

No. 208

FEBRUARY/MARCH 1998

THE MILLENNIUM PANELS

We have some lovely finished work to display. However time is running out for this project, Now that Christmas is over and before the gardening starts why not join us and make your own contribution, All are welcome regardless of creative or needle skills.

DATES of WORKSHOPS at SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL;

SUNDAYS at 2.30pm; February 1, 8, 15;

March 1, 8 (Village Hall), 15, 22, 29,

EVENINGS at 7.00pm; February Thurs 5, Mon 9, Wed 25;

March Thurs 5, Mon 9, Tues 17, Wed 25.

HALF TERM; MONDAY 16 February 10am-1pm, longer if requested;
this is a very good time for those who are free.

Mollie Mulley 780629.



CAR BOOT SALE - VILLAGE HALL - Sunday 1 FEBRUARY

see page 5.



LIVE THEATRE - VILLAGE HALL - Tuesday 17 FEBRUARY

see page 5.



SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB - A.G.M.

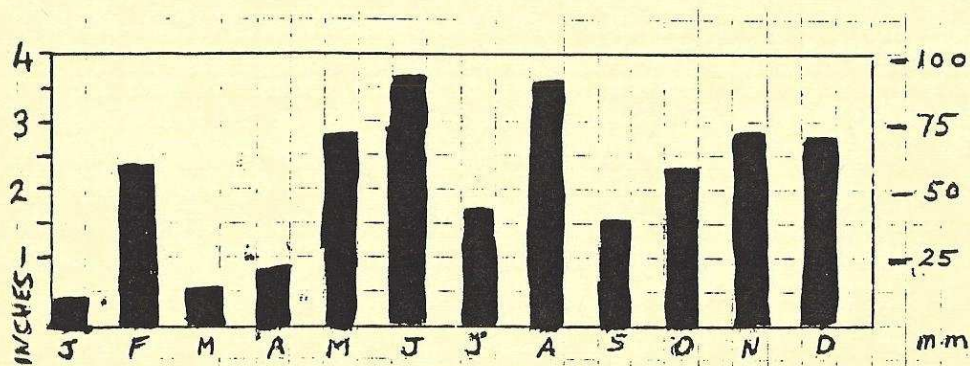
The AGM of Sibford Cricket Club will be held in *The Bishop Blaize* at 8pm on Monday 2 March,
Ian Davies

Nature Notes

Dec 10th. I hear from Scotland that there, as here, the haws that survived the hedge trimmers have all been taken from the hedgerows. The flocks of fieldfares that were feeding on them a few weeks ago also seem to have gone. They no doubt realise that an area without haws is not the right place to be if snow or frost come along.

Dec 20th. Two bramblings came to our birdtable today. They are winter visitors to this country and are easily taken to be chaffinches until they fly and show their white rumps. They are spending much of the time on the ground clearing up the bits that fall from the table just as the chaffinches do.

Jan 1st. 1997 was globally the warmest year ever recorded. In spite of the extremely cold start to the year Britain still had a warm year overall, with only 2 of the last 20 being warmer. Although wetter than the last few years the rainfall was about average. I recorded a total of 25.52 inches with only 4.21 inches of that falling in the first 4 months. My monthly totals were;



Jan 6th. I believe that jackdaws stay in pairs the year round. It was particularly noticeable this morning when they were sitting in pairs in some larch trees and as the flock took off and swung round on the wind they were all flying in pairs.

Jan 17th. A mild winter so far. On Christmas day we counted 20

different plants blooming in the garden. Our winter flowering iris has been blooming for some weeks now and in some more sheltered gardens snowdrops are out and winter aconites showing yellow. The recent warm days have also encouraged the birds to sing most noticeable robins, great tits and a song thrush. The mistle thrushes have been the boldest of them but will sing whatever the weather. I remember listening to one singing at Hill Bottom in a snowstorm with a strong wind blowing.

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SIBFORD MILLENNIUM PAGEANT

A date for your diary

On Sunday 8 March all villagers are invited to join the Pageant's chairman David Ryall and the committee from 3.30 - 5.00 pm at the Village Hall.

The objectives of the meeting:

- ◆ David Ryall will give an update on the present position of the pageant preparations for June 2000.
- ◆ Deborah Ryan - a research worker on pageants - will give a brief talk on Frank Lascelles, the eminent Pageant Master who lived all his life in the Gower and is the inspiration for the proposed pageant.
- ◆ Your ideas will be welcomed and discussed.
- ◆ There will be various displays including, most importantly, examples of the Millennium panels being produced by villagers under the guidance of Mollie Mulley.
- ◆ There will be a cake stall, organised by Mollie, to raise funds for the panels.
- ◆ Light refreshments will be available.

Everyone is welcome. You will not necessarily be expected to take part in, or assist with, the pageant - just come and find out more about it and, if you have any ideas, the committee would like to hear them.

It is hoped that those who have already volunteered their services will be able to come along to keep abreast of developments, and renew their commitment.

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It is with great regret that we have had to accept the resignation of David Baker, for over 20 years the Village Hall Manager and latterly our Chairman. David has had to take early retirement through ill health and I know everyone who uses the Hall will be very sad at this news, as David has always "been there" for everyone and in every emergency. There will never be another David and he will be a very hard act to follow. The Committee are hoping to pay for the services of a caretaker but in the meantime, if there are any queries, please phone me on 780025.

SUNDAY, 1st February - Car Boot Sale, Sibford Village Hall, 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. £5 per table - please ring 01295 251339. Next date will be Sunday, 1st March. Refreshments available. In aid of the Village Hall as previously.

After many years, Sibford Village Hall is hosting a theatre production on TUESDAY evening, 17th FEBRUARY, at 7.30 p.m. This is in partnership with Cherwell District Council (who help subsidise the event) and is the Oxfordshire Touring Theatre Company's presentation of "Narrow Boat to the Wide World" by Phil Smith, who specialises in writing for touring and community theatre groups, having written for many companies throughout the country. This Theatre Company have been established since 1979.

Neither an "Eastenders" or a kitchen sink drama, this joyously funny yet moving story will take audiences on a journey through time and a boating holiday they will never forget, with a family of three generations. As the boat heads north along the now derelict waterways each lock gate stirs an old memory and evokes a time when canals were the pulsating arteries of the country.

Suitable for adults and young people - adults £3.50, with concessionary tickets at only £1.75. The play is of a 2 hour duration, with a 20 minute interval, when a finger buffet supper, with a glass of wine/fruit juice, will be served costing a further 50p per person (payable on the night). Admission by ticket only - please phone 01295 780025. I do hope as many of you as possible will support this evening - then perhaps we can have further theatre evenings in the Hall.

The Annual General Meeting of the Sibford Village Hall will be on WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY, 1998, at 8.00 p.m., in the Village Hall.

I have not received any comments concerning the proposed "old fashioned" Annual Fete on Saturday, 27th June. Any thoughts would be gratefully received - hopefully in time for our next Committee Meeting on 18th February, when we should be getting plans underway. Phone 780025.

* * SIBFORD L.E.O. CLUB NEWS * *
 (Ladies Evening Out Club)

For various reasons the date for our Annual Dinner has had to be changed and is now set for Tuesday 24 March. If any member is UNABLE TO COME ALONG on 24 March PLEASE LET ME or Maureen Warden (788252) KNOW, The menu will follow later.

Programme: -

Tuesday 17 February - Visiting Theatre Company at Sibford Village Hall (purchase own tickets from Muriel Chandler, see page 5).

Tuesday 17 March - NO MEETING

Tuesday 24 March - Annual Dinner at The Gate, 7.30pm.
 Vivienne (810918)

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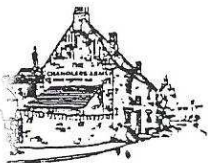
VOLUNTEER READING HELP - A NATIONAL CHARITY

This charity recruits & trains local people to go into primary schools to help children to read on a one-to-one basis. No qualifications are needed. Training courses are held in Banbury. If you could spare two hours twice a week, or for more information, please contact Nicola Menage, VRH Organiser in Banbury on 273900.

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FUN WITH WORDS is designed to bring these things alive for them - it's a serious idea done in a really enjoyable way. They have fun!

Classes are held on Saturdays, in groups of five to six children. They last for about two hours and cost £17 a time. There's juice and biscuits as well, while they're getting ready for the next piece of - FUN WITH WORDS.

If you'd like to know more about it, call Anne or Barnaby on 01295 788199. Classes start on Saturday January 24th.



Illustrations with apologies to Quentin Blake

W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

Much appreciated hospitality was provided by our president, Mrs Pearlman, for the December meeting, when business was brief and camaraderie and festive fare was enjoyed by all.

There was a goodly turnout of members for the January meeting, the business section giving promise of an active time ahead.

Many childhood memories were recalled as our speaker, Mrs Joyce Holt, expounded upon "The History of Nursery Rhymes" - and historical connotations there certainly were !

Our innocent infancy images of Georgie Porgie and Little Boy Blue were completely shattered at the disclosure of their distinguished identity, but not surprisingly

Mary and her little lamb
With its fleece as white as snow
Is best known of all the rhymes
As todays statistics show.

An attractive display of articles appropriate to the subject was much admired, as too was the collection of nursery rhyme books entered in the competition, won by Mrs Winter.

Mrs Ellred and Mrs Jarvis regaled us with welcome cuppa & cake, and we departed with a reminder of our next meeting :-

Tuesday February 10th.
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After a rather hectic December, beginning with our Christmas tea-party & carols, followed by a trip to the pantomime, then Christmas lunch at Chippy and ending 1997 with a meal at Inkberrow and a ride round Stratford to see the illuminations, we have begun the New Year very quietly.

However, we shall be meeting for the first session in 1998 on **Tuesday 3 February** at 2pm in the Village Hall, when we can discuss our plans for the next few months. **NOTE - we are meeting on the 3rd not the 10th as originally notified.** BH

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* OCCASIONAL DOG-WALKER NEEDED *

Could anybody take my 6 month old dog out in the middle of the day for ½ hour when I cannot? *Fiona Pidgeon (780360)*

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** CHERWELL ROADSHOW SPORTS - HALFTERM **

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If you think you could provide this door with a suitable final hanging space in a caring environment, please contact **Mary at Door Rescue (780248)** for further details and/or to make a reasonable offer. *Inveterate slammers need not apply.*

£ £ £

DONATIONS to SIBFORD SCENE 1997 and 1998 FUNDS

Our supporters rounded off 1997 magnificently with two further donations in December - from the **Epwell & Sibford Conservatives** and from the **Sibford Methodist Church**, the latter making up for the lateness of their 1997 donation by including their 1998 donation at the same time! Many thanks to both organisations for your continued support.

Our Finance Dept is now all geared up, with newly-sharpened quill pens all aquiver, ready to enter further donations into the credit column of our 1998 Accounts Ledger. Please do not disappoint them - or they may well shed a few tears into their little bottles of Quink. *Editor*

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WELCOME TO SIBFORD

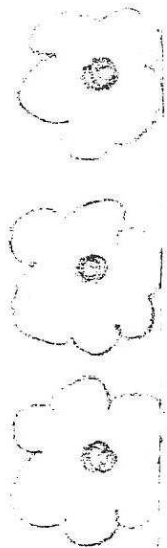
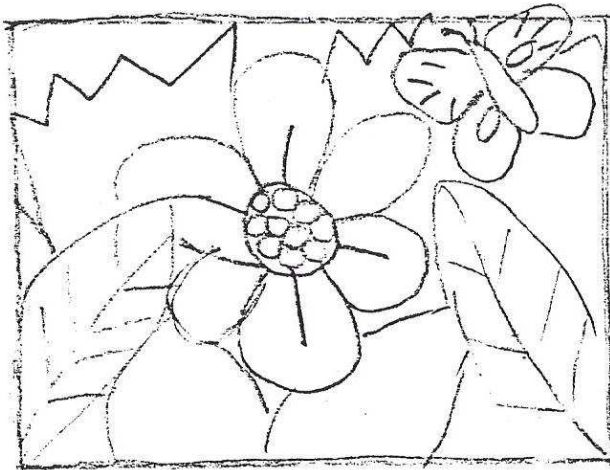
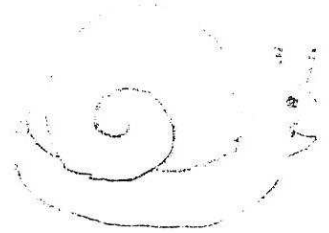
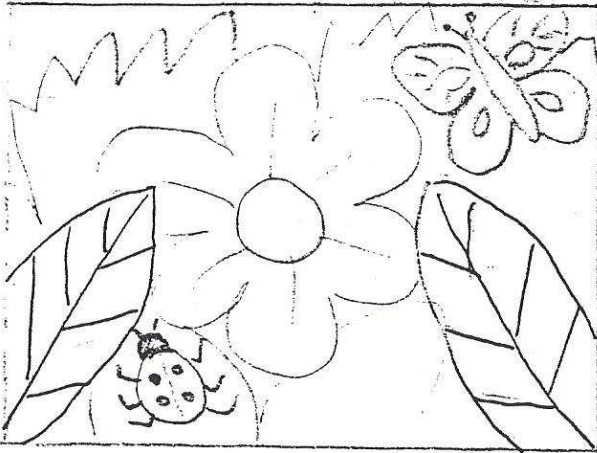
Karen and Royston Green have just moved into Weston Mead (formerly the home of the late Miss Copley) with their two children Paul and Anna. Expecting a new baby in May, they previously lived in Fritwell.

Karen and Royston own FUNTASIA a children's indoor play centre in Banbury which they have run for two years, and last year they won a Small Business Award from the local Chamber of Commerce.

They would like to say "Thank you" to Sue and William Colquhoun for making them feel part of the family while they were staying at Handywater Farm for three months, waiting for Weston Mead to be modernised. They are now looking forward to joining in village life here.

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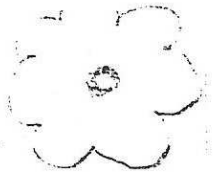
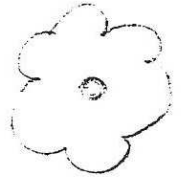
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Can you find these words!

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Rabbit

Ladybird

Butterfly

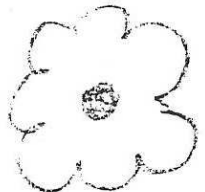
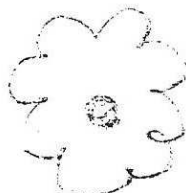
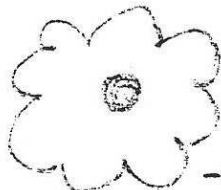
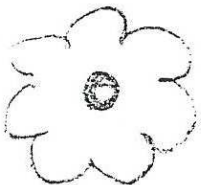
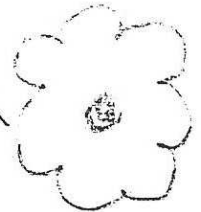
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It was so interesting to see the name of Kate Hanks mentioned in an article about the Co-op in Sibford. We bought Kate's house (Cross Cottage) in 1973 shortly after she died and moved into it in November 1975. We lived there until 1979 when we moved to Tadmarton. We had some happy times there and we were sorry to leave.

Now comes the curious thing. I was adopted as a baby through the Children's Society, and, as my parents had died some years previously, I decided to see if I could trace my natural mother. It took some time, but, eventually I found her and wrote to her.

I discovered that my grandmother (now in her late eighties) had married Oliver Lines and had lived with her in-laws at 'Cara-Mia' in the 1930's. They had also lived in Tadmarton for a short time afterwards.

Perhaps this curious fact explains my affection for Sibford. If anyone remembers the family or, indeed, if anyone is related, I would be more than delighted to hear from you.

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Or next meeting will be the AGM to be held in Sibford Endowed Primary School at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19 March. Following the brief business meeting we look forward to hearing from Peter Baadsgaard, Clerk to the Sibford Town Estate Charity, who will explain to us how the charity was initially bestowed and tell us how it has developed and operated over the last 400 years. This promises to be a fascinating evening of really local history - book the date and venue in your diaries.

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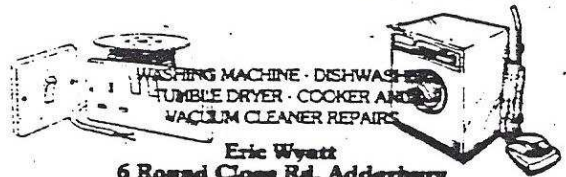
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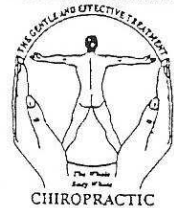
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Sibford Playgroup News
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A great big "Thank you" to all of you who contributed to our Christmas Bazaar. Your kind and generous support was overwhelming and, as a result, we raised approximately £700! With this money, we will be replacing broken toys and buying new equipment for the Playgroup.

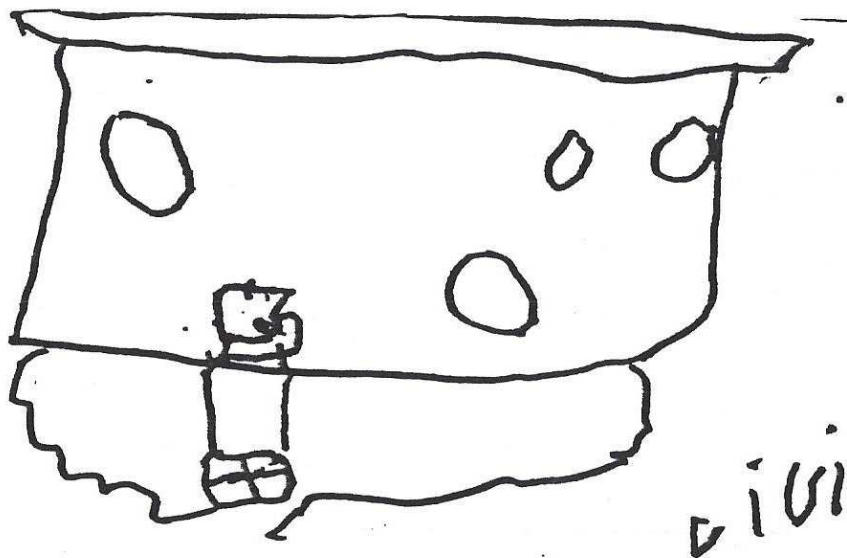
The last day of term was one of much excitement as it was our Christmas party. A fabulous time was had by everyone and was highlighted by the arrival of 'Father Christmas' who handed out presents to the children. (Thank you Santa!).

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This year's over all theme for Playgroup is 'Our World'. Under this heading, our first topic is 'Buildings'. As usual, Julie (Supervisor) and Mandy (Assistant) have planned very creative and imaginative sessions to keep the children captivated and stimulated as well as educated. Using cereal boxes, the children have been making their own buildings such as police-stations, fire-stations and even castles. Last week, shoe-boxes were being transformed into fully decorated front-rooms and

bedrooms complete with curtains and carpets! Do we have any future interior designers at Playgroup?!

Parents/carers of children aged between 2½ 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: 01608 730861).



Vivi

In connection with 'buildings', Vivi Wymer-Hoad (aged 3¾) has drawn this beautiful picture of her house - Well done!

Michelle Knapman
Publicity Officer.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

Christmas already seems a long while back but the huge congregation in our church for the midnight service is still fresh in the minds of many of us. Although this was the only such service in the Benefice so that there was representation from all the Benefice churches, it is some time since all seats in the main body of the church were filled and many too in the side aisles. Congregations on normal Sundays are also markedly larger as is the case in many Anglican churches throughout the country; evidence that our church leaders should be listened to more than various parts of the media who are not best known for their accuracy, except of course *The Sibford Scene!*

As last year, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the AGM of the church, will be held in the Village Hall as part of a Pancake Party on the evening of Shrove Tuesday, February 24th February. Last year this was a very successful village event and, once again, all villagers are welcome whether or not they are members of the Anglican Church. Pancakes will be ready at 7.30 pm and the official meeting will be slotted in at about 8.30pm

The Lent discussion groups will be held in March and April throughout the Benefice and will this year be based on "Hope in a time of change". Further details will be given in the *Wykeham News* copies of which are delivered each month to all houses in the villages.

The Ash Wednesday service on February 25th will be a Benefice service and held in Holy Trinity Sibford at 8.00 pm.

In the last article in *The Sibford Scene*, mention was made of the third in a series of successful Bridge Drives run by Norah Barth for the benefit of the church. An injustice was done as it was in fact the fourth in the series. Whilst apologising to Norah for our error, we also wish her a very speedy recovery from her spell in the Horton Hospital.

A Bring and Buy Coffee Morning was held at The Red House, Burdrop on Saturday 17th January in aid of the Church Mission Society. This was very well supported and a number attended from outside the Sibfords. A large sum of £228.00 was collected which, added to £352.70 from the box collections made before Christmas made a total of £580.70. Mary & Nornan Nash, the Sibford CMS representatives, would like to say a very warm thank you for this generous support.

A large congregation was present in Sibford Church on Sunday 18th January for the Church Unity service. Representatives from all the main churches in Sibford were present and numerous people from the wider Wykeham Benefice.

FRANCIS MORDAUNT MSSCh, MBChA

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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

1 Feb	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Broughton
2 "	8.00PM	Benefice Eucharist, Swalcliffe (CANDLEMASS)
8 "	9.30pm	Holy Communion
15 "	9.30am	Family Service
22 "	9.30pm	Holy Communion
25 "	8.00PM	Benefice Eucharist, Sibford (ASH WEDNESDAY)
27 "	7.30am	Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
1 Mar	10.00am	'Young at Heart' Benefice Eucharist, Epwell
6 "	7.30am	Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
8 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
13 "	7.30am	Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
15 "	9.30pm	Holy Communion
20 "	7.30am	Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
22 "	9.30am	Family Service (MOTHERING SUNDAY)
27 "	7.30am	Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
29 "	9.30pm	Holy Communion
3 Apr	7.30am	Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
5 "	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist, Swalcliffe (PALM SUNDAY)

† † †
ASH WEDNESDAY

This first day of Lent is marked this year by the evening Benefice Eucharist in Sibford Church. This is, of course, a service to which everyone is invited and at which communion may be taken by any denominational church member. T. W.

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LENT STUDY/DISCUSSION GROUPS

See *Holy Trinity Church News* on page 20.

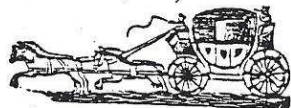
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SIBFORD METHODIST CHAPEL

We would like to thank everyone who supported our December Coffee Morning, which raised £350 for Chapel Funds.

We would also like to thank those who attended the Christmas Anthology and those who helped, especially the coffee & mincepies which were most welcome. We raised £70.50 for Katherine House Hospice.

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SIBFORD BUS SERVICES



1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES BUS SERVICE

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			Depart	Return
Friday	6 & 20 Feb	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	11 & 25 Feb	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	6 & 20 Mar	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	11 & 25 Mar	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 Shipston - Sibford - Banbury

Mon - Sat (M-S). Not Sat (NS). Sat only (SO).

	M-S	NS	SO	M-S	
Shipston	-	-	9.20am	-	
Sibford Gower Crossroads	7.30am	9.00am	9.45	11.45am	
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	-	-	-

3. 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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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DIARIST - Eileen Steele (788593)

13 Old Glebe, Tadmarton

*May 13 Wed Village Hall AGM, 8pm

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* = NEW or CHANGED ENTRY.

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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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CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 1998

Sunday	1st	Car Boot Sale - Village Hall - 1pm - see p 5
SUNDAY	1st	MILLENNIUM PANEL WORKSHOPS in FEB & MAR - see p 1
Tuesday	3rd	Friendship Club meeting - Village Hall 2pm - see p 9
Wednesday	4th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday	7th	'Fun With Words' - Saturday classes for children - see p 7
Saturday	7th	Scouts Paper Collection
Tuesday	10th	W. I. Meeting - Muriel Chandler - see p 8
MONDAY	16th	MILLENNIUM PANEL WORKSHOP - 10am-1pm - see p 1
TUESDAY	17th	LIVE THEATRE PRODUCTION - SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL - see p 5
TUESDAY	17th	* DEADLINE for MARCH issue of <i>SCENE EXTRA</i> - see p23 *
Wednesday	18th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday	19th	Sports Roadshow - Village Hall - see p 9
Saturday	21st	Skip in the Gower - Pound Lane
Tuesday	24th	Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Pancake Party - see p20
Wednesday	25th	Ash Wednesday Evening Eucharist - see pp20&21

CALENDAR for MARCH 1998

Sunday	1st	Car Boot Sale - Village Hall - 1pm - see p 5
SUNDAY	1st	MILLENNIUM PANEL WORKSHOPS in FEB & MAR - see p 1
Monday	2nd	Sibford Cricket Club AGM - Bishop Blaize - see p 1
Wednesday	4th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Friday	6th	Sibford School - Open Morning - see p15
Saturday	7th	Scouts Paper Collection
Sunday	8th	MILLENNIUM PAGEANT UPDATE, Village Hall, 3.30pm, see p 4
TUESDAY	17th	* DEADLINE for APRIL/MAY <i>SCENE</i> CONTRIBUTIONS - see p23 *
Wednesday	18th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday	19th	Sibfords Society AGM & Peter Baadsgaard - see p15
Saturday	21st	Skip in the Gower - Barley Close
Saturday	21st	Recycling Units in the Gower - Acre Ditch
Tuesday	24th	LEO Club Annual Dinner - The Gate - see p 6

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