



No. 206

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1997

THE MILLENNIUM PANELS
Starting on Sunday 28 September

We are starting work on the Millennium Panels on Sunday 28 September at 2.30pm at Sibford Gower School. I will be running workshops on Sunday afternoons and one evening each week. This will be our last year producing work for the Panels, so do join us and make your own personal contribution.

Mollie Mulley (780629)

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Nature Notes

Sept. 2nd & 3rd. Spending a couple of days at Brockweir by the river Wye. House martins are numerous here having plenty of suitable houses on which to build their nests and an unlimited supply of mud with which to build them as the river is tidal down here. There is a small stream that runs through gardens and under houses to get to the river which is a favourite nesting place for grey wagtails and dippers. There was a male grey wagtail on it this afternoon. We walked along the disused railway track that ran down the valley but the trees stopped us seeing much of the river, however we did find some good specimens of the giant bellflower which we also find locally in Whichford Wood.

Sept. 4th. We have had trouble with birds fling into our windows but nothing to compare with the hundreds of thousands of migrating birds that are estimated to be killed each year by flying into American skyscrapers. One reporter thought that the gulls, that have taken to eating the carcasses, actually drive the birds towards the skyscrapers but I think it is more likely that they mob the passing strangers who fly into the glass seeing it as a way to escape the harassment.

Sept. 7th. While walking near Kiftsgate Court we came across an oak tree which had, near the base of its trunk, an area more than two feet across covered with layer upon layer of the fungus known as chicken of the woods. An animal, probably a cow, had chewed the middle of it but it was still beautiful, being yellow or cream coloured with tints of orange. I was sorry that I did not have a camera with me.

Sept. 16th. The squirrels are having to perform acrobatic tricks like hanging by their back legs to get the last of the nuts from the tips of the branches of the beech tree that we see from our window so none will be allowed to ripen. This morning we saw a flock of over 50 goldfinches feeding on dandelion seed on the old cricket field at Hook Norton. They looked very smart with their wings flashing gold in the sunshine.

Sept. 18th. It was very nice to see 10 or 15 long-tailed tits working their way through the trees in our garden this evening. Having relatives from Canada staying with us who are interested in birds we put out some sunflower seed which has attracted a constant stream of tits. They cannot be short of food yet but like humans prefer convenience foods.

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL QUIZ.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH. 7.00PM.

The quiz is, once again, going to be an informal and hopefully entertaining event with all the questions answered on paper by the whole team. This means you are expected to provide at least one pen! Due to the popularity of the event early entry is advisable as we can only accept 13 teams of up to **SIX** people. Entries to Murial Chandler 780025, Joanna Gilkes 788190 or Helen Lamb 780380 by **18th October**. The cost of £2.00 per person will include a hot supper. There will be wine and soft drinks on sale, and a quality raffle with all proceeds going to the Village Hall.

If you enjoyed the quiz last year please come again and if you didn't, come and find out what you missed.

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COUNCILLOR DAVID GREEN

Sibford's present councillor, David Green, is reported as saying that he felt **unable to vote on the proposal** to move the sand & ballast haulage business out of Sibford "in case it could be construed that **my views may ... be influenced.**"

Sibford Ferris Parish Council had publicly supported the proposal and Mr Green received "a stack of letters and a petition from Sibford residents supporting the plan."

One wonders what further actions Sibford villagers could have taken to **ensure that Mr Green's views would be influenced** by those whom he is supposed to represent?

As one resident so calmly understated "I think Sibford villagers would like an explanation [from Mr Green]."

Where better to publish such an explanation than in the *Sibford Scene*? Over to you, David. Your erstwhile supporters are anxious to hear from you. *The Editor*

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John Mulley, Hon. Organiser, Sibfords. (01295) 780629

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VACANCY for VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT for *BANBURY GUARDIAN*

Sheila Baseby has been the Banbury Guardian's correspondent for the Sibfords & Burdrop for the last 11 years and would now like to hand over to someone else. There is a very small remuneration.

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LETTER FROM HON SECRETARY OF VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE TO ALL RESIDENTS:

To date (16th September) only 2 completed questionnaires (which were included in last month's "Sibford Scene") have been received. Does this mean no-one is interested in Village Hall activities, other than those already involved in various organisations? OR does it mean no-one reads the Sibford Scene?

One of those received wants more "organised events for the youth" but to do this it cannot be left to one person. Our Chairman, David Baker, has re-started the Youth Club and a couple of fathers said they would help but rarely do. David has gone to some trouble to get five-a-side teams into the local League, obtaining sponsorship from one of our local pubs to buy strips and help with transport, organised hired transport to get to games, etc but it cannot be done by just one person.

Also girls have attended the Club, and two, from what I watched, playing football successfully against the lads but other girls would like netball started, and again David has organised the necessary nets (sadly one had the bottom cut out almost immediately after we got it!) - is there any mother or young lady who enjoyed netball and could give the Club two hours of their time on a Monday evening? Perhaps this is important enough to pay for someone's services to assist, out of the Village Hall funds - what do you think?

Both of the completed questionnaires were interested in Amateur Dramatics but the last village Amateur Dramatic Society folded up because of lack of support. If we start another one are there enough of you out there who would join?

The question "Would you be interested in Touring Theatre Productions" again brought a positive response - so hopefully I am arranging for a play to be put on in the Village Hall in February. If this is well supported, more will follow. The performance will have a light supper included, and hopefully a licensed bar, and the first one will be suitable for adults and young people. More details will follow shortly. Tickets will be £3.50/£1.75 and I sincerely hope this will prove popular. We have such a great stage and lighting - it really should be used. This has not yet been confirmed by the Cherwell Leisure Services Department, who have to come and view the Hall and agree on a date.

This Department also offer, amongst many others, a Music Technology Project for 13 years and over, a Winnie the Pooh Mask Making Fun Day for ages 8-11 and a Computer Animation and Video Effects four day project in February for ages 13 and over. Sadly we have to apply for these projects the first week of September but if anyone was interested, I could always see if it was possible to make a late application and I would like to know if it would be worth applying for the following year.

Your comments would be greatly appreciated, as would your completed questionnaires. You can always put a note in the Sibford Scene because I do read it from cover to cover! Or ring me on 01295 780025, although I'm not easy to find in!

I would like to mention that I was very impressed with the Playgroup when I visited the Hall during one of their sessions. I have never seen so much wonderful equipment to interest and fire their little imaginations. Helpers seem to go to endless trouble.

Muriel Chandler,

W. I. News & Information

There was a particularly warm and friendly atmosphere as we resumed our monthly meeting after the short summer break. As hosts for the Group meeting in October, when we are to be privileged to have as guest speaker author and broadcaster *David Kossoff*, there was much planning and preparation to be done for this occasion.

Distribution of 1998 calendars and diaries was an unwelcome reminder of the rapid passing of time! Much more welcome were the succulent "tasters" sampled by members following the cookery demonstration given by Mrs Slade, National Chairman of "Lady in Fig" - an organisation set up to promote sales of BRITISH PORK. Whether using minced pork or fillet, a few inexpensive (or otherwise!) additives transformed it into a delectable dish.

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For our next monthly meeting on
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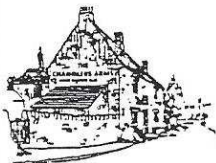
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Sibford Ferris Parish Council

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- a All vehicles must enter and leave the site in forward gear.
- b No maintenance or steam cleaning operations shall be carried out on the site.
- c Vehicles shall not operate on the site other than between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm (Monday to Friday) and between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday. On Sundays, vehicle movements shall be limited to one departure and one arrival per vehicle and records of such movements shall be made and retained for inspection if required by my office.
- d Lorries in excess of fifteen tonnes shall leave the site by turning to the right (i.e., to the south), so as to avoid passing through the village of Sibford Ferris
- e Lorry engines shall not be left running when vehicles are stationary."

There have been no more developments in the Wheathill's Planning Application, the next planning meeting is scheduled for 2 October. The Parish Council has written to all the members of The Planning Committee offering to show them the site if they like to visit.

The PC has noticed that two householders have felled trees in their properties without permission. Can we remind all parishioners that pruning or felling of trees in the conservation area requires prior permission from the Chief Planning Officer. Forms can be obtained from The Cherwell District Council.

Our next meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Monday 3 November in Sibford School Library. Watch the noticeboard or Green's Shop window for further details.

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Sibford Playgroup News
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As the autumn term begins at playgroup we welcome Julie Bruggenwirth as our new supervisor and Mandy Wymer as playgroup assistant. We wish them well in their new roles and thank them for already having established a happy and stimulating environment for our children.

In the summer we said farewell to Julia Neal and Nicola Kendall. We thanked them both for their hard work on behalf of play group and had a wonderful party during the last session of the term in recognition of Julia's long and dedicated association with the group. We hope she finds an hour or two to relax on her new bench!

Sibford playgroup is a wonderful facility for children. It provides a safe, caring environment in which to play, to learn, and to socialise and is an excellent introduction to the slightly more formal atmosphere of primary school. Soon we shall need new committee members; please look out for more notices. It is both rewarding and enjoyable to be involved with the running of the group.

Our playgroup is not just for the Sibfords - we welcome children from the surrounding area and encourage preliminary visits so that you can see us 'in session'. Please contact a committee member if you would like more information.

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We have had another lovely afternoon out cruising on the river, this time from Henley to Marlow, and once again the weather was kind. The scenery was really beautiful and well worth the journey.

Arrangements for October and November are as follows:-

- Tuesday 7 October - Village Hall at 2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 21 October - Coach tour visiting the Houses of Parliament - leaving about 8.00 a.m.
Tuesday 4 November - Village Hall at 2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 18 November - Coach tour and lunch out. (Time and venue to be decided)

For further information please contact Mrs Boughton 263460.

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The Return of the *YOUNG SCENE*

One of our young villagers has decided that she cannot wait any longer for another adult to carry on the good work started by Kath Parmiter in producing a double-page *Young Scene* to interest our younger readers.

So this month sees the first edition of the new *Young Scene* that has not only been prepared FOR young villagers but has been designed, drawn, typed & assembled BY one of our young villagers.

It is hoped that other youngsters will submit items for inclusion in later editions of *Young Scene*.

The Editor

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This month we say '*Welcome*' to:

- **Daphne & Peter Lindsell**, who have moved into 'Hillfield' in the Ferris from Romsey in Hampshire. Peter is the new Deputy Head and looks forward to life at the Friends School; Daphne too will be teaching part-time. They both like walking, along with their dog Boris and are very interested in music. Peter likes flying light aircraft and hopes to explore their new location from the air, whenever there is an opportunity. [*Not too often, please, Peter - the RAF's recent aerial wheely-turns over Sibford were quite enough aerobatics for a few months - Ed.*]

- **Sam & Sheila Merchant**, who have become the new Landlord & Landlady of the Bishop Blaize in Burdrop. Sam has a background in financial services and Sheila in retail. Their daughter Zebby, who is also part of the team, has been involved in administration. They have moved here from Northampton. This is a new & exciting venture for them and they are looking forward to a long & happy relationship with all the regular customers - and new ones too. They would like to thank the people in Burdrop, the Gower & the Ferris for the welcome they have already received and say they could not have wished for a warmer one.

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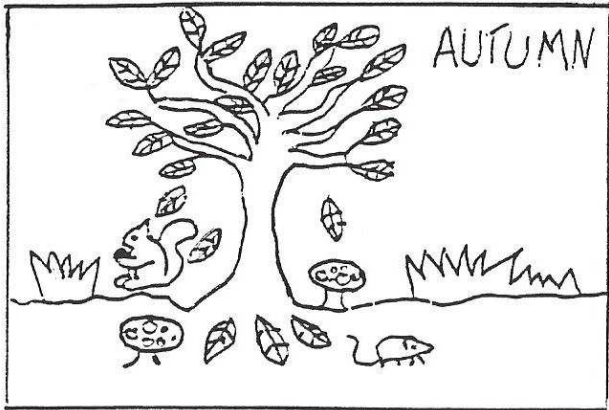
FAREWELL to PAUL, SALLIE & NOLA

Sam, Sheila & Zebby Merchant (& Mags) and all the regulars at the Blaize wish Paul, Sallie and Nola every success in the future.

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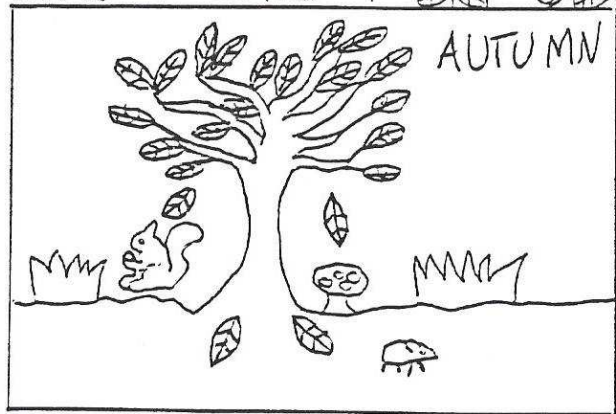
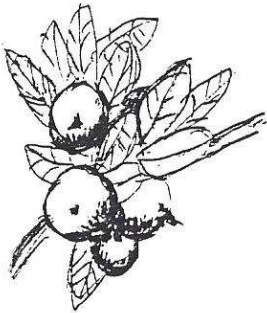
All of us at the Fielding Day Centre wish to thank Paul, Sallie & Nola (& Mags) for their kind and considerate friendship over the years and wish them well in their future endeavours. Ray

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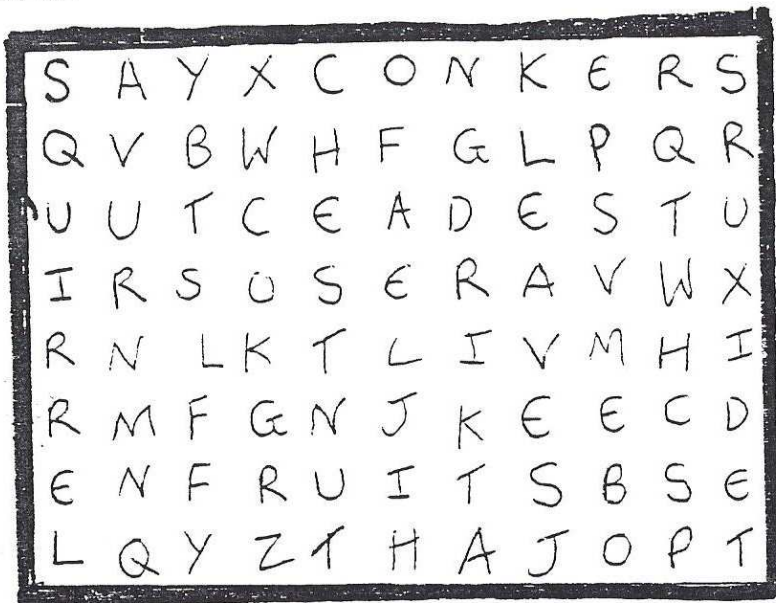
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Autumn Word Search

This Young Scene will happen every other month. If you have any thing you would like to put in the Young Scene send it to the Editor, Ray Henbrey, whose address is on the back cover.

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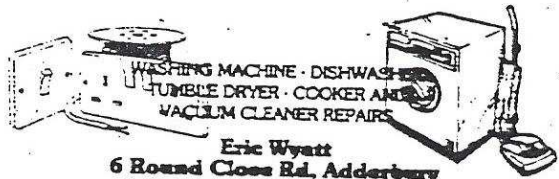
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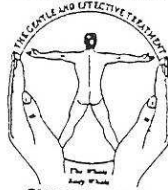
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LETTER to the EDITOR

Dear Editor

Here in the Sibfords and Burdrop we are very fortunate there is little trouble but this depends on the make-up of the villages and it wanes from year to year.

We often hear, read and speak of young people - sometimes for good - but mostly for bad. The 'young' are not 'young adults' and like all young of every species, need to be taught, guided, helped by example and ENCOURAGED TO BECOME acceptable adults.

Here in Sibford Village Hall, we are hoping to form a Young Club, through sport. 27 keen youngsters have presented themselves for membership BUT only ONE adult has committed himself to help, to date - an impossible task. If a success is to come about FATHERS, YOUNG MEN/WOMEN and MUMS your support is URGENTLY needed. Could you give 2 hours per week to join in? You do not have to be a football fanatic, there are equally good table games, i.e. chess, draughts, even tiddly winks - all go to championship levels. Youngsters would like to play netball, we have the nets but no helper.

COME & HELP the youth of our villages to learn how to win (and lose gracefully), to play as a team and develop into the type of citizen we would all be proud of.

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The Sibfords Society

Those who came to Gibraltar Quarry enjoyed a fascinating illustrated tour of the old workings of this local feature. Our sincere thanks to all those who made it possible. This was the last meeting of our summer programme and we now move indoors for the remainder of the year.

Swalcliffe Society meets on 16 October at 8pm in Swalcliffe Village Hall for a talk on the recent restoration of Chastleton House by the National Trust. Brian Little - Chairman of Banbury Historical Society, is coming to talk to us on 20 November and we are looking forward to his talk on Old Banbury Street Names.

As thoughts turn towards the end of the year, we have a 'new' photograph and interesting format for our Christmas card this year. The cards will be available later this month and Ivor Hopkyns (788367) or any committee member will be pleased to take your order. The price remains unchanged from last year (£1.00 for 4 cards) - order early as the cards have been very popular in previous years.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE & SUPPER - 4 October

Contributions of harvest produce to decorate the Church would be appreciated on Saturday morning. The service will be followed by a 'bring-&-share' supper in the Village Hall; all villagers are welcome to join us as we thank God for his generosity towards us, and to bring contributions of food & drink for the communal buffet table.

SERVICES for 'THE YOUNG at HEART' - 5 Oct & 30 Nov

Young people will be taking part in these services - singing, playing & reading. Full details will be coming out soon.

ALPHA, CATECHUMENATE & CONFIRMATION

You will have recently received a card inviting you to join these schemes of Adult Learning. It is not too late to send in your card if you wish to - fuller details are available in the Church.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday 22 November at 2.30pm.

All the usual stalls will be in the Village Hall and Father Christmas may find time to drop in - details next month!

CHILDREN'S DAY for ADVENT & CHRISTMAS - 29 November

A Saturday programme of music & other attractions for children, to be held at North Newington Primary School and leading up to the 'Young at Heart' service on the 30th. All children are invited to come & join in - details to follow.

CONFIRMATION - Sunday 7 Dec 10am - details later.

CHRISTINGLE & CAROL SERVICE - Friday 19 Dec (provisional)

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS - Wednesday 24 December 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - Thursday 25 December 9.30am

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Methodist	Sunday at 11.00 am
Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 9.00 am
(Brailes)	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

4 Oct	5.30PM	Harvest Festival Service in Church followed by Bring-&-Share Supper (see p 20)
5 "	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist 'For the Young at Heart' at Tadmarton (see p 20)
12 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
19 "	9.30am	Family Service
26 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
2 Nov	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Broughton
9 "	10.55am	Remembrance Service
16 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
23 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
30 "	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist 'For the Young at Heart' at Broughton (see p 20)

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THOSE 'SIBFORD MONDAY BLUES' TO END BEFORE THE MILLENNIUM?

A Ferris resident's letter to the District Council, suggesting the institution of a domestic rubbish collection 'rota', has elicited the following, very clear, reply from Mr G J Handley, the Chief Executive of Cherwell D.C.:

Bank Holiday Refuse Collection

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd August 1997 concerning the difficulties caused by the interruptions to the regular refuse collection over holiday times. Your comments are appreciated and noted.

It is viewed sympathetically that residents whose refuse collection day is on a Monday do receive a much greater disruption to service than other residents. The refuse collection rounds will indeed be rotated as you suggested so as to share the disadvantage across the district equally. The next rotation is due to occur when the refuse collection contract is next renewed. Contract renewal will occur between April 1998 and April 1999.

I trust this information clarifies the situation for you. If you have any further questions, please contact me on the above telephone number.

Thank you, David, for your action and for sharing this very good news with all our readers.

The Editor

SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES BUS SERVICE

Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop

			Depart	Return
Friday	3, 17 & 31 Oct	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	8 & 22 Oct	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	14 & 28 Nov	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	5 & 19 Nov	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

The pick-up points are:

	Banbury Bus	Chippy Bus
	Village Hall	Village Hall
	Crossroads	High Meadow
	High Meadow	Crossroads
		The Colony

2. MIDLAND RED. 480 Sibford - Banbury

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	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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WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Monday	2.00 - 4.00pm
Youth Club Sports	Village Hall	Monday	6.00 - 8.00pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.45pm
Line Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30pm
Mums & Toddlers	Friends School	Wednesday	10.30 - 12noon
Fielding Day Centre	Friends School	Wednesday	12.30 - 4.30pm
Badminton	Friends School	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.30pm
Piccolos (term time)	Village Hall	Thursday	9.30am
Ladies Keep Fit	Village Hall	Thursday	8.00pm
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 - Eileen Steele (788593)
13 Old Glebe, Tadmarton

*Oct 17	Fri	Adult Bingo, 7.30pm	Taddy VH	788470
*Oct 18	Sat	Quiz Night, Teams of 4, £6, 8pm	Shutford VH	788197
*Oct 29	Wed	Scrabble Club, all welcome, 2pm	Taddy VH	780402
Nov 15	Sat	WI Table Top Sale 2pm	Taddy VH	788345
*Nov 26	Wed	Scrabble Club, all welcome, 2pm	Taddy VH	780402
*Dec 5	Fri	Village Quiz, 7.30pm	Taddy VH	788470

* = NEW or CHANGED ENTRY.

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LOCAL CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - David Green (Tel 780444)

CALENDAR for OCTOBER 1997

- Wednesday 1st Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday 4th Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday 4th Sibford School Open Day - see pp 15 & 16
Saturday 4th Sibford Church Harvest Service & Supper - see p21
Tuesday 7th Friendship Club - Village Hall 2pm - see p 9
Wednesday 8th Sibford Horti Soc - AGM & slides by Roger Powell - see p15
Saturday 11th Sibford School - David Oliver plays the Flute - see p14
Saturday 11th Skip in the Gower - Acre Ditch
Tuesday 14th W.I. Meeting - Christine Paterson - ALL welcome - see p 6
Wednesday 15th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday 16th Swatcliffe Society - talk on Chastleton House - see p19
Tuesday 21st Friendship Club - Coach Tour to Parliament - see p 9
Tuesday 21st * DEADLINE for NOVEMBER issue of *SCENE EXTRA* - see p23 *
Wednesday 22nd Coffee Morning - Guide Dogs for the Blind - see p 1
Fri-Sun 24-26 Cottage Crafts for Christmas, Malcolm's Cottage, see p18
Saturday 25th Skip in the Gower - Pound Lane
Saturday 25th Sibford Annual Village Quiz - 7.30pm - see p 3
Wednesday 29th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 1997

- Saturday 1st Scouts Paper Collection
Monday 3rd Sibford Ferris PC Meeting - see p 7
Tuesday 4th Friendship Club - Village Hall 2pm - see p 9
Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday - see p 4
Wednesday 12th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Wednesday 12th Sibford Horti Soc - Talk on Galapagos Islands - see p15
Tuesday 18th Friendship Club - Coach Tour & Lunch - see p 9
TUESDAY 18th * DEADLINE for DEC/JAN *SCENE* CONTRIBUTIONS - see p23 *
Thursday 20th Sibfords Society - talk on Banbury Street Names - see p19
Saturday 22nd Recycling Units in the Gower - Acre Ditch
Saturday 22nd Skip in the Gower - Barley Close
Saturday 22nd Sibford Church Christmas Bazaar - see p20
Monday 24th Sibford School Open Morning - see p15
Wednesday 26th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday 29th Children's Day for Advent & Christmas - see p21

CALENDAR for DEC 1997 (part)

- Saturday 6th Sibford Methodist Chapel - Coffee Morning & Sale 10am
Wednesday 10th Sibford Horti Society - Christmas Meeting