

NO. 197 JUNE: 1996

METHODIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

The Methodist Chapel Anniversary Rally will be on Tuesday 4 June at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

The Chairman will be Mr Baker from Burmington and the Speaker will be the Reverend Lacy from Northampton.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Anyone who would like to come along will be very welcome. BH

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!! ATTENTION ALL CONTRIBUTORS !!

Information on meetings & events planned for both July and August should be submitted by 18 June for inclusion in the next issue of the Sibford Scene, since THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE ISSUE of the SCENE FOR AUGUST.

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TREASURE ISLAND

Church Garden Party, Burdrop, 8 June will include a

CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION

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Treasure Island

Nature Notes.

April. 20th. A cuckoo was calling in the valley this morning and nearer the house, a blackcap was letting us know that he had arrived. I am reliably informed that a cuckoo was seen, but not heard, near Traitors Ford several days ago which could well have been a female.

April. 21st. I went on a trip to the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge today. The crops and hedgerows in the Severn valley are a good fortnight in advance of those at Sibford. From a hide we watched a whitethroat and a reed warbler in a group of blackthorn bushes which were already starting to drop their petals. Some of the mute swans have become very trusting. One had built its nest only a yard from the footpath and was sitting with its head tucked under its wing while a stream of people walked by or stopped to photographs. We also saw kingfishers, recently hatched coot and a sparrowhawk which must have found easy pickings there with so many young birds around. Mistletoe is common in the Slimbridge area growing mostly on poplars but in the sanctuary a field maple supports a sizable clump. Unlike this area they still have plenty of water voles at Slimbridge which may be due to the measures they take to keep mink out of the enclosures.

May. 4th. Near the Elm a fox was pouncing on mice or voles in a field of rough grass either ignoring or unaware of the young rabbits that were grazing the roadside on the other side of the hedge. I was under the impression that both sexes of muntjac had horns, they can hardly be called antlers, but one without any horns appeared in the garden this evening. She was more nervous than the one we usually see. Perhaps it is because the females are more nervous and shy that I have not seen one before.

May. 12th. In spite of this blackthorn winter which has brought such regular ground frosts and one or two quite sharp air frosts there have been a few days warm enough to bring out the butterflies. As well as the peacocks, red admirals and brimstone's that have overwintered, this years hatch has begun. Last week we saw several orange tips and a speckled wood and today there was a holly blue in the garden.

May. 14th. I was surprised to hear of a swarm of bees today as ours usually swarmed in hot or thundery weather which is a far cry from what we have had recently. A swarm of bees in May is said to be worth a load of hay but with hay at its present price I doubt whether that still applies.

A SERENDIPITOUS HAPPENSTANCE

This month's poem is from another sister magazine, the *Bloxham Broadsheet*, By happy coincidence, both Brenda Kirkham and our own *Wature Notes* contributor have commented, in their own (fanciful or factual) ways, on the effects of our recent 'blackthorn winter'. No doubt Brenda's brimstone butterfly has been sporting three pairs of wee green wellies this week.

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SPRING WILL BE A LITTLE LATE THIS YEAR!

I saw a funny thing today And I just had to laugh, The spring's first Brimstone butterfly In anorak and scarf.

The daffodils awoke and took
One tiny drowsy peep,
"It can't be spring it's much too cold"
And they went back to sleep.

The garden birds are busy too Believe me, I don't jest, I saw two little robins who Had double glazed their nest.

The cuckoo has his flight bag packed, But heard the met. man say "Spring is three weeks late" so he Arrives the end of May.

Eventually we will have spring A summer too of sorts, Then that Brimstone butterfly Will fly past in his shorts.

Brenda Kirkham.

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An additional 18 brown envelopes have arrived during the month, bringing the total amount contributed by our readers to the Sibford Scene funds to just over £470, only £40 less than last year's record total. The Editor or Treasurer would still be pleased to receive any late late contributions.

To all those 138 households who have responded to our appeal

* * A VERY BIG 'THANK YOU' * *

The Editor

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DONATIONS to SIBFORD SCENE FUNDS from LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

During May a further two local organizations, Sibford Horticultural Society and The Sibfords Society, have provided very useful donations to our 1996 funds. THANK YOU to all concerned for your continued support. The Editor

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SIBFORD STUDENT COMPLETES THE COURSE - in LONDON MARATHON

John Abbott from Bramley Close, Sibford Gower, a student at Southampton University, successfully completed his first run in the London Marathon on 21st April – the hottest Marathon ever! He made it in 4½ hours and is planning to improve on this next year.

John's effort raised about £550 for Oxfam – he will be collecting the money sponsored by local people when he comes home at the end of term.

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** CHARITY SHOW - Horses, Ponies, DESERT ORCHID **

Sunday 23rd June, The Glenda Spooner Trust Horses and Ponies in Need Charity invite you to Moreton -in-Marsh Show Ground for a day out for all the family. Come and see Desert Orchid, see a Parade of Rescued horses and ponies and hear their stories.

There will also be a display by the Pony Club Mounted Games Teams and a Dog agility display. Competition classes open to all. Trade Stands and Refreshments, Raffle and Tombola.

Entrance: £2, members, children & OAP's £1

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SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL ** Annual Parish Meeting **

The Annual Meeting took place on 24th April. Only 6 Parishioners were there which is less than usual. The Council hopes that this is a reflection that in general electors feel happy with what is done on their behalf by the Parish Council. Certainly that was the feeling that was expressed.

The usual review of the year's activities by the Parish Council took place and there is nothing very startling to report as most of it has been recorded in the Scene as we have gone along. Thanks were expressed to Ena and Arnold Lamb for putting the seat by the bus stop in place and several parishioners remarked how pleasant it looks. There has been a suggestion that it should have a cover to protect passengers in poor weather and this is being investigated.

It was good to welcome our District Councillor David Green to the Annual Meeting and he has agreed to attend our ordinary Parish Council Meetings when he can. We are being consulted more and more by the District Council and invited to offer views and suggestions so closer working between the two Councils is a very useful thing. We are still considering asking the County Council to adopt the street lighting but Councillors are keen to ensure that a suitable lighting is sustained so that we prevent light pollution as much as possible. This is still being negotiated. I have received the usual information which I can pass on to anyone interested. At present I have leaflets about landscape conservation grants, the Banbury Cross Sailing Club, Countryside Events in Summer and National Coaching Foundation courses and First Aid courses, sponsored by the District Council. If you are interested in any of these things please do get in touch. Judith Weeks

Judith Weeks Clerk to the Parish Council

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SIBFORD GOWER ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman welcomed 18 local electors, County Councillor David Turner and District Councillor David Green to the Annual Parish meeting which was held on 3rd May in the Primary School.

The Chairman reported that the Council had met 6 times during the year dealing with various issues affecting the village including 8 planning applications, potholes, public footpaths and their continually missing signs, weedcontrol and carparking.

Weedcontrol was a problem in the village. The Parish Council would be held responsible if accidents occurred as a direct result of the spraying of pesticides. The Chairman suggested pulling them out or just scraping them off manually.

The Council is considering buying 2 gritbins. One to be placed in Pound Lane and one between the entrance to Barley Close and the Meeting House.

Parking in Burdrop had become a serious problem and the Council had been discussing with Cherwell District Council the possibility of turning the grassed area behind Shepherds Close into a hardstanding for cars.

Due to lack of support at the annual Litter Blitz it was decided not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition.

The Chairman 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 '96 stood at £2008 which included £492 on VE Day celebrations for which the Council had received a grant of £500. Half of these costs were met by Sibford Ferris Parish Council. The remaining £250 was spent on a kissing gate, a donation towards the new noticeboard at Holy Trinity Church and a donation towards the village hall heating fund. The expenditure for the coming year was anticipated to be in the order of £1200. The precept

had been set at £1,400.

Mr Baadsgaard reported on behalf of the Town Estate Charity. The accounts had been submitted to and accepted by the Parish Council. Detailed accounts were available for inspection.

Mr Mulley reported on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Mr Warden was the new coordinator for Barley Close. Mr Pratt agreed to take on Burdrop and Mr Powell agreed to be the coordinator for the Colony area. Villagers were again asked to report anything suspicious.

The Chairman then raised the matter of an annual contribution to the Village Hall. A lengthy discussion followed and was concluded with a vote to test the opinion of the meeting which resulted in a majority in favour of the Council making a donation of £250 and to review this contribution annually.

The Chairman then asked the meeting to raise further matters and these included the area outside Pond Cottage, the gullies in the Colony the grassed area outside The Old Rectory and the carparking in Burdrop.

All these matters will be discussed at the Annual Parish Council meeting on May 24th.

Petra Berry, Clerk

W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

The May meeting was the A.G.M. and no, it wasn't boring! Had it been so, one could have found pleasant relief in attempting to count and name the different varieties in the bowl of spring flowers which graced the presidential table.

The retiring treasurer, Mrs Bristow, reported a very healthy bank balance and the secretary, Mrs Conway, reminded us of all the "lively and interesting" meetings we'd enjoyed and of the many activities in which we had participated throughout the year. Mrs Baadsgaard, president, thanked one and all for their support and cooperation, and was duly elected for another year.

Mrs Gil Soden was the lucky winner of a bursary for Denman College, her name being drawn "out of the hat" by our very young visitor.

Our own V.C.O. member expounded upon the resolutions for the forthcoming national annual meeting in Cardiff. We discussed the pros and cons of:

- 1. The reinstatement of a living wage for higher education students from limited income families.
- 2. The desirability for the teaching of cooking, budgeting, parenting skills, etc., to be a compulsory part of the national curriculum.
- 3. The need for N.H.S. dentistry to be available to all.

Our link delegate will ensure that Sibford W. I.'s decisions are counted. $$\it MC$$

The W. I. MEETING on Tuesday 11 June is an

OPEN MEETING

with Ann Frances. Her subject -

"JUMBLE SALES - MY ADDICTION"

VISITORS are WELCOME to join us AT 2.30PM. For 50p, they are assured of an amusing talk, a refreshing cuppa and a VERY WARM WELCOME. Do come along and enjoy the afternoon with us.



SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

All members enjoyed the talk and demonstration of Flower Arranging by Mrs. Lewis of Kineton at our May meeting. The next regular meeting will not be until the 11th of September (the second Wednesday, as usual), when Mr. Boden from Upton House will be speaking to us.

Before then however. the Annual Plant Sale will again be at Park Farm House (Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baseby), from 10.00 a.m. 'til noon on Saturday the 8th of June. There will be bargains there for everyone.

Our "Day Out" this year will be to the Wedgewood factory and then on to Bridgemere Nurseries. Cost of travel and admissions will be about £10.00 or even less to senior citizens! Bookings please, both for members and non-members, to Sheila Baseby on 780544. Lunch can be taken as a picnic or purchased at Bridgemere as you wish.

Schedules for the Annual Show in the marquee at the Village Hall on Saturday August the 17th., have now been distributed to all homes in the villages. Extra copies are available at the Surgery or the Village Shop. Show entries are free to members so it might even be worthwhile to join the Society if only just for that!!!



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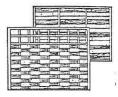
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BBONT Garden Party - Sunday 23 June (Berks, Bucks & Oxon Naturalists' Trust)

Garden Party, in aid of BBONT funds, at Swalcliffe Lea on 23 June from 2pm. The gardens extend over 7 acres and include lawns, flower & vegetable beds, herb garden, pools and wildlife area.

Cream teas will be available and there will be stalls for the sale of plants, cakes & bric-a-brac. Admission £1 for adults, children free. All are welcome.

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Cherwell Country Walk - Tuesday 25 June starting at 7pm from Woodway Farm, Sibford Ferris (½ mile down Woodway Road). Everyone welcome to join in.

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NEWS from SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA GROUP

On behalf of the Playarea Group, I would like to thank Jo Matthews & Anna Long for organising the Jumble Sale in May and raising over £150 for our funds. Our thanks also go to the many villagers who donated bric-a-brac, clothes, cakes, etc and also to all who came along to support the event.

Sibford Ferris Parish Council has kindly assisted the Playarea Group with a grant of £100. This support is greatly appreciated — without such assistance we would be struggling to find the annual insurance premium for the playarea.

The playarea is open to all villagers, so please use it! We have recently filled the sandpit and plan to install two more sandplay items and also a roundabout.

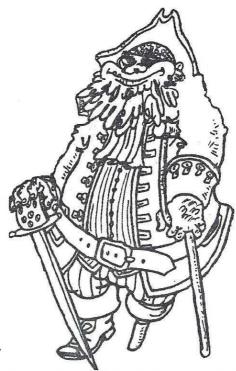
If you could volunteer a little time to cut the grass, trim the hedge, or generally tidy-up, please feel free to do so. Many thanks.

Bernie Jones, Chairman/Secretary, SFPG.

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Young Scene



Well, landlubbers, would you make a bad pirate? (The worse the better!). Write TRUE or FALSE for each of the following sentences and then check your answers. Add up your score to see how bad a pirate you are.

10 out of 10 - a very wicked pirate.

6 - 9 - a rotten rascal. 3 - 6 - a skinny sailor.

under 3 - a lily-livered landlubber.

- 1) All pirates were men.
- 2) Pirate crews shared their loot.
- 3) Pieces of eight were gold coins.
- 4) Pirates were punished by being left on desert islands.
- 5) Pirates only stole gold, silver and precious stones.
- 6) Pirates flew a yellow flag called a Yellow Jack when they had disease on board.
- 7) When a pirate said,"Tell it to the parrot", it meant, "Tell everyone."
- 8) Booty was the name for a pirate's shoe.
- 9) Pirates made their victims walk the plank.
- 10) A cat o' nine tails was a whip used for punishing sailors.

Answers: 1) False. 2) True. 3) False. They were silver coins. 4) True. 5) False. They stole almost anything. 6) True. 7) True. 8) False. Booty was the name for stolen goods. 9) False. This was invented by storytellers. 10) True.

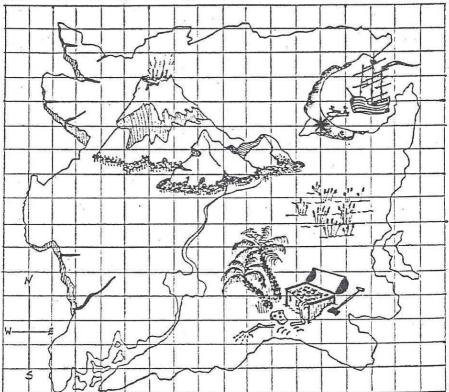
I hope there are not too many lily-livered landlubbers out there!

Treasure Hunt.

Two pirates called Black Jake and Big Jim are searching for treasure. Can you see them on the map, rowing towards the beach? Start from the spot on the beach which is marked with a cross and find out which pirate discovers the hoard. Follow the directions given for each pirate, remembering that 2S means two squares to the South, 1N means one square to the North, etc.

Black Jake - 2S 1W 1S 6W 1N 1E





Well, me hearties, it is time to close. Don't forget to colour in the picture of a pirate and the treasure map, and why not try to draw your own.

I'll leave you with two sea-faring jokes.

What is a mermaid? A deep she-fish.

Where do you get most fish? Between the head and the tail.

LEO CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the LEO Club will be on Tuesday 18 June at 8pm at 3 Sycamore Close, Sibford Gower, the home of Jean Puddle. Members will participate in a series of debates on a variety of topics, drawn at random from those proposed by members on the night. Should be an interesting evening. MH

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t Sheila Anne Hughes t

Clem Hughes of 6 Barley Close, Sibford Gower and his family would like to thank all the residents of Barley Close for their support and kind condolences following their recent bereavement.

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SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

(Held Mon/Wed/Friday mornings 9-12 for children aged 2-5) Sibford Playgroup is a Registered Charity (No. 1026753)

With the promise of good weather this Summer, we are busy organizing events, so please make a note of these dates in your diaries.

The Summer Outing this year will be on Monday 1 July at Cotswold Wildlife Park and our Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 17 July during Playgroup session. All Playgroup children & their parents are invited to attend both events.

It is also hoped to hold a family Bar-B-Q later in July, so please watch for further details.

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

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We have just arrived home from a trip to the Rare Breeds Park at Guiting Power - everyone appeared to enjoy themselves in spite of a couple of storms, one accompanied by a few flashes of lightning and some thunder.

Our next outing is on Tuesday 18 June, when we shall be going to Moreton Market (NOT Hatton Craft Village). The coach leaves the Gower at 1.00pm and Cotswold Close at the Ferris about 1.30pm.

We are also going to the Norfolk Lavender Fields on Tuesday 9 July.

Seats are still available on both of these outings - details from Mrs Boughton on 263460.

Mrs Puddle has kindly invited us to her home for afternoon tea on Tuesday 25 June at 2.30pm and a Garden Party has been arranged at the home of Mrs Tanner on Tuesday 16 July where there will be a Bring & Buy Stall.

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VILLAGE SKIP TWICE A MONTH in the SUMMER

The rubbish skip will be in the Gower twice monthly from June to October - see page 24. Please remember to put rubbish IN the skip, NOT alongside it.

Thank You

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After a most enjoyable evening with members of the Cropredy Historical Society we now have two visits to look forward to this month, both outside Sibford.

We are visiting the Oxfordshire Museum's store and resource centre at Standlake near Witney on Thursday 6 June. We shall enjoy a conducted tour to see the restoration work in progress and their collection of costumes. We shall meet and leave Sibford Village Hall car park by 6.30pm

to arrive at Standlake for 7.30pm taking as few vehicles as possible.

On Monday 17 June we are invited to visit Adderbury and to enjoy a walk through the village with members of their History Group. This is to start at 7.15pm from Adderbury Church so please meet at the Village Hall at 6.45pm prompt or meet us in Adderbury. We will be entertained to supper after our auided tour.

For both these events numbers are required so members are asked to confirm as soon as possible if they would like to come. Please telephone Barbara (780635) or Maureen (780259).



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On Saturday, the 13 April 1996, St Michael's Church, Whichford, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire played host to an invited audience to celebrate the life and times of Ernest Jones.

Locally, he enjoyed a warm relationship as President of the Hook Norton and District Silver Band, with many brass players, and his generosity and understanding in promoting popular music and promising young musicians was widely appreciated.

Ernest's death in October 1995 was sad blow to all those that knew him, so the concert was a fitting and outstanding tribute to his memory. His band, under the direction of Warren Belshaw, rose to the occasion and played a range of light and entertaining items, which would have pleased their mentor looking down from above. Joining the presentation were two outstanding soloists whilst the same day it was Brass Without Strings at the Barbican, it was BRASS WITH STRINGS at Whichford.

LIZ VARLOW, viola with the London Symphony Orchestra and the outstanding female student at the Royal College of Music in 1989 enchanted the audience with pieces by Rachmaninoff and Bartok.

ALAN MORRISON was the second soloist for the evening. Despite a schedule that week, including travelling overnight from Glasgow, Alan was determined to appear having struck a wonderful rapport with Ernest on the occasion of the Bandcare Concert, and to those present, his rendition of Frank Sinatra's, "My Way" in partnership with the Band to conclude the concert will long be remembered as a fitting tribute to the most genial of men.

In recognition of Ernest's interests, it was agreed that proceeds from the concert be used to establish a Scholarship to offer a young musician, the opportunity to attend The Summer Music School at Oxford Brookes University. Such was the success of the occasion, that it has now become possible to offer no less than 3 scholarships in 1996, where young people between the ages 11- 18 inclusive can receive and enjoy expert tuition from well known instrumentalists, under the direction of Roy Newsome, a good friend of Ernest.

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Like Father - Like Son! Part 2

Sunday, the 21st April dawned bright, and an early start for Jonathan Bennett, as he joined thousands of others as they made their way to the starting line for the 1996 Flora London Marathon - indeed he was one of 12,000 making their debut.

A mass of colour, range of costumes, and committed individuals faced the starter and at 9.30 am Jonathan was under way, representing the charity Workable with significant investment resting on his legs, as well as shoulders. Cheered on by friends from Bath University, as well as parents, Jonathan was spotted on Tower Bridge, in the Docklands and finally at the Finish on the Mall!! In conditions, that would be considered less than favourable, with unseasonal hot temperatures, Jonathan effort was to give him 3393 place in a time of 3H 25M 07S, shattering his ageing father's best time by over 15 minutes.

Jonathan would like to thank all those from **Sibford** and surrounding districts for their generous support to his efforts, and hopes that in 1997 he can gain a place, and improve upon his debut time.



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TREASURE ISLAND IN BURDROP

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH GARDEN PARTY SATURDAY 8th JUNE 1996 AT 2.30 PM

The Garden Party will this year be held at Barn Close, Burdrop at the kind invitation of Colin and Tina Frith.

The theme will be "Treasure Island" and it is hoped that Long John Silver himself will be there together with his parrot.

There will be stalls for the sale of Grog, Grub, Charts (and a few books), Palm Trees (and more conventional garden plants) and a Treasure Chest with exciting prizes. There will be a Treasure Hunt for young people and many other games and competitions suitable for South Sea islands and elsewhere.

Children of all ages are invited to compete for prizes in an Art Exhibition depicting all aspects of Treasure Island. Please bring your exhibit with you; it will be judged by Monty and Rosalind Pearlman.

Gifts of any sort would be appreciated for the many stalls.

Free entry for all dressed in pirate or parrot rig. 2.30 on the dot, me harties, and don't be late or the black spot may be in evidence.

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GARDEN OPEN FOR HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ON SUNDAY 7th JULY 1996 AT 2.30 PM

The beautiful garden of Roger and Val Powell at 6 The Colony, Sibford Gower, will be open to the public for the benefit of Holy Trinity Church, Sibford on Sunday 7th July at 2.30 pm. Afternoon tea will be available and there will be a stall for Good Food and a raffle.

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** SIBFORD BUS TIMETABLES **

As requested by the Ferris PC, the timetables for the commercial buses are published again on page 22.

PLEASE NOTE that these are taken from the WINTER 95/96 issue of the *Travel Times* booklet, so there may have been minor changes for the Summer - the County Council have not issued a Summer 96 version.

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sunday at 10.30 a	im
Methodist	Sunday at 11.00 a	ım
Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 11.00 a	im
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Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 a	ım

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

2	June	10.00am	Trinity Sunday - Benefice Eucharist
			Sibford Patronal Festival
9	June	10.00am	Family Service
16	11	10.00am	Holy Communion
23	11	8.00am	Holy Communion
30	11	10.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism
7	July	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton

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A CONCERT in TADMARTON MANOR THATCHED BARN Monday 1 July 7.30pm

Midsummer Music by the Warwickshire Singers in aid of Tadmarton Church

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1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES BUS SERVICE Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop

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We	dnesday 5 & 19 Jun	e to Chip		. 00am	1.00pm	
Fr	iday 14 & 28 Jun	e to Banb	ury 10.	. 00am	12.00no	
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		High M	eadow	Crossi		
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2.	MIDLAND RED. 480	Sibford -	Ranbury			
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	Sibford Ferris School		8, 22	5, 18	10	
	Banbury Cross	7, 55	8.45	4.58		
	Banbury Bus Station		m 8.50am		6.05pm	
3.	JEFFS COACHES. 480	Sibford -	Ranhury			
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	Sibford Ferris School			11, 42		14.47
	Banbury Cross			11, 17		
	Banbury Bus Station			11.15am		
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	Sibford Gower	9.55a		1.55pm		
	Sibford Ferris	9.57		1, 53	V.	
	Bloxham	10.35		1, 15		
	Banbury	10.50a	n	1.00pm		
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Banbury 09.17am 2.30pm Sibford Ferris 09.44 2.10 # All return times Sibford Gower 09,46 2.08 are one hour later Shipston 10.00 1.54 during Stratford 1.30 10.25 School Holidays Coventry 10,55am 1.00pm (read up)

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1996		Event	Where	Contact
month	date day			
			Warren David	Tona 1 200 (700 212)
July	1 Mon	Concert was a zone man	Manor Barn Tadmarton	Jane Asser (780212)
*	* *	Tickets f6 (incl refreshments & wine)	Taumarton	
*	* *	in aid of church	C The Calent	
July		Open Garden of Mr & Mrs Powell in aid	6 The Colony	Name Nach (200225)
*	* *	of Holy Trinity Church	Sibford Gower	Norman Nash (780275)
July	13 Sat	Craft fair & Teas for Katharine House	0 1 1'00	0.11 : H.LL. (500110)
*	* *	Barn Court, Park Lane		Catherine Hutton (788140)
July	20 Sat	Dressage and Fete 2.00pm Parkfield		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)	ASSESSMENT AND DARK	Vera Jones (780222)
July	21 Sun	Sports Day Sibford	Village Hall	David Baker (780676)
Aug	15 Thur	Sibfords Soc Circular Walk for CDC 7 pm	Bishop Blaize	Maureen Hicks (780259)
Aug	17 Sat	Sibford Horti Annual Flower Show	Village Hall	Ellen Warwicker (788400)
Sept		Car Boot Sale 10.30 am Sibford	Village Hall	Bernard Phillips (780634)
Sept	18 Wed	Sibfords Soc "Secret marriage of George IV	Swalcliffe Hall8pm	Maureen Hicks (780259)
Sept		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)
0ct		Epwell Harvest Supper 7 pm	Village Hall	R Kinchin Smith (780601)
Oct	17 Thur	Sibfords Soc talk "Knights Templar" 7.30pm		Maureen Hicks (780259)
Oct	23 Wed	Coffee: Guide Dogs for the Blind 10.00 am		Chris Ross (780421)
Oct	Fri,Sat,Sun	Cottage Crafts for Christmas, Sale in aid	Malcolm's Cottage	Peter & Margaret Whittle
	25 26 27	of Katharine House	Tadmarton	(780453)
Nov	9 Sat	Epwell Grand Draw & Social Event	Village Hall	R Kinchin Snith (780601)
Nov	16 Sat	Sibford Church Bazaar 2.30 pm	Village Hall	Erica Wimbush (780555)
Nov	20 Wed	Sibfords Soc speaker from Westgate centre		Maureen Hicks (780259)
Dec	7 Sat	Sibford Methodist Church coffee/sale 10.00	Methodist Church	Kathleen Winter (780461)
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Jan	10 Fri	OTTC "Once upon a time"		Anne Pritchard (780793)
Jan	16 Thu	Sibfords Soc Social Evening	Sib Village Hall	Maureen Hicks (780259)
Mch	20 Thur	Sibfords Soc AGM	Mission Hall	Maureen Hicks (780259)
Mch	21 Fri	OTTC "Mrs Beeton's History of the World"	Shutford Vill Hall	Anne Pritchard (780793)

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CALENDAR for June
                                           1996
               Car Boot Sale, Sibford Village Hall, 10.30am
Saturday
          1st
               Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday
          1st
               Methodist Chapel Anniversary Rally - see p 1
Tuesday
          4th
          5th Sibford School Open Morning - see p 15
Wednesday
          6th Sibfords Society meeting - Resource Centre - p 17
Thursday
Friday
          7th Summer Barn Dance - Mill Barn - see p 16
Saturday
          8th Horti Society Plant Sale - see p 9
          8th Sibford Church Garden Party - see pp 1 & 20
Saturday
          9th Epwell Fete & Songs of Praise
Sunday
Tuesday
          11th W. I. Open Meeting - see p 8
Wednesday 12th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
          15th Skip in the Gower - Acre Ditch - see p 16
Saturday
          15th Sibford School, Summer Concert - see insert
Saturday
          16th Open Gardens in Gower - see p 4
Sunday
Monday
          17th Sibfords Society - Adderbury Walk/Supper - see p 17
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          18th Friendship Club Outing to Moreton Market - see p 16
          18th LEO Club Meeting - see p 14
Tuesday
          18th * DEADLINE for SIBFORD SCENE CONTRIBUTIONS *
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Wednesday 19th Open Gardens in Gower - see p 4
          23rd BBONT Garden Party - Swalcliffe Lea - see p 11
Sunday
          23rd Charity Show - Horses etc - see p 5
Sunday
Tuesday
          25th
               BBONT Country Walk - Woodway Farm - see p 11
          25th Friendship Club - afternoon tea - see p 16
Tuesday
Wednesday 26th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
          27th Horti Day Out - Wedgwood factory & Bridgemere - see p 9
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          28th Sibford School Open Morning - see p 15
Friday
         29th Skip in the Gower - Pound Lane - see p 16
Saturday
Sunday
          30th
               Open Gardens in Ferris - see pp 4 & 16
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          1st Warwickshire Singers at Tadmarton Manor - see p 21
Monday
Saturday
          6th Scouts Paper Collection
          7th Open Garden in Colony for Church (Mr/s Powell) - see p 20
Sunday
          9th Coach Tour, Norfolk Lavender Fields - see p 16
Tuesday
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