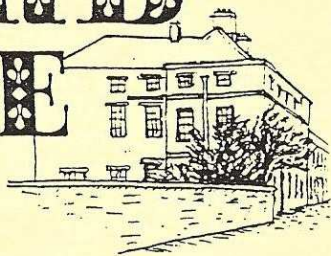


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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1996

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DIARIST

On 31st December 1996 I shall be retiring as the Diarist for Village Events for the Villages of Sibford Gower, Sibford Ferris, Epwell, Tadmarton and Swalcliffe and more recently in addition for Broughton, North Newington and Shutford.

I hope that since 1992, when I started my version (I think I was not the first to attempt this) the Local Diary of Villages Events has been helpful to readers and to the various organisations who use it.

I hope, perhaps even more, that someone will emerge who will be prepared to take on the job. It is not too arduous and although a computer is helpful, it is not essential. Please do telephone me if you think you would like to continue after I retire.

Nornan Nash

Nature Notes.



June. 27th. Early this morning a fox was chasing squirrels on our lawn but they were too quick for him.

June. 28th. I went to see a dead hedgehog on a neighbours lawn and found that it was the skin of a freshly killed one which had had all the flesh eaten out of it. I have little doubt that this was the work of a badger.

July. 12th. Today we found a colony of chimney sweeper moths in a damp part of Blindwell Hades. They are sooty black moths with silvery tips to their wings and flying by day could easily be taken for small butterflies.

July. 14th. Visited Burnwood with the Bloxham Watch Group to look at the plentiful insect life. One of the children found an emperor moth caterpillar and we saw several white admiral butterflies but were not lucky enough to see a purple emperor. In the adjoining B.B.O.N.T. meadow reserve where the grass is dwarfed by masses of the semi-parasitic yellow rattle the greater knapweed was blooming in profusion and in a damp corner we found some creeping jenny. There were lots of marbled white, ringlet, essex skipper and small skipper butterflies and thousands of grasshoppers and crickets.

July. 16th. The hard pressed badgers have been taking carrots from several gardens in the village. It was our turn to lose some last night when they took about a third of the row. We saw more larks than we have seen for a long time and heard a quail calling near Stourswell this evening.

July. 22nd. I have been shown another hedgehog which had been eaten in the same manner leaving only the skin. Having seen two I wonder how many have suffered the same fate during this dry spell.

August. 7th. Heard another quail. This time within our parish boundary and have been told of one or two more.

August 18th. This is turning out to be an outstanding year for butterflies. There were four brimstones round our everlasting pea this morning and the white escallonia is attracting large numbers of peacocks. I was particularly pleased to see two marbled whites on our area of rough grass recently. I noticed one evening that most if not all of the small

skippers that occupy that area had collected for the night on about a square yard of grass suggesting a communal roost. Painted ladies are here in force as are the daytime flying silver y moths that seldom stop fluttering for long enough to show their y marks. I thought the muntjacs had left us but am told that one was seen recently with a fawn close by.

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SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA GROUP

Firstly, we are sorry the swings have been out of action for so long. We have a new top beam but have not found time to fix it. Also, we have some second-hand play equipment to put up - a roundabout which needs a few wooden panels replaced, a springy rocker thing for the younger ones and two sit-on sand excavators plus safety matting.

We will need a lot of help repositioning some existing equipment and putting up the new. If you could help to get this play equipment installed please contact Bernie Jones (780343) or Joanna Gilkes (788190).

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The Group would like to say a big *THANK YOU* to 'Herbie' Bryan, who organised a Treasure Hunt by car on 7 July, which raised £25 for the Group's funds. Congratulations to Herbie for working the clues out so cleverly - we look forward to the next one!

Bernie Jones (Chairman/Secretary)

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LEO CLUB - Ladies Evening Out

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New members are always welcome to come along - it's a good way to get to know some of your fellow-villagers at our informal meetings. For more information contact Vivienne on 788320. MH

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB - CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 19 October 10am - 1pm Village Hall

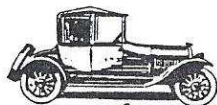
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LETTER from the EDITOR

Dear Readers

As announced on the front page, our Diarist will be retiring from that post at the end of the year. Also, the Editor, for the last two and a half years, of the *Young Scene* has had to give up for family reasons. I would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in taking over either of these jobs.

Coincidentally, at the end of July I agreed to be persuaded to reduce the time I spend in producing the *Sibford Scene*. Hence the decision not to produce a separate *Scene* for October. There *will* be a separate issue for November but after that the *Scene* will be published bi-monthly, unless someone comes forward with a practical alternative proposal.

I look forward to receiving a flood of proposals.

Ray Henbrey, Editor.

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HOME REQUIRED for FRIENDLY SPRINGER SPANIEL

A good home is sought for a healthy 14 year old pedigree Springer Spaniel spayed bitch. She is very friendly and needs much affection. No fee required except a donation to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Contact present owner for further details.

Mrs Walsh (01608-737933)

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** VILLAGE HALL QUIZ **

Saturday 26 October 7.15pm

Teams of up to six people to be entered
by SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER.

Enquiries &/or Entries to:

Muriel Chandler	780025
Joanna Gilkes	788190
Adrian Lamb	780380

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A CENTURY OF FASHION - PART II

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October the 12th is the chosen date.

If you missed it last time - *then don't be late!*

Many of those who were lucky enough to be in Sibford Village Hall on the evening of 23 March for the first presentation of this most entertaining of shows, will undoubtedly not want to miss the second edition, in which the 100 or more outfits modelled by around 20 ladies & teenagers will include some dresses not seen last time.

For those who were unlucky enough to miss the first edition, the clothes modelled on the catwalk come from the large collections of Susan Heath & Jane Holliday, augmented by items from other villagers. We hope to include, as last time, several stunning evening dresses that had belonged to the late Dorothea Allen, the Sutton-under-Brailes millionairess.

The show will take place on 12 October at a school hall in Shipston. Final details will be published on village notice boards in a few weeks - or contact Sibford Surgery (780213).

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TWO MORE DONATIONS to SIBFORD SCENE FUNDS

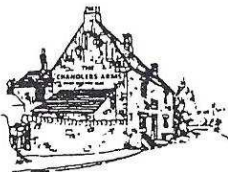
This month's *THANK YOU's* go to Sibford Village Hall and Holy Trinity Church, for their very useful donations to our funds. The continued support of our local organisations is greatly appreciated.

The Editor

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The activities of the Society are, in the main, organised by a committee of eight, assisted by the President. Of the eight, four have expressed a wish that they should not be re-nominated at the Annual General Meeting on October 9th. Though the arrangements for the November and December meetings of the Society have been made and will stand, next year's events have yet to be organised. That will be for the new Committee, yet to be elected in October, to arrange. It is manifestly impossible for the remaining four members to undertake all the duties necessary and unless some new Committee members are found, it is even possible that next year's Annual Show could be in jeopardy.

This then, is an appeal to all living in the three villages to volunteer (or be volunteered), to join the Committee to help to secure nothing less than the continuance of the Society. The job is not onerous because it is shared by all. The number of meetings is usually no more than half a dozen a year. Please ring 780601 if you would be prepared to help.

Once again the Annual Show was a great success and the thanks of all must go to Dr. Susan Heath, the Show Secretary, for the work that she has put into making it so. Many, many cash prizes were won but the Cup and Trophy winners were :-

R.H.S. Banksian Medal	(Garden Produce)	D. England
Committee Cup	(Most points in Show)	Gil Soden
Sibford Rose Bowl	(Fruit & Vegetables)	D. England
Albert Spicer Trophy	(Fruit & vegetables)	N. Giles
Society Cup	(Fruit & vegetables)	Maureen Hicks
Mrs F. Padbury Cup	(Plants & Flowers)	Carole Dean
Dr. H. Taylor Cup	(Plants & Flowers)	Miriam Henbrey
Mrs F. Padbury Bowl	(Flower arranging)	Jennifer Barton
Ted Webb Trophy	(Cookery)	Petra Berry
Village Cup	(Handicrafts)	Martin Layer
John Sabin Cup	(Amateur Painting)	Harriet Boyce
Banbury Marquee Trophy	(12-16 year olds)	Tim Newbold
Junior Cup	(9-11 year olds)	Rhianan Horsley
Keith Hicks Cup	(5-8 year olds)	Jessica Friend
S.J.Sabin Cup	(Under 5 year olds)	George Berks

Please don't forget the remaining four meetings in this calendar year. On September 11th, Mr Boden from Upton House will be talking to us, whilst following the A.G.M. on October 9th, Mr Crowther from Cherwell District Council will tell us all about "Cherwell in Bloom". Then on November 13th we shall again welcome Mr Hirons whilst Roger Powell will provide our Christmas entertainment on December 11th. Do please put these dates in your diary.

D.W.E.

W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

The July Garden Meeting commenced indoors, in charming old-world Maria's House. Sadly we learned of the passing of Mrs Hassle, a more recent but very respected and valuable member. After tying up a few loose ends, we partook of delicious refreshments before enjoying the delights of the garden, the result of Loves Labours not Lost by our kindly hostess - *Thank You Mary.*

In August we visited Stratford Theatre where we were treated to a conducted tour 'behind the scenes' and visited the display of Shakespearean characters' costumes before proceeding to Wellesbourne Water Mill. Here thirst & hunger were quenched in the ancient barn - a satisfying end to another pleasant outing.

** Events in September **

10 Sept - We look forward to hearing of the unusual employment of Muriel Chandler. Visitors always welcome.

19 Sept - Coffee Morning for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf at Burdrop Barn House - see below.

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SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

(Held Mon/Wed/Fri mornings, 0900-1200)

After a relaxing summer break the Playgroup Staff are eagerly looking forward to the start of the new term on 9 September 1996.

The Playgroup offers a variety of activities suitable for all pre-school children and if anyone would like more information then please contact Julie Bruggenwirth, Tel: 01295 788231.

Please note that the AGM will be held at 2000 on 23 September 1996 in Sibford Village Hall. Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies on the Playgroup Committee, and anyone interested should contact Julie Bruggenwirth.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We have been very active during the last two months. First we must thank Mrs Puddle for the lovely tea in late June; second we must thank Mrs Tanner for her Garden Party in July where £70 was raised towards Club funds; last, but not least, we must thank Mrs Jones for the invitation to her Garden Party in August. All three events were greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

We have also been to Folly Farm, Westonbirt and on a trip down the canal at Braunston. Quite an eventful two months for us 'oldies'!

* Calendar for September & October *

Tuesday 3 September - Meet in Village Hall at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 17 September - Outing to Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust. Coach leaves Gower at 9.30am. Will pick up W.I. at Village Hall at 10.15am.

Tuesday 1 October - Evening Outing leaves Gower at 5.00pm. A meal is being arranged for 7.00pm at Brailes Golf Club.

Saturday 19 October - Car Boot Sale - see page 4.

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The Friendship Club now has a wheelchair available for hire by anyone on a daily basis. If interested, please ring Mrs Boughton (263460) for details. BH

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SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Sibford Gower Parish Council will be held on Friday 20 September, starting at 8pm.

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The Best Way to a Man's Heart is Through His Elbow

First, I wish to thank all those kind people who, after my heart attack at the end of June, sent cards or visited me in the Horton or, later on, chauffeured Miriam to visit me at the John Radcliffe.

Luckily, bypass surgery was not required since, in my case, the partial blockage, in an artery wrapped around the front of the heart, could be cleared by 'angioplasty', a procedure that, to me, is a miracle of medical engineering.

With just a local anesthetic, the surgeon inserts a catheter into an artery at the elbow and then guides it up the arm, across the chest & into the heart, where an 'injected dye & x-ray' process is used to find precisely where, amongst the many arteries round the heart, the blockage is. Then a balloon catheter is sent up the artery to the blockage, where the balloon is then inflated, compressing the fatty blockage against the artery wall, thus improving the flow of blood through that artery when the balloon is removed.

But the next step is the *real* miracle of engineering. Another balloon catheter is sent up the artery to the site of the obstruction, this one having a flexible inch-long slotted stainless steel tube (a stent) over the balloon. When this balloon is inflated the stent expands from 1mm to about 3½mm diameter, to lock rigidly against the artery wall, becoming a permanent implant that ensures that the artery remains fully open after the balloon is removed.

The whole operation will remain as one of the most memorable two-hour periods of my life. I was fully conscious throughout - enabling me to talk with the surgeon during the operation. I could also hear the conversations between the surgeon, his assistant doctor & the other five medics (nurses & technicians) in the operating team and also watch what was going on **inside my heart** on a black-&-white 'television' monitor.

Later, the surgeon explained that much of the equipment and procedures had just been updated, so that the whole team was, in fact, 'in training'. The x-ray equipment, 1996 vintage, transfers, onto one CD, a complete visual digital record of the operation performed inside the heart; this CD is then filed in the patient's hospital records.

There was very little pain during the operation; on the other hand, on several occasions when the dye was being injected through the catheter into the heart, a delightfully warm flush permeated throughout the whole body for several seconds - a truly unforgettable sensation.

After checking that the implant was doing its job, the surgeon withdrew the catheters, guidewires, etc back through the opening in the artery at the elbow, stitched up the artery, put it back in place and, finally, put 3 stitches in the inch-long cut at the elbow.

I wonder why I was quite happy to watch, on the screen, what was going on in my heart, but could not bring myself to watch, live, the final stitching up at my elbow? *Ray Henbrey*

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 26th June when the usual matters were dealt with. We were sad to learn that the Tuesday bus to Stratford and Coventry has been withdrawn due to Oxfordshire County Council ceasing to subsidise it. We are in contact with the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and also with the Banburyshire Community Transport Association in the hope that one or other of them may be able to help find a substitute.

The school have presented their plans for traffic calming in the village. These are required by the Department of Education to safeguard children crossing the road between the Manor and the Hill buildings. The suggestions are slow signs painted on the road and warning road signs at various positions. All in all, the Parish Council thought they were much less obtrusive than they might have been and were relieved that we are not going to have speed humps! We hope that they will be successful in slowing down traffic and safeguarding all our children in the village.

The R.A.F. base at Upper Heyford have donated some exciting sounding play equipment to go into the play area. At the moment we are looking at the possibility of extending the play area to accommodate it.

We have received information about the District Council Dial-A-Ride Scheme. This is a minibus with a tail-lift which will take elderly or disabled people to Banbury for a maximum fare of £1.00 per journey. It is a door to door service which needs to be booked the day before (for a journey on Monday you will need to book on the Friday). It is available 5 days a week, Mondays to Fridays, and you can take an escort. The telephone number for further information or to book a journey is 01295 263777.

In the last Sibford Scene there was information about dog fouling and the Parish Council felt it was important to add that the diseases picked up from dog faeces are particularly dangerous to children, and both schools in the Sibfords have footpaths going across them. We do ask dog owners to be particularly responsible on school property.

On 5th August the Parish Council met again, this time in foreign parts as they crossed the sib to meet at the home of the Clerk who was unable to ascend Mannings Hill to reach the normal venue. They did however, take the public with them and she spent a far more comfortable evening than usual in a reclining chair!

Despite the unusual surroundings we were as business like as usual. The Clerk has been asked to write to the Health Enquiry to support the continuance of the Horton Hospital, to

the County Fire officer to thank them for being so prompt at putting out the fire in Woodway Road that same afternoon and the M.E.B. to complain about the frequent power cuts of late.

A final decision has been made about the footway lighting and the County Council will adopt it shortly. We will have to pay a fairly large sum to bring the present lights up to standard but after that the County Council will be responsible for all costs. In due course this will reduce the precept for us which will lower the Council Tax a little for everyone.

There is an opportunity for parishioners have their houses tested for Radon gas. If you have not already received information about this, you should ring the District Council on 252535.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be back in our usual venue of the Library of the Friends School at 8.00pm on Monday 16th September 1996. As always, all parishioners are welcome,

Judith Weeks (788393)

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WELCOME to SIBFORD - ALL NEWCOMERS

If you are a new resident of Sibford and have not yet received a copy of the 'Welcome to Sibford' leaflet, please telephone **Barry Davies** on 780291 (if you live in Gower or Burdrop) or **Mary Mills** on 780248 (Ferris) and a copy will be delivered to you. The information will help to make you feel at home - by acquainting you with the services, schools, churches, clubs and societies that are currently active in the villages.

This month we say '*Welcome*' to **Mark, Sarah & Emily Darvill**, who, in early July, moved from Bletchington, near Oxford, into *The Old House* in Sibford Ferris.

Sarah manages a sales team at Research Machines and Mark is the principal network consultant for Memorex Telex. Emily is 14 months old and is enjoying the countryside, especially the horses. They also have two black cats (Jack & Jake) - adding to the Sibford cat population.

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**W I Coffee Morning - Thursday 19 September - in aid of
'HEARING DOGS for the DEAF'
at Burdrop House Barn - Rosalind & Monty Pearlman.**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - POPPY APPEAL 1996

To my little band of fellow collectors - now is the time to polish up your walking boots! House-to-house collection will be from 28 October to 10 November - please let me know well in advance if you cannot help this year. Any new collectors will be most welcome.

*John Mulley, The Old Post Office, Sib Gower (780629)
Hon Organiser, Sibfords*

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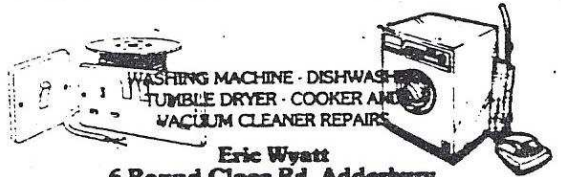
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If you fancy a fun day out, signing in at as many churches and chapels as you can manage between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., you could be clocking up a tidy sum both for your church and for the Trust, which exists to help preserve the ecclesiastical heritage of Oxfordshire of all denominations.

The money you raise will be split 50/50 between the church of your choice and the county Trust. Last year the Trust paid out £36,000 from the Bicycle Ride to individual churches for general use and gave grants to help with major repairs to the tune of £60,000

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COMPLEMENT THE PAGEANT WITH AN HISTORICAL PANEL/S

I have had a positive response from some of the village organisations and plan to go ahead with a meeting mid September. I hope to involve as many people as possible, enthusiasm and interest are the only requirements. If anyone is interested independently please contact me tel.780629. It would be helpful if organisations who have not yet contacted me do so soon.

Mollie Mulley.

"Local Colour" The Mill, Banbury. 3rd. August - 22nd. September.

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FERRIS GARDENS OPEN UNDER NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

When the Ferris gardens opened in June we were fortunate to have a better day than forecast. There were over 250 visitors and we were able to send £513.55 to the National Garden Scheme, including a percentage of the takings from 2 plant stalls, the teas (which the Primary School PTA once more ran very efficiently) and a stall selling pots.

We should like to thank Sibford Friends Meeting for the loan of trestle tables & chairs and the Friends School for allowing the Piece to be used for parking; also thanks to the many villagers who came round the gardens.

The Chipping Norton Police gave us the best service we have had by supplying cones on time, putting them out and collecting them. Thank you to them.

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GOWER GARDENS OPEN UNDER NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

Lovely weather in both June & July attracted over 450 visitors to Gower gardens at Handywater Farm, Meadow Cottage, Temple Close, Manor House and Carters Yard. Based on the many expressions of appreciation received, much enjoyment was given to allcomers.

A total of £1029 was raised for MacMillan Nurses, other nursing and gardening charities and the National Trust gardens fund.

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SIBFORD TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Banbury & District Table Tennis League will be starting its season towards the end of September. Sibford usually has 4 or 5 teams, each of 3 players, in the League and the Club is always pleased to hear from interested players.

Contact our secretary, Ina Lamb (780357), or speak to George, your friendly milkman, who is a long-standing member of the Club.

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A MESSAGE from ERIC and MABEL

We would like to thank everyone for their lovely gifts & cards on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary, especially Canon Wimbush, the PCC and parishioners of Holy Trinity Church, for the beautiful painting of the Church. You all truly enriched our day. *THANK YOU* for giving us a lasting memory with your kindness and generosity.

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THANK YOU SIBFORD

Most of us, usually in later life, have periods of reflection on our younger days. I experienced such a period recently whilst on holiday in the Dordogne region of southern France. Travelling via 'Le Shuttle' we experienced the long boring toll autoways to Paris and southwards over flat countryside until we came some 13 hours later to our destination.

Our first night seemed eternally long and dark - until we realized that Sunday morning was nearly over inside a three foot thick walled house, windowed and shuttered externally!

The outside world from our house was brilliantly lit by a high sun shining on the lush green beautiful countryside. I was soon to witness the fields and trees covering the hills and valleys with twinkling streams running under bridges. A sight so reminiscent of my childhood Sibford in the late spring, when my parents' teachings on countryside beauty were so important.

The people of the area were extremely friendly, but only spoke French. The ease with which they babbled to each other, often excitingly, was fascinating, but at 6.30am going to their work fields we sometimes objected to.

Eventually we made verbal contact through the invaluable services of our daughter-in-law's 'O' level work, but as the week progressed my brain dug up the learnings from 50 years back, at Sibford School, where I received two years appreciation of the language. I found that by mixing these basics with my memory of children's play miming, it gave a brand new meaning to 'mixing with the natives', as well as live entertainment to my wife and son - *thank you* Sibford School.

Although on holiday, our son's computer systems consultancy demanded he maintained contact with the UK. The ease with which he was able to contact and speak to companies, made me reflect on the technologies involved and the gratitude I owed to the late Louie Mac Winter of 'Cels Bield', Sibford Gower.

This kind friendly lady had had the contacts and the motivation to cast my life in both education and communications. As the most important person outside of my family, I shall be eternally grateful to her for all her assistance.

Peter Stowe
Sibford 1932-1957

The Sibfords Society

Once again we were fortunate to have a beautiful summer evening to share our circular walk with members and visitors as part of the Summer Countryside events programme.

We are now looking forward to our autumn programme of meetings and there are two dates for your diaries in the next couple of months. September 18, Swalcliffe Village Hall at 8pm for a talk on the Secret Marriage of George IV - this promises to be an interesting revelation with local connections! Thursday, October 17 at the Mission Hall at 7pm John Sermon, who has traced his family history to the Sibfords in the 12th and 13th centuries and who is an expert on the medieval period, is coming to talk to the society on the Knights Templar.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted photographs to be considered for our Christmas card '96 and would like to congratulate David Moir on the selection of his very attractive snow clad view of Sibford Ferris from Little London. This will be reproduced and printed ready for sale during October and November - order early to avoid disappointment as we were oversold last year!

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

On August 6th, the Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council entertained to a buffet supper in the Primary School all those who are on the large church cleaning rota, the flower arrangers, the grass cutters, the sides-persons and the lesson readers also Mr & Mrs Barth who have respectively relettered the church notice board and been organising many Bridge Drives in aid of church funds. The senior churchwarden Mr Eric Payne, in a short speech of thanks, commented that if everyone who donated to the church or helped with stalls at the Garden Party and Christmas Bazaar were there too, most of the village would have been present. As it was, 99 people were invited and there were 70 present, which made quite a tight squeeze. James Wimbush had volunteered to organise the food which was magnificently carried out, and thanks are due to him and also to his parents.

On August 10th there were many villagers present in church to take part with friends and family in a Holy Communion service to celebrate the Golden Wedding anniversary of Eric and Mabel Payne. Many congratulations to Eric and Mabel.

Villagers will be glad to see that the church notice board has been replaced. The replacement has been magnificently constructed by Ian Warden and the artistic lettering was painted by Heinz Barth. We are most grateful to them both for their generous and professional work.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE & SUPPER

The service will take place on Saturday 5 October starting at 5.30pm. Contributions of harvest produce to decorate the Church would be appreciated on Saturday morning.

After the service there will be a 'bring-&-share' supper in the Village Hall. We hope that everyone who attends will bring contributions of food & drink for the communal buffet table, to be shared by all. All villagers are invited, especially the children.

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** An Important Date for your Diary **

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR for CHURCH FUNDS Saturday 16 November - Village Hall

All the usual 'fun of the fair'. Erica Wimbush is the organiser of this annual occasion, which provides help for running the Church in Sibford. Full details later.

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
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Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

1 Sept	9.45am	Benefice Eucharist at Shutford
8 "	10.00am	Family Service
15 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
22 "	8.00am	Holy Communion
29 "	10.30am	Ordination of Keith Walklate & United Eucharist, at Banbury Church
	6.00pm	Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton
5 Oct	5.30PM	Harvest Festival Family Service in Church followed by Bring-&-Share Supper (see p 20)
6 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
13 "	10.00am	Family Service
20 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
27 "	8.00am	Holy Communion
3 Nov	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe

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Sibford Methodist Church

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on Saturday 6 July. We raised £111.38 for Katharine House Hospice.

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Wednesday	11 & 25 Sept	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	4 & 18 Oct	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	9 & 23 Oct	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

The pick-up points are:

<u>Banbury Bus</u>	<u>Chippy Bus</u>
Village Hall	Village Hall
Crossroads	High Meadow
High Meadow	Crossroads
	The Colony

2. MIDLAND RED. 480 Sibford - Banbury

Mon - Sat (M-S). Mon - Fri. College Term only (M-F)

	Outward		Return (read up)	
	M-S	M-F	M-F	M-S
Sibford Gower Crossroads	7.30am	8.20am	5.20pm	6.30pm
Sibford Ferris School	7.32	8.22	5.18	6.28
Banbury Cross	7.55	8.45	4.58	6.08
Banbury Bus Station	8.00am	8.50am	4.55pm	6.05pm

3. JEFFS COACHES. 480 Sibford - Banbury

Monday - Saturday	Outward		Return (read upwards)		
Sibford Gower School	09.45am	11.45am	11.45am	12.50pm	14.50pm
Sibford Ferris School	09.48	11.42	11.42	12.47	14.47
Banbury Cross	10.13	12.13pm	11.17	12.17	14.17
Banbury Bus Station	10.15am	12.15pm	11.15am	12.15pm	14.15pm

4. CHERWELL VILLAGER. 55 Sibford - Banbury

Wednesday only	Outward	Return (read up)
Sibford Gower	9.55am	1.15pm
Sibford Ferris	9.57	1.20
Banbury	10.50am	1.00pm

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1996 month date day	Event	Where	Contact
Oct Fri,Sat,Sun 25 26 27	Cottage Crafts for Christmas. Sale in aid of Katharine House	Malcoln's Cottage Tadnarton	Peter & Margaret Whittle (780453)
Nov 9 Sat	Epwell Grand Draw & Social Event	Village Hall	R Kinchin Smith (780773)
Nov 16 Sat	Sibford Church Autumn Bazaar 2.30 pm	Village Hall	Erica Winbush (780555)
Nov 20 Wed	Sibfords Soc speaker from Westgate centre	Swalcliffe Hall 8pm	Maureen Hicks (780259)
Dec 7 Sat	Sibford Methodist Church coffee/sale 10.00	Methodist Church	Kathleen Winter (780461)
Dec 7 Sat	Swalcliffe Church Bazaar 2.30 pm	Village Hall	Barbara Taylor (780206)
Dec 7 Sat	Sibford Carol Evening & Refreshments 7.30pm	Village Hall	Norman Nash (780275)
Dec 14 Sat	Tadnarton Carol Evening 7.00 pm	Village Hall	Jane Asser (780212)
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Jan 10 Fri	OTTC "Once upon a time"	Shutford Vill Hall	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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for the NOVEMBER SIBFORD SCENE will be
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CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 1996

Tuesday	3rd	Friendship Club meeting - see p 9
Tuesday	3rd	LEO Club meeting - see p 4
Wednesday	4th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday	7th	Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday	7th	Skip in the Gower - Barley Close
Monday	9th	Playgroup restarts - see p 8
Tuesday	10th	W I meeting - see p 8
Wednesday	11th	Horti Society AGM - see p 7
Saturday	14th	Historic Churches Bicycle Ride - see p15
Monday	16th	Sibford Ferris Parish Council meeting - see p13
Tuesday	17th	Friendship Club Outing - see p 9
Wednesday	18th	Swalcliffe Society meeting - see p19
Wednesday	18th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday	19th	W I Coffee Morning - Hearing Dogs for the Deaf - see p 8
Friday	20th	Sibford School open morning - see p15
Friday	20th	Sibford Gower Parish Council meeting - see p 9
Saturday	21st	Skip in the Gower - Village Pond
Sunday	22nd	Open Gardens & Teas - Tadmarton - (780212)
Monday	23rd	Playgroup AGM - see p 8

CALENDAR for OCTOBER 1996

Tuesday	1st	Friendship Club Outing - see p 9
Wednesday	2nd	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday	5th	Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday	5th	Skip in the Gower - Acre Ditch
Saturday	5th	Harvest Festival Service & Supper - see pp 20 & 21
Wednesday	9th	Horti Society meeting - see p 7
Saturday	12th	'Century of Fashion' at Shipston - see p 6
Monday	14th	Sibford School open morning - see p15
TUESDAY	15th	* DEADLINE for <i>SIBFORD SCENE</i> CONTRIBUTIONS *
Wednesday	16th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday	17th	Sibfords Society meeting - p19
Saturday	19th	Skip in the Gower - Pound Lane
Saturday	19th	Friendship Club - Car Boot Sale - see p 4
Wednesday	23rd	Coffee Morning - Guide Dogs for Blind - see p 1
Saturday	26th	Village Hall Quiz - see p 5
Monday	28th	British Legion Poppy Appeal, start of collection, see p14
Wednesday	30th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

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