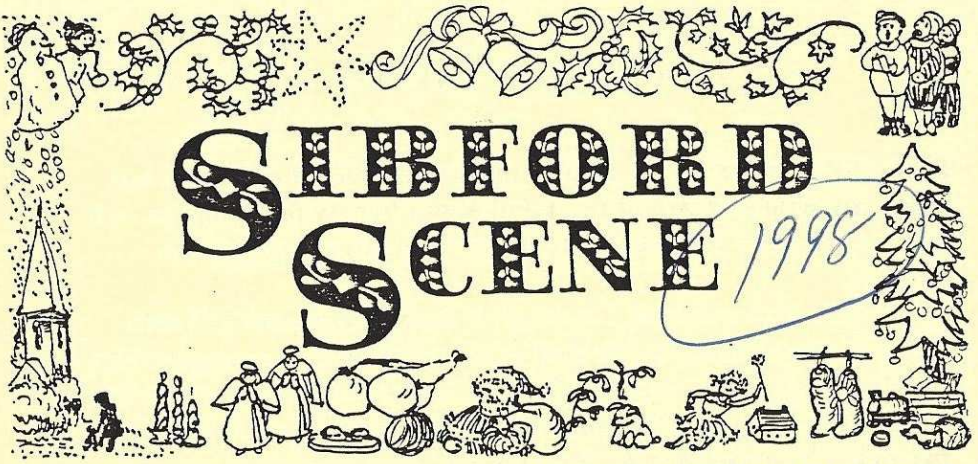

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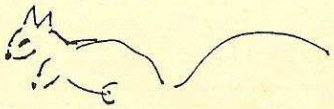

Sept. 25th. Squirrels are usually pretty sure footed creatures but today my wife saw two of them fall about twenty feet from an oak tree onto a hard surface and then run away apparently quite unhurt.

Sept. 27th. This morning I went with the young people's Watch Group to an area of bushes and grass which was close cropped by rabbits, on the hills near Watlington. We went to look for red kite which are now well established in the area after the introduction of five pairs from Norway some years ago. At one time we were watching three red kite making occasional passes at two buzzards that had come into their bit of air space. As we were leaving Watlington to come home there was a red kite sitting in a tree quite close to the road just as I imagine kites did in the middle ages while waiting for any sign of scavengable material.

Sept. 29th. A jay alighted briefly on our bird table today. Beautiful as they are I am happier if they keep away. I remember that years ago one touched down on the bird table to grab a young bird and was away with it in a second.

Oct. 5th.I was told today of an attack by a kestrel on a squirrel. It made a pass at the squirrel which managed to get up a small tree and sit in the fork of a branch while the kestrel watched it from another tree close by. After a while it went down the tree and made a dash for a nearby building. The kestrel dived onto it from its vantage point but the squirrel just got to the safety of the building in time. This is the first time I have heard of a kestrel going for such big prey.

While going from Wiggington to Barford we walked through a field which was consciously, or accidentally, being well managed for the benefit of wildlife. It had some marshy areas left without draining or ditching that must be very good for wild flowers and wading birds while on the higher and drier side of the field an acre or two had been topped some weeks ago causing a late flowering of knapweed etc. which was attracting butterflies. My grand daughter counted six of the beautiful small coppers.

Oct. 11th. I have often noticed how busy the birds are round our bird table on wet days and this wetSaturday was no exception. They emptied our perspex globe feeder, which holds 1 lb of black sunflower seed, between 9 am and 4 pm.
Oct. 19th. It is nice to have a nuthatch coming regularly to feed again after a years absence. It is the one bird that likes to have its head downwards when tackling the peanuts. It can then give them some mighty blows and often gets a piece of a peanut to fly away with. This afternoon it has changed to the sunflower seed which it can easily grab and take away. As last autumn we are getting more coal tits than either blue or great tits. We have seen as many as six at a time on and around the table. Last year their numbers fell sharply after that very cold spell of weather.
Oct. 20th. This afternoon we saw one lone swallow heading south east. The latest date I can remember seeing a swallow is Oct. 22nd. I have since heard of 3 more that were seen on the same day.
Oct. 22nd. We found an unusual casualty on the road today. A grass snake. It was curled up in a way that suggested that it was sunning itself near the edge of the warm tarmac when it was flattened by a passing vehicle.
Oct 24th. In reply to an enquiry I said that I had not yet seen any fieldfares only to find, when I got home, that a flock of them were feeding on our tree of blenheim apples.
Oct. 30th. We came across a place where 3 deer had rested for some hours. We may have disturbed them but if so they managed to slip away without us seeing them. This afternoon we gleaned some maze cobs from a field by Pitch Hill. I was surprised to see that this arable field was infested, not with docks, but with horse-radish which looks to be just as bad a weed. I have since learned that although the field is in Sibford Ferris parish it was once used as allotments by Swalcliffe parishioners which could have been the source of the infestation.
Nov 3rd. A few days ago my 6 year old grand daughter showed me something that looked like a very old beechmast case but she insisted it was fungus. I have now found a better specimen at the same site and looked it up as geastrum fornicatum which is a curiousfungus looking like a little man from another planet. Our book says it is rare but I had such a job to see them even when I was told where to look that it could be more common than the author realises.

FROM SECRETARY OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

Plans for the Oxfordshire Touring Theatre Company's Production of "Narrow Boat to the Wide World" are now all set for the play to take place on TUESDAY evening, 17th February, 1998, at 7.30 p.m. I have had many interested enquiries so I hope you will all support this event, when hopefully we can continue putting on other productions. If any senior citizens would like to attend, I'm sure lifts to and from the Hall could be easily arranged - please contact me on 780025. Tickets will be £3.50/£1.75 and will soon be available from myself and David Baker (780676).

I am very pleased to report that the Annual Quiz, in the Hall in October, raised £176.00 for the Village Hall Funds. Next year's Quiz is planned for Saturday evening, 24th October, 1998 - so please make a note in your 1998 diary! We may have to increase the price next year but I'm sure all will agree that with the marvellous supper provided, it is a good night out.

The Carol Concert will take place in the Hall on SATURDAY, 13th December, at 7.00 p.m. With homemade mince pies and mulled wine another good night not to be missed!

As last year's Annual Fete clashed with some many neighbouring villages fetes, we are considering moving this event to Saturday, 27th June, 1998. The Committee feel it would be nice to bring back some of the local attractions to the Fete - perhaps a "Miss Sibford" competition - plus the older type "fun" contests. Possibly a procession with a marching band, floats etc. What do our local residents think? This would need to be worked on from January onwards, to make it a success so any ideas would be gratefully received.

AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR LAST 1997 TABLE TOP SALE ON SUNDAY, 7th December.

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W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

More than eighty members from seven W.I.'s filled the Village Hall for the October biannual Group Meeting, chaired by our own president, Rosalind Pearlman, supported by Group Convener Lee Morgan.

The highlight of the evening was a captivating talk by guest speaker David Kossoff, actor, broadcaster and author, who delighted us with anecdotes from his TV and radio interviews and excerpts from his books of Bible Stories, for which he is especially renowned. He was admirably thanked by Mary Bristow who expressed our unanimous appreciation.

Each W.I. submitted an entry in the competition to depict a Bible Story using four different crafts. Tadmarton's interpretation of Moses in the Bullrushes finally won the judges' hearts, but the standard was such that all entries were highly commended.

Justice was done to delicious refreshments, provided and served by Sibford members. Much hilarity ensued as chairs were upturned to reveal the one from each table bearing a ticket entitling the occupants to the greatly admired table floral arrangements, the handiwork of Glennis Hutchinson and Mary Bristow.

The allocation of raffle prizes and a time for exchange of greetings between the Institutes concluded a most enjoyable evening.

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At the November meeting, letters of appreciation from visitors to the Group Meeting were read and a very comprehensive report of the County Half-Yearly Meeting was given by our delegate, Brenda Power.

Ever forward looking, we discussed the inter-Institute Walk planned for next May, and the celebrating of Sibford W.I's. 70th. birthday in November.

Mr Brian Breacher then spoke of his commitment to young offenders and his exacting efforts in introducing a juvenile transgressor to an adult Befriender, with the aim of keeping them out of court and pointing them to a better future. Operating in Milton Keynes, his is one of only three such schemes in the country and has gained the approval of - and a generous allocation from - the National Lottery. His work, too, must surely be Highly Commended.

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December 9th. *Christmas Meeting at Burdrop Barn. Please bring a small wrapped gift to exchange.*

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Christmas meeting will be on Wednesday 10 December at 8pm in the Village Hall, when Roger Powell will entertain us with a slide show, mysteriously entitled 'Plants and *Things*', to be followed, by tradition, by seasonal refreshments provided by the Committee; the traditional competition will be for 'A Christmas Table Arrangement'.

Please come along to support our Society - we need lots of new members to enable us to continue. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month and plans for the 1998 program, starting on 11 March, include talks on propagation and herbacious plants, an evening outing in June and the Annual Show on 15 August.

Here is the list of handicraft classes for the Show, so that you can all get busy on your entries during the Winter evenings:

1. A sewn garment
2. A piece of tapestry
3. A soft toy
4. A crocheted article
5. A hand-knitted article
6. A machine-knitted article
7. An example of embroidery
8. A handicraft exhibit - Ladies
9. A handicraft exhibit - Gentlemen
10. "The spirit was willing..." - A craft item started but never finished

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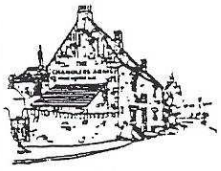

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the November meeting, several members said they did not want to travel all the way to Slimbridge for our Christmas Lunch; therefore arrangements have been made to have lunch at Chipping Norton as usual.

Events for December are as follows:

Tuesday 2 Dec - Christmas Tea in Village Hall at 2pm.
Tuesday 9 Dec - Christmas Lunch at Chipping Norton.
Tuesday 16 Dec - Pantomime at Chipping Norton - Robin Hood.
Tuesday 30 Dec - Evening Meal at Inkberrow and a trip round Stratford to see the Christmas lights.

Anyone who would like to accompany us on 16 or 30 Dec please contact Mrs Boughton (263460).

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YOUNGSTERS WIN PRIZES IN THE *YOUNG SCENE*!

One very kind reader has already started the Festive Season by donating **two £5 book tokens** - to go to the two winners of the competition in this month's *Young Scene*, which has again been compiled by one of our young villagers.

Competition Rules

1. The words should be listed in alphabetical order.
2. A computer/spell-check should not be used to find words, but an ordinary dictionary may be used to check spelling.
3. Each entry should include the name, address, phone number and date of birth of the entrant.
4. Entries should be sent to the Editor at his 'Virginia Cottage' address given on page 22, to reach him by **Tuesday 16 December.**

GOOD LUCK to YOU ALL.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE for CONTRIBUTORS

There will be NO issue of *Sibford Scene Extra* for January

(all our printing, collating & distribution staff will be on unpaid Christmas leave)

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THE DEADLINE for CONTRIBUTIONS
for the FEBRUARY/MARCH issue of *SIBFORD SCENE*
will be
* TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 1998 *
Contributions to Editor, Treasurer or Shop

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* CHERWELL CHRISTMAS SPORTS – MOBILE ROADSHOW *

Sibford Village Hall, Tuesday 6 January, 10am – 12 noon.

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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.

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The Sibfords Society

We may be able to help ease the burden of that last minute Christmas shopping - the two pubs and the surgery still have stocks of our Christmas cards available for sale.

After Christmas we have our Old Fashioned Social to look forward to on Thursday 15 January 1998 in the Village Hall from 7pm onwards. All are welcome to come along, meet with friends and enjoy a social gathering. There will be no charge for the evening, just bring along a plate of seasonal food, sweet or savoury to provide a table of light refreshments which can be pooled and shared. Beverages will be provided. This year we would ask you to look in your attic, barn or garden shed and bring along an old, unusual item which we can try to identify and guess what it might have been used for in the olden days. We look forward to your company.

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DONATIONS to SIBFORD SCENE FUNDS

A much-appreciated donation to our funds was received in September from **Sibford Ferris Parish Council.** Donations totalling £185 for 1997 have now been gratefully received from the following nine organisations:

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Sibford Cricket Club
Sibford Ferris Playarea
Sibford Gower P C
Sibford W I
Horticultural Society
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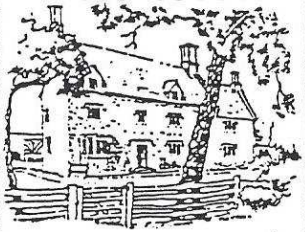

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CLLR. GREEN & THE SANDPIT

In the October/November edition, it was suggested that Sibford's District Councillor, Mr David Green, might like to explain to Ferris residents, via the *Scene*, as to why he felt unable to vote in support of the proposal to move the Matthews sand & ballast business out of the Ferris, in spite of his receiving the Parish Council's support for the move and 'a stack of letters & a petition from Sibford residents supporting the plan to move away'.

In response, Mr Green sent me 'copies of the articles & my copy letters which *[in his opinion]* adequately explains my difficult position and explains my reasons.'

In one of these letters, 1½ pages in length to the Banbury Guardian, Mr Green points out, in succession, that:
1. The Green family & the Stewart family have been friends & done business together for a number of generations.
2. The application to move the sand & ballast business away from Sibford confirmed that the business & property had been sold to Mr Matthews.
3. Mr Green '***therefore*** decided to join in the debate, but not to vote as "it may be construed that my views may still be influenced"'.

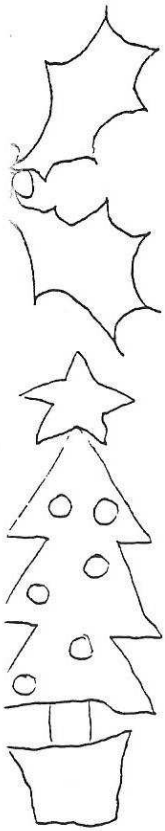
The logicality of the 'therefore' is difficult to grasp. If Mr Green ***had*** voted for the move away from Sibford, who might have been thought to have influenced his views? Apart, that is, from Ferris councillors & the mass of Ferris villagers.

In his letter to the Guardian, Mr Green confirmed that there were factors that 'tipped the very fine balance in favour of the application for me purely for the benefit of the Sibfords.' He also points out that there are 'journalists who jump at every opportunity to knock councillors and shout "sleaze".'

So, by ***not*** voting in favour of the move, Mr Green appears to have chosen to sacrifice his parishioners' clearly-expressed wish ***and*** the acknowledged benefit of the Sibfords rather than risk the possibility of receiving a few nasty, but easily-refuted, personal comments from local journalists.

However, during the last week of November the Planning Committee will be voting again on this proposal - let us hope that this time Mr Green's views ***will be*** clearly and emphatically influenced - by those on whose behalf he was elected to vote.

The Editor



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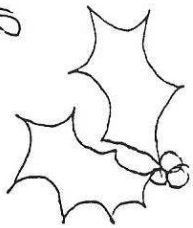

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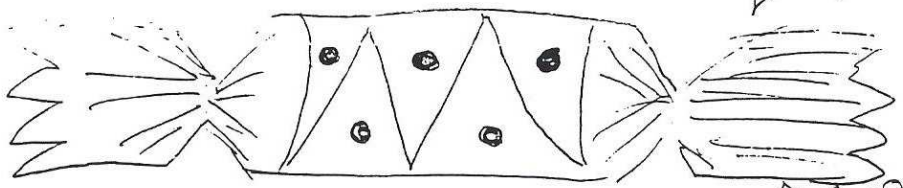

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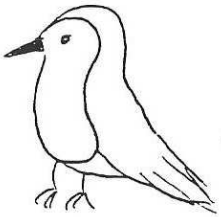

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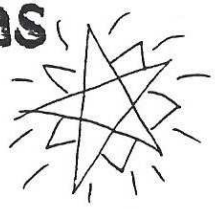

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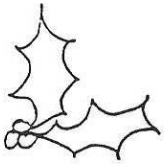

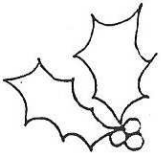

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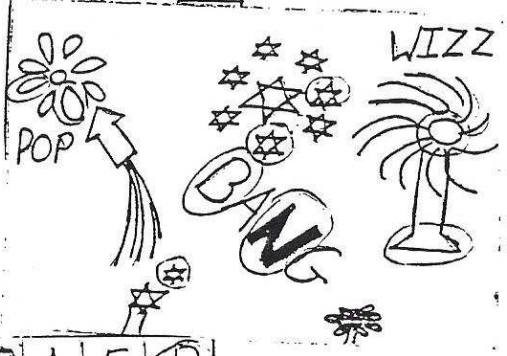

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* * SIBFORD L.E.O. CLUB NEWS * *

(Ladies Evening Out Club)

There will be a meeting of LEO Club on **Tuesday 16 December** at 8pm at 9 Barley Close, the home of Maureen Warden, when future plans can be discussed and possibly the annual dinner arranged.

Please bring a ***small*** plate of finger food; coffee/tea will be served.

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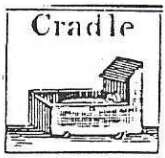

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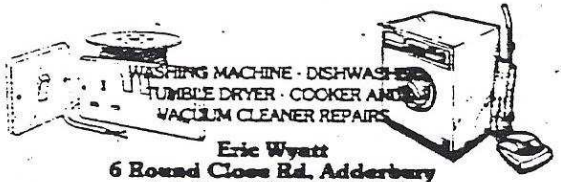

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Mon./ Wed./ Fri. 9.00 - 12.00
Sibford Village Hall

We have been very busy at playgroup. Joining in the festivities of 'Bonfire Night', the children created their very own 'bonfire' out of twigs and tissue paper and made 'rockets' out of toilet rolls which they delighted in whizzing and whooshing around the hall!

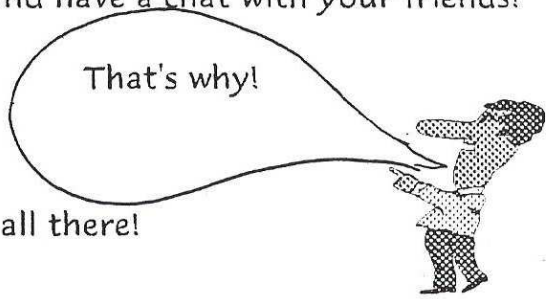
Our current topic is 'the outside'. Within this theme, we have discussed 'Autumn', and the children have made bird-feeders to hang in their gardens! We have briefly talked about 'hibernation' and will soon be concentrating on 'animals', 'pets', and 'families'.
Parents/carers of children aged between 2 ½ and 5 years who are looking for a safe, happy, and stimulating playgroup, please feel free to visit us or for more information please do not hesitate in contacting Playgroup Supervisor, Julie Bruggenwirth. Tel: 01295 788231.

NEWSFLASH:
Please note the change of date for our **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** which will now be held on **SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2-4pm** at Sibford Village Hall. Admission 20p.

CHERWELL DC - COUNTRYSIDE WINTER EVENTS 97/98

Details of over 80 events (guided walks, cycling, conservation, etc) in North Oxon up to April 1998 are given in this new publication, which is available free from Council Offices, Sports Centres, libraries & tourist information centres.

Bring your child to see Father Christmas! Buy a yummy home-made cake! Find a bargain at the bric-a-brac stall! Enter our 'guess the weight of the cake' competition! Have a go at winning on our tombola and games stalls! Buy a few gifts, crafts, cards and paper! Try winning one of our fantastic raffle prizes such as one of the much sought after 'teletubby' toys 'Po', or free tickets to 'Funtasia', or an appetising hamper of goodies or even a 'football-sized' Terry's chocolate orange! Wow!! After all this, you can sit down and relax at our refreshments table and have a chat with your friends!



We hope to see you all there!

Michelle Knapman
Publicity Officer.

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GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND ASSOCIATION

THANK YOU to everybody who kindly supported the Coffee Morning on 22 October. With your help **we have raised a total of £332.50 in aid of the GDBA.**
Thank you too to those who continue to bring us aluminium foil and used stamps throughout the year. These contributions are very gratefully received! *CR*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

A very successful Bridge Drive took place in the Village School on 8th November in which 64 players took part. A huge tea for them was arranged by Tina Frith and many helpers and over £400 was raised for church funds. This was the third in the series generously organised by Norah Barth to whom the church is greatly indebted.

A small gathering of the combined Benefice choirs from Sibford and Broughton sang at the service to mark the 1600th anniversary of St Martin of Tours in St Martin's church at Shutford at which the preacher was Rev Michael Belham.

An anonymous gift has been received by the church in the form of new hymnbooks "Hymns Old and New". This is a book which combines the best of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" and contains many of the more truly modern hymns which have become popular over recent years. In this we are following the example of Shutford parish.

A meeting of the Church Council was held on 3rd November. Perhaps the most significant matter discussed was the decision to instruct the architect to go ahead with outline plans for the renewal of the church roof and ceiling, decorations and other necessary repairs as well as for plans to make the church a little more "child friendly". All this work will cost a very large sum of money for the church to raise and an enormous challenge. It is hoped that if funds allow, work will be started in the summer of 1999 and be finished by the end of that year; perhaps a fitting testimonial to the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Our Lord.

It was also reported to the meeting that an offer to provide lifts to church services had been taken up for one parishioner. It is hoped that if there are any other villagers who would appreciate a regular or occasional lift to church, would they please contact Roger Powell (780525) who has kindly agreed to act as Parish Transport Organiser.

Apologies are due to Jean Puddle who was the organist at our Harvest Festival and not Jean Nash who played at another service at that time. We have recently been helped out by Sandra Taggart, a recent newcomer in Burdrop who teaches piano locally. We are immensely grateful to all these ladies who help out in this way also of course to Mark Paine who plays at so many family services (and preaches too) and of course to our hard pressed Rector who is also prepared to dash up and down the organ loft stairs to play and take the service as well.

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Society of Friends	Sunday at 10.30 am
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

7	Dec	10.00am	**Confirmation Service at Shutford**
14	"	9.30am	Holy Communion
19	"	7.30pm	**Carols & Christingle Service**
21	"	9.30am	Holy Communion
24	"	11.30pm	**Midnight Mass**
25	"	9.30am	**Family Christmas Communion**
28	"	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Sibford
4	Jan	10.00am	'Young at Heart' Eucharist at Epwell
6	"	8.00pm	**Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton**
11	"	9.30am	Holy Communion
18	"	9.30am	Family Service
		3.00pm	**Service for Unity Week**
25	"	9.30am	Holy Communion
1	Feb	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Broughton

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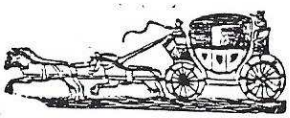

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1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES BUS SERVICE

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		Depart	Return
Wednesday 3, 17 & 31 Dec	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday 12 Dec	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Friday 9 & 23 Jan	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday 14 & 28 Jan	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

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High Meadow	Crossroads
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	M-S	NS	SO	M-S
Shipston	-	-	9.20am	-
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Sibford Ferris School	7.33	9.03	9.48	(11.42)
Banbury Bus Station	8.00am	9.30am	10.15am	12.15pm

	M-S	SO	NS	M-S	M-S
Banbury Bus Station	11.15am	12.15pm	12.15pm	2.15pm	6.00pm
Sibford Ferris School	11.42	12.42	12.42	2.42	6.27
Sibford Gower Crossroads	11.45am	12.45	12.45pm	2.45pm	6.30pm
Shipston	-	1.10pm	-	-	-

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Wednesday only	Outward	Return (read up)
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Banbury	10.50am	1.00pm

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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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CALENDAR for DECEMBER 1997

Tuesday	2nd	Friendship Club Christmas Tea, Village Hall 2pm, see p 7
Saturday	6th	Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday	6th	Sibford Methodist Chapel, Coffee Morning, 10am, see p 1
Sunday	7th	Sibford Village Hall Table Top Sale, see pp 1 & 4
Tuesday	9th	Friendship Club Christmas Lunch, Chippy, see p 7
Tuesday	9th	W.I. Christmas Meeting - see p 5
Wednesday	10th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Wednesday	10th	Sibford Horti Society, Christmas Meeting, see p 6
Thursday	11th	Sibford Methodist Chapel, Christmas Anthology, see p 1
Saturday	13th	Sibford Playgroup Christmas Bazaar, Vill Hall, see pp 1&18
Saturday	13th	Carol Concert, Sibford Village Hall, see p 4
Saturday	13th	St Peter's Church, Hooky, Christmas Concert, see p21
Tuesday	16th	LEO Club planning meeting, see p15
Tuesday	16th	Friendship Club, Pantomime at Chippy, see p 7
Tuesday	16th	DEADLINE for *YOUNG SCENE* entries - see p 7
FRIDAY	19th	CAROLS & CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - see p21
Saturday	20th	Skip in the Gower - Village Pond
Wednesday	24th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
THURSDAY	25th	* * VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL * *
Monday	29th	Sports Roadshow, Basketball at Bicester, see p 8
Tuesday	30th	Friendship Club Outing to Inkberrow & Stratford, see p 7

CALENDAR for JANUARY 1998

THURSDAY	1st	* * HAPPY NEW YEAR TO US ALL * *
Saturday	3rd	Scouts Paper Collection
Tuesday	6th	Christmas Sports Mobile Roadshow, Village Hall, see p 8
Wednesday	7th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday	15th	Sibfords Society Old Fashioned Social, see p 9
Sunday	18th	Service for Unity Week, Holy Trinity, 3pm, see p21
TUESDAY	20th	* DEADLINE for FEB/MAR *SCENE* CONTRIBUTIONS - see p 7 *
Wednesday	21st	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday	24th	Skip & Recycling Units in the Gower - Acre Ditch
Friday	30th	Sibford School - open morning - see p15

CALENDAR for FEB 1998 (part)

Wednesday	4th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
TUESDAY	17th	LIVE THEATRE PRODUCTION - SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL - see p 4