-Run/Walk for Christian Aid - see p23  
Tuesday 14th W.I. Annual General Meeting - see p 4  
Wednesday 15th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)  
Saturday 18th Skip in the Gower - Village Pond

TUESDAY 21st \* DEADLINE for *SIBFORD SCENE* CONTRIBUTIONS \*

Tuesday 21st Friendship Club - Rare Breeds at Guiting Power - see p15  
Sat/Mon 25/27th Tadmarton Flower Festival - see pp21 & 23  
Wednesday 29th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

### CALENDAR for JUNE (part)

Saturday 1st Car Boot Sale, Sibford Village Hall, 10.30am - see p23  
Saturday 1st Scouts Paper Collection  
Wednesday 5th Sibford School Open Morning - see p15  
Saturday 8th Horti Society Plant Sale - see p11  
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