

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - POPPY APPEAL 1996 Remembrance Sunday - 10 November

We shall be house-to-house collecting from 28 October. Please be as generous as you can to help support the work of the Legion.

Two figures stand out from the literature sent out this year - there are 18 million people in this country who are potential beneficiaries and 200,000 calls for help were answered in the last year.

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John Mulley, Hon. Organiser, Sibfords

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!READERS & CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE!

In celebration of the fact that this is the double decimillennial issue of the *Scene*, all our staff are being awarded two days unpaid special leave, on 25 & 26 December.

Consequently, there will be no separate issue of the Scene for January 1997; details of events in January should be provided for publication by Tuesday 19 November. Editor

Nature Notes.

Aug. 21st. At Lambs Pool this evening we sat and watched a kingfisher as it fished from its perch on a branch a few feet above the water.

Aug. 25th. Found a few clusters of the fungus known

as dead mans fingers growing in a heather bed.

Aug. 26th. Saw a beautiful clouded yellow butterfly in our garden. I have never been lucky enough to see one before although I believe that they often migrate as far north as this.

Aug. 29th. We had a marvellous view of a humming-bird hawk-moth as it fed on a mauve wallflower in the garden of Kiftsgate Court this afternoon. It has the amazing flight control of a humming-bird moving smartly to hover precisely in front of each flower while it reaches into it, with a feeding tube which must be at least as long as its body, to take the nectar. When it had finished feeding it vanished at high speed up into the air.

Sept. 5th. Today I was shown a polecat which had been found dead on the road at Pitch Hill. A few years ago I caught a glimpse of an animal in the cars headlights on Sibford Heath which at the time I put down as a polecat-ferret that could have been lost while ferreting. I have since read an article in an 8 year old copy of 'The Countryman' which said that polecats were persecuted to near extinction by 1914 but since 1950 they have been spreading steadily eastward from Wales and have recently been seen as far west as Broadway, Pershore and Tewkesbury, so the one on Sibford Heath may have been a wild one. I made some enquiries and was told that they are now thought to have recolonised the whole of Oxfordshire and records of sightings are only required from counties to the east of ours.

Sept. 21st. I was surprised to see 3 foxes running around on our rockery this morning. They could have been young ones although they were pretty well full grown.

Sept. 31st. In the last four months I have only measured 3½ inches of rain.

Oct. 17th. I have not seen many comma butterflies this year but this afternoon we saw a perfect specimen enjoying the sunshine near the play area in Cotswold Close.

LETTER to the EDITOR

Dear Sir

Following your request for assistance in the September Scene I would like to offer to produce 'The Scene' on a bi-monthly basis. I would, however, like the freedom to produce a different sort of magazine.

While maintaining the key function of promoting events & meetings through the events calendar, I would like to encourage the organisations who regularly contribute to 'The Scene' to put forward longer items about their activities. I would take as possible examples the Horticultural Society who could, perhaps, write a topical gardening page and the Sibfords Society who I hope would put forward an article of historical interest, or about their on-going projects, on a bi-monthly basis.

Reactions to this proposal would be much appreclated. Yours sincerely, Adrian Lamb

[Sounds good to me - what do others think? Ed]

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SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 16th September 1996 with only one member of the public present. The County Council have agreed to adopt the street lighting now and they will be taking it over from 1st October 1996. There have been many complaints about street lights, particularly over the last year and we hope that we shall receive a better service from the County Council. There will be a number which Parishioners can ring direct when street lights are out of action. There are stickers with the relevant number on them and I will stick them on to the lamp posts in due course.

We have received a letter from the Footpaths Officer that it is his responsibility to assist in keeping footpaths well maintained. If stiles, gates etc need repair, he can provide labour free of charge if the land owners provide the necessary materials. If anyone wants to avail themselves of this offer, they can contact the Footpaths Officer, Care of the Department of Leisure and Arts at the County Council.

The Parish Council did write to the M.E.B. last month concerning the constant interruptions to our supply in the village. We received an apology and an explanation but did not feel it was entirely satisfactory so the Clerk is writing again to carry the matter further.

We have had an offer from the W.I. to plant bulbs around the signs to the entrance of the village. This is a very pleasing offer and we look forward to seeing them bloom in the Spring.

Judith Weeks Clerk to the Parish Council

W.I. NEWS & INFORMATION

Autumn is a reputedly busy season for many organisations and the W.I. is no exception.

The Monthly News Letters offered opportunities to partake in many county activities, but nearer home volunteers were forthcoming for the Village Quiz and helpers for the Moreton Coffee Morning when it will be "all hands on deck" to make and bake beforehand and to assist on the day.

The Coffee Morning held in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf raised £165.

Several members are due to attend a forthcoming Magistrates Court - definitely "Not Guilty" - just widening their horizons!

September's speaker was our local active resident, Muriel Chandler, who kept us enthralled with an account of her involvement and very responsible post with the Oil Industry. Thank you, Muriel, for a most interesting talk.

In October our speaker, Mrs Hepworth, was accompanied by her canine companion, Woolly, who first appeared on the stage of the Stratford Theatre and thereafter went on tour, gaining stardom, a unique rapport with his fellow human actors and much publicity, proved by the albums of photographs and press reports. Woolly was a firm favourite with our members!

Next Neeting November 12th.: Christmas flower decoration Vorkshop run by Glennis, so don't forget to bring your materials.

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In September, some W.I. members joined us for a trip to Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust. We had a lovely journey, the Sun shone all day and everyone appeared to enjoy the day's outing. Perhaps we can all join in together again.

Future Events

Tuesday 5 November - Village Hall at 2.00pm. A rep from Blue Cross Animal Rescue at Burford will talk & show slides. Visitors will be welcome.

Tuesday 19 November - Coach Trip & Lunch to be arranged.

Tuesday 17 December - We have booked seats for the Pantomime at Chipping Norton - Sleeping Beauty. Coach & seat combined will cost £10.50; pick up at Epwell, Tadmarton, Swalcliffe & Sibford. We need to sell all tickets, so please contact Mrs Boughton (263460) for booking details.

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A reminder that The Friendship Club now has a wheelchair available for hire by anyone on a daily basis. Please ring Mrs Boughton (263460) for details.

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FLU INJECTIONS

Winter is approaching and this year's flu injections are now available for patients of Sibford Surgery.

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SIBFORD PLAYGROUP NEWS

Mon./Wed./Fri. 9.00 - 12.00 Sibford Village Hall

The Autumn term is now well underway and the children are busily playing and working on themes as diverse as 'Where I Live'; 'Fruit and Vegetables' and 'Autumn'.

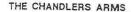
After half-term we shall start preparing for our Christmas Bazaar, to be held on the 7th December in the Village Hall, from 2.00 - 4.00. Children, please bring along your parents. There will be a variety of stalls and we are assured of a visit from Father Christmas!

A photographer will be visiting Playgroup on the 15th November. Villagers are very welcome to bring their babies and young children to be photographed. Please telephone Julia Neal (01295 780 580) for further details or to make a firm booking.

Our Playgroup is a lively, friendly place and we welcome enquiries and visits from interested parents and carers. Please telephone Penelope Spring (01295 780 458) if you have any queries or if you would like a brochure.

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LEO CLUB - Ladies Evening Out

A goodly number of members gathered at Margaret Elldred's home in October to see David's video of their recent trip to Alaska; an exciting holiday with plenty of snowscapes, glaciers, seals & whales. We all rushed home to check our piggy-banks & 1997 travel brochures!

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26 November (note the date) at Mary Bristow's home in Burdrop. Mulled wine will be provided and members are asked to bring along a <u>tea-plate</u> of finger food - also, wear your best thinking caps, as we will be having a quiz.

There will not be a meeting in December: we hope to have our **New Year** dinner at *The Gate Hangs High* on Tuesday 21 January, subject to confirmation at November meeting.

New members are always welcome to come along to our informal meetings. For more information contact Vivienne Scouse on 788320.

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SIBFORD BROWNIES

In the last two terms we said goodbye to Zoe Crosse, Kayleigh Gilkes and Jennifer Allot. All three had been in Brownies a long time and we shall miss them greatly.

We have welcomed eight new Brownies this term, which makes us a very big Pack. We still desperately need some adult help.

The Brownies worked hard at badges last term and everyone gained their Toymaker and House Orderly, with others gaining additional ones.

We joined with the District for an outing to West Midlands Safari Park, which was great fun, and also a District Camp Fire at Bloxham.

Vivienne Scouse

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£150 RAISED by FIVE CYCLISTS

On 14 September, Arnold Lamb, Ross, Kayleigh & Joanna Gilkes and Rhiannon Horsley all went on the Sponsored Bicycle Ride to raise money for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and a church of your choice. We chose Sibford Quaker Meeting House. We rode 32 miles and went to 23 churches. We raised over £150.

Rhiannon Horsley & Kayleigh Gilkes



Our attractive 1996 Christmas cards are now available for sale at the same price as last year - £1.00 for 4 cards. Please order quickly through Society members to avoid disappointment.

The Society is very grateful to all villagers who have lent or donated interesting material for the village archives. Copies can be made of photographs or documents so, if you are tidying your attic or looking through old village photographs please don't 'bin it' before

contacting our archivist, lan Warden. You may have a vital piece of evidence for the village jigsaw. We are very grateful to the trustees of the Town Estate Charity who, in principle, have agreed to act as long-term custodians so that archive material can remain in the village for future generations.

Diary notes - the next meeting of the Swalcliffe Society is on Wednesday 20 November, 8pm, Swalcliffe Village Hall, when Sarah Weatherhead will be speaking on Treasures of North Oxfordshire which are stored at the Westgate Centre for Oxfordshire Studies.

Our next meeting will be early in the new year when we will be holding another Old Fashioned Social in the Village Hall on Thursday 16 January 1997 - details later but book the date in your new diaries!

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BREAST CANCER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

Pat Noble would like to thank all those who travelled to her home at Winderton on 18 October, to support her bring-&-buy coffee morning. A splendid £120 was raised in aid of Breast Cancer Care Awareness Month.

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society held it's Annual General Meeting on October 10th., when Mrs. Gilian Soden was elected Chairman and Mrs. Ellen Warwicker consented to continue as President. Mesdames Leah Barden, Sheila Baseby, Susan Heath, Susan Powell, Ann Stevenson, Messrs. Alan Jarvis and Roger Powell were nominated for, and elected to, the Committee.

The Honorary Treasurer, Roger Powell, reported that the Society had operated without loss during the past year whilst, last year's Chairman, David Elldred, reported on recent activities.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be on Wednesday, November 13th. when Mr Hirons will be talking about "An Island Called Danger". It is some years since we had the pleasure of last hearing from Mr. Hirons and from reports of that meeting, there is no doubt that you would enjoy this one. In December, on the 11th., Roger Powell will be entertaining us with "Garden Matters" and the serving of our usual Christmas refreshments, both solid and liquid, will conclude the evening.

The new Committee are already busy organising events for 1997 to 1998. These will commence with the March meeting on the 12th. Details will, as usual, appear in "The Scene".

The level of subscription remains at only £2.50 for the year.

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DEBORAH MUGAN

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to the residents of Sibford Ferris. She has recently arrived in the village and is renting a cottage belonging to Mr & Mrs Shields. Deborah is better known as Dex and is working as Multimedia Arts Development Officer for Cherwell DC. This involves encouraging young people to create artwork & animation with film, video & computer technology! Dex is not a newcomer to village life as she grew up in Gunnislake in Cornwall. She is being very well looked after by Jim & Joan and is not short of 'local company' however, these visitors either have eight legs, shiny black winged backs or inquisitively exploring antennae and some have all three.

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A full page in The Banbury Guardian will have alerted the villages that the Sibford Surgery was off again when the immensely successful fashion show held in the Village Hall in March was repeated in the Hall of the Shipston-on-Stour School on Saturday 12th October. Most of the previous models were able to take part, augmented by some additional talent from Shipston and, this time, including male models as well. The gentlemen, represented by Drs David Spackman and Chris Thorogood with son William were in at the start in their pyjamas and nightshirts to balance up the frillies of the Victorian ladies. Then a gasp of amazement greeted the bravery of Chris starting the underwear section in scintillating thick woolen underpants, but the suave appearance of the nen in dashing sporting, evening and wedding clothes greatly added to the performance.

The programme was essentially as before although, with this time 26 models directed by Mary Nash and exhibiting an even higher degree of professionalism as well as a larger selection of mostly Sue Heath and Jane Holliday's remarkable collection of clothing. The incredible sum of over £1,600 was collected for the Macmillan Nurses but special mention must again be made of the superb compere work of Carol Bower, and as David Ryall was unavailable to provide the piano accompaniment, Helen Porter was a very worthy substitute. Where will it all end? If the London fashion world gets to hear of this, we are going to be entirely deprived of medical attention in this part of Oxfordshire and in South Warwickshire as well.

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NEWS from SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

TABLES & CHAIRS - AN AMNESTY

The Hall appears to have mislaid some chairs and possibly tables. The Committee has decided to be 'jolly decent' towards anybody who has accidently forgotten to return any borrowed Hall furniture. As a body, they will only show great delight at the return of a single table or chair. They would even collect them, if necessary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Village Hall Committee. We have meetings about four times each year, when the small Committee, plus representatives of village organisations, have an opportunity to express their views on all aspects of the running of the Village Hall.

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The new united benefice of Wykeham will formally come into effect on 1st November 1996 assuming that Her Majesty has given her confirmation in Council in October. In practical terms, the benefice has been in operation throughout the year and consists of the parishes of Broughton with North Newington, Epwell, Sibford, Shutford, Swalcliffe and Tadmarton. This large clutch of parishes has been shepherded into being by our own Canon Timothy Wimbush presiding over a Benefice Council comprising representatives from all the parishes and with help from Rev Keith Walklate, newly ordained as Priest (see below), Rev Michael Belham and Rev Donald Bishop, both retired clergy prepared to help out with services. Following a trial period with all the parishes trying hard to accommodate the varying wishes of their parishioners, compromises have been achieved. Those affecting Sibford churchgoers mean that starting with the second Sunday in December, all future morning services held here will be at 9.30 am instead of as previously 10.00 am. Just to confuse everyone, the Benefice service will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 10.00 am in the different churches in rotation; the next will be in Sibford on 3rd November.

A Special service was held in St Mary's Banbury on Sunday 29th September at which a number of clergy including Keith Walklate were ordained as Priest by the Bishop of Dorchester. Timothy Wimbush preached a particularly memorable sermon. A "bring and share" lunch was afterwards held at Broughton Castle attended by a huge gathering from the benefice and Keith later officiated at a communion service for the first time in Tadmarton church.

Sibford church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving service on Saturday 5th October which was conducted by Erica Wimbush with the Rector playing the organ and preaching. Afterwards nearly 60 people sat down for a highly enjoyable "bring and share" Harvest Supper in the Village Hall followed by games for old and young enterprisingly arranged and conducted by Martin and Sally Layer and their family.

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- 5. MIDLAND RED. X60 Banbury-Sibford-Shipston-Stratford-Coventry
 SERVICE WITHDRAWN
- 6. CHERWELL DC Dial-a-Ride Scheme A mini-bus with tail-lift to take elderly or disabled people, and escort, to Banbury (max fare £1). Door-to-door service. Book in advance.
 # # Phone 263777 for more details or to book. # # #

The John Loggins Charity

The Trustees of this Charity will soon be meeting and the annual distribution of funds will be considered. As in previous years, will those people, older or younger, who feel themselves in need of being considered for help offered, please write to The Trustees, c/o The Rectory, Sibford Gower by 12 December. Their applications will thereafter be considered, in complete confidence of course, by the Trustees. Distribution will be achieved in time for Christmas.

Timothy Wimbush (Rector)

Eric Payne & Robin Spicer (Churchwardens)

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Monday	2.00 - 4.00pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.45pm
Mums & Toddlers	Friends School	Wednesday	10.30am - 12noon
Fielding Day Centre	Friends School	Wednesday	12.30 - 4.30pm
Badminton	Friends School	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.30pm
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday	4.30 - 5.45pm
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	6.00pm
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00am - 12noon

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS DIARIST - Norman Nash (Tel 780275)

1996 month	date d	Event	Where	Contact
Dec	7 Sat	Sibford Methodist Church coffee/sale 10.00	Methodist Church	Kathleen Winter (780461)
Dec	7 Sat		Village Hall	Barbara Taylor (780206)
Dec	7 Sat	Sibford Carol Evening & Refreshments7.30pm		Norman Nash (780275)
Dec	14 Sat	Tadmarton 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		Maureen Hicks (780259)
Hch	20 Thur	Sibfords Soc AGM		Maureen Hicks (780259)
Mch	21 Fri			Anne Pritchard (780793)

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THE DEADLINE for CONTRIBUTIONS
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* TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER *

Contributions to Editor, Treasurer or Shop

CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 1996

Saturday 2nd Scouts Paper Collection

Tuesday 5th Friendship Club - Blue Cross Animal Rescue - see p 5

Friday 8th Sibford School open morning - see pl1
Saturday 9th Recycling Unit in Gower - Acre Ditch
Saturday 9th Village Hall Jumble Sale, 2pm - see pl

Sunday 10th *** REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ***

Tuesday 12th W I meeting, Christmas Flower Decorations - see p 4 Wednesday 13th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

Wednesday 13th Horti Society Meeting - see p 9

Friday 15th Playgroup - Photographer's visit - see p 6

Saturday 16th Skip in the Gower - Barley Close

Saturday 16th Sibford Church Christmas Bazaar, 2.30pm - see pp 16217

Tuesday 19th Friendship Club Outing & Lunch - see p 5
TUESDAY 19th * DEADLINE for DECIJAN SCENE CONTRIBUTIONS *

Wednesday 20th Swalcliffe Society meeting - see p 8 Monday 25th Sibford School open morning - see p11

Tuesday 26th LEO Club meeting - see p 7

Wednesday 27th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

CALENDAR for DECEMBER (part)

Saturday 7th Scouts Paper Collection

Saturday 7th Sibford Methodist Church, Coffee Morning & Sate, 10am Saturday 7th Playgroup Christmas Bazaar, Vill Hall, 2.00pm - see p 6

Saturday 7th Sibford Carol Evening, refreshments, Village Hall

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