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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1998

* **CHERWELL SUMMER SPORTS ROADSHOW** *

Sibford Village Hall & Field

27 - 31 July and 17 - 21 August

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Show in the Village Hall & Marquee on 15 August

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SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Mondays 17 August & 28 September



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Nature Notes.

June 23rd. To Killin in Scotland to stay with my sister-in-law. This afternoon she took us to a forest ride where we were greeted at the entrance by a tree pipit singing as it parachuted down into a young plantation, but what we had really come to see was the chickweed wintergreen blooming along the edges of the ride. Sadly, as we went further, and the ownership changed, the ride and the ditches on either side had been sprayed and the chickweed wintergreen, foxgloves, yellow pimpernel, etc. were all dying off.

June 24th. As the morning was damp with cloud down on the hills we went to see a crucked longhouse that is being preserved by the Scottish National Trust which was far more interesting to me than the grand houses that our National Trust tend to preserve. The long single storey house has accommodation for the family at one end and animals at the other. There was one tiny room behind the fireplace where children must have slept. The rest of the family slept in the bunks that were built into the walls of the living room and kitchen. The chimney from the large open hearth fireplace where the cooking was done, tapered quickly to a normal size at roof level. It was made of thin wooden boards with the cracks well papered over to stop the smoke coming through. We were told that with peat as fuel there was little chance of the chimney catching fire. In the tiny bedroom a piece of rotten wood had fallen away showing the edges of about a dozen layers of wallpaper. Some of them were actually newspaper with one having the headline Royal Wedding and by the number of layers covering it, it could well have been Queen Victoria's wedding to Albert. Having the livestock in the same building must have been very convenient when the snow was drifting. Further along the roadside we found some big patches of melancholy thistle and fields liberally dotted with common spotted orchids, lousewort, heath bedstraw with cotton grass, yellow iris and lesser spearwort in the damp areas. The bracken, ferns and some other plants have had their tops browned by a sharp frost that came on June 15th. This evening, while walking by the river Lochay to Loch Tay, we watched a snipe using the full length of its beak to probe the turf for food, and a flock of 13 curlews came down to feed on the rushy meadows.

June 25th. When the cloud had lifted a little we went up to the power station reservoir on Ben Lawers. Where the road had been cut across sloping ground to expose the peat supported by shaly stone, a wildflower garden had grown with butterwort, yellow mountain saxifrage, lousewort, mountain sorrel, heath bedstraw, tormentil, milkwort, mossy campion and the white spikes of alpine bistort. There was a wheatear flying from rock to rock trying to keep track of its young family and a sandpiper skimming low along a mountain stream. Coming back we found a lovely area with wood cranesbill, valerian, meadowsweet and more melancholy thistle, which seems to be a roadside plant. Perhaps having no prickles the cattle graze it in the fields.

June 26th. I saw 3 chimney sweeper moths as I walked by the Dochart to its convergence with the Lochay where I sat for a time while a shower passed, Curlews called, oystercatchers came and went, a sandpiper settled under the bank close by, a sizable colony of sand martins fed their young in nesting holes in the far bank of the Lochay and 2 hatches

of ducklings were picking flies off the water as they followed their mums downstream. Walking back I got a good view of a male reed bunting and met a friend who had seen 2 redpolls there on the previous day. Later in the day we found sundew and butterwort growing together in a ditch.

June 27th. Visited a lochen and were pleased to see that the least water lily is still thriving there. There were also some very fine northern marsh orchids and some small pearl bordered fritillary butterflies along the line of the railway that used to skirt the lochen.

June 28th. Walked to the pike pools where white water lilies, bog bean, marsh cinquefoil, flote grass and dense patches of ragged robin grow. There was also a pair of flycatchers, the first we have seen up here. At the falls of Dochart there were globe flowers and northern bedstraw.

June 29th. To the far end of Loch Tay to see a circular house built out over the water on stilts to a design which was used on the loch 2,500 years ago. It is a beautiful piece of work.

July 1st. We were sorry to find that the flycatchers nest on the wall of our bungalow had been destroyed by magpies (a bird which we didn't see at all while in Scotland) or crows while we were away.

July 2nd. Our daughter thought there were a lot of flies around when she was picking gooseberries and it wasn't until one stung her that she realised that there was a wasp's nest hanging in the bush that she was picking.

July 18th. I thought that house martins had deserted the village but they seem to have all moved into Barley Close. There was quite a crowd of them over there this evening.

July 19th. A flycatcher now has a nest in the next door garden. I expect it is the same pair that tried to nest here.

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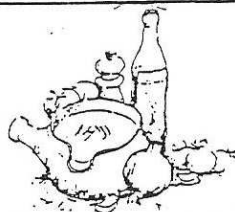
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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual Show will take place in the Marquee & Village Hall on 15 August, starting at 2.00pm; we do hope everyone will be able to exhibit items - entry night is Wednesday 12 August 7pm - 9pm at the Surgery.

Will everyone who has promised bottles please let Dr Heath have them; those who have promised cakes please contact Jane Thomas (788411).

We hope to see everyone at the Show - any offers of help will be much appreciated.

Our next Society Meeting is on 9 September; the speaker will be announced in *Sibford Scene Extra*. *Gil Soden 780543*

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* Correction to the 1998 Show Schedule *
Section A, Class 11 - should be *A Cabbage Lettuce*.

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* **CHERWELL SUMMER SPORTS ROADSHOW** *
Sibford Village Hall & Field

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Leo News

At the June meeting, eleven members were made very welcome at the home of Gaynor Harper-Tarr. They were treated to a most interesting, informative - and sometimes quite humorous - talk by a reflexologist. Pat Noble was the "guinea pig", and proved to be a very responsive subject. This was followed by some delicious eats.

There are no meetings in July and August.

The September meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on the 15th and will be at Maureen Warden's (9 Barley Close). Please smuggle in a baby photo of yourself, for a game of identification. Then, we really must make some plans for our future programme; so come armed with ideas!

£ £ £

THE 1998 BROWN ENVELOPES APPEAL on behalf of the *Sibford Scene* Funds.

OUR PROFOUND THANKS go out to the 110 households who have contributed a total of £408 in response to our 1998 appeal; both figures are some 10% down on last year.

However, we now carry a few more commercial adverts, so our Treasurer is confident that your generosity has assured that we should manage to steer clear of Queer St for another twelve months.

The Editor

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DONATIONS TO SIBFORD SCENE 1998 FUNDS

The following eight local organisations have already provided donations for the *Sibford Scene* funds for 1998:-

Sibford (Friends) School	Sibford Playarea Group
Sibford Gower School	Sibford Playgroup
Sibford Horticultural Society	Sibford Village Hall
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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We would like to thank Mrs Tanner for opening her garden, providing a delicious tea and allowing us to have a raffle & stalls to raise funds for the Club; we made in the region of £70 which was a great effort.

Our thanks also go to Mrs Jones for her lovely Garden Party and another delicious tea and also for the Hook Norton Silver Band who played delightful background music; a lovely afternoon in a lovely garden, thank you.

We have two more invitations to look forward to:-

TUESDAY 28 JULY - Mrs Puddle has kindly invited us to her home at 2.30pm.

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST - Mrs Fowler is holding a Coffee Evening at 6 Pound Lane with the usual stalls & raffle. BH

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THE MILLENNIUM PANELS

The Exhibition of our Millennium Panels at The Mill will be in April 1999.

Arranging your work to create an interesting panel or panels will be a real challenge; the completion of this project will take considerable time.

All are welcome to join us, especially new residents. Artistic and needle skills are not a requirement. If you would like to add to our subject matter or would like help with your work in progress, please contact me.

Mollie Mulley 780629

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W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

It didn't rain ! But the shelter of Quince Cottage lounge was a welcome alternative to holding our meeting in the garden.

Business was bright and breezy and a potential new member was welcomed. Those who had baked for and served teas at the Village Fayre were appropriately thanked. When trade had been a little slack the organiser's plea for a gentle shower was answered with a deluge - the hall overflowed and kettles couldn't boil fast enough !

Several members had joined the W.I. county outing to Bath - one had viewed the city from the top of a double-decker bus - the wind blew and the rain descended !

Brains were tested and our knowledge increased by the ensuing Quiz. We could be excused for not knowing the definition of *ANEMOGRAPHY*, but we should have known that just two fishes supplemented the five loaves which fed the 5,000.

Flowers familiar (and others unspellable) featured in a competition which highlighted the horticulturists amongst us - congratulations to our potential new member.

Then it was tea-time, and as with the feeding of the 5,000, there was enough and very much to spare - delicious !

And still it didn't rain - so we wandered around the garden and admired the hard work (or labour of love ?) that resulted in such a delightful array of flowers familiar and unidentifiable !

THANK YOU, Mrs Baadsgaard - it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

M. C.

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The Tuesday Bike Ride

Every Tuesday evening leaving at 7.00 pm

All abilities are welcome to come along.

August Departures

4th from the Village Hall

11th from Lanes End Corner (Ferris Crossroads)

18th from the Village Hall

25th from Lanes End Corner

Bishop Blaize Inn

Will be holding a **Car/Cycle Treasure Hunt**

On Sunday 6th September 1998

Family entries welcome, prizes for children

Please meet at the Bishop Blaize Inn car park at 3.15pm

Presentation and buffet approx. 7.00pm

Entry Fee £4.00 per Car, £1.00 per Cycle

If you are interested and would like to take part entry forms will be held at the Bishop Blaize.

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All of our stalwart supporters, from Coventry to Devon & Dorset, who receive their *Sibford Scene* direct from our Distribution Department, by Royal Mail, have now paid the annual subscription of £6.00 per annum including postage - a price that has remained the same since 1994.

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The Sibfords Society

Our Midsummer walk, led by Arnold and Ina Lamb, took place on a beautiful sunny afternoon. We walked from Grounds Farm to Swalcliffe Common, seeing the site of old ponds and some enormous, rare Roman snails on the way. Arnold explained the workings of the pump, which has provided spring water for the farm, without fail, for over 100 years. Many thanks to Ina and Arnold for such a delightful afternoon in such lovely surroundings.

On the 20 August we have a trip around the Hook Norton Brewery at 10.00 am. Please arrive a little early, so we can park cars, etc.



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LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Despite torrential rain and hail storms a great crowd supported the Annual Village Fayre and Bernie's bottle stall was as popular as ever, as was the WI's tearoom in the downpours. Thank goodness we had the Friendship Club's cake stall inside!

The under 5's childrens fancy dress was won by 3 year old Thomas Page dressed as a farmer, with 6 month old Katy Bell as busybee 2nd, 4 year old Ida Tengvall as a geisha girl 3rd and Katy's 3 year old brother Michael Bell 4th as a realistic looking mouse; in 5th place was 3 year old Emily Darvill, as a bumble bee. In the over 5's six year old Catherine Page won dressed as a St Trinian girl, with 5 year olds Madeline Cocken as a mermaid 2nd and Emily Wilson 3rd as a princess. All who took part looked great and had a rosette - hope parents have taken some photos.

The fun dog show proved popular and was entertaining, with the Sibford Top Dog title going to Raq and Guy Grasby and reserve to Jess, who was also the Prettiest Bitch, and Richard Harris. Lou Thomas and Prince won the Most Handsome Dog and was the dog the judge would most like to take home. Charlie Bishop's dog Buzz had the Waggiest Tail and 9 year old Emma Jones was the Best Handler Under 12 Years, with Lady.

Competition was strong in the Childrens Obstacle Course with Sam Jones from the Ferris winning the Senior Boys gold medal and taking the Overall Plaque. Silver medal went to Daniel Lewis and bronze to Ros Gilkes. In the Junior Boys Jonathon Simon-Morris took gold, Simon Lewis silver and Alex Healey bronze. In the Girls class Charlotte Bouchier won gold, Amy Healey silver and Isobel Steane bronze.

The Tug of War was fiercely contested before a supportive audience, with a draw having to be declared between Sibford and Epwell, with the beer keg being enjoyed by both sides!

The lambs and Shetlands proved popular and my little 23 year old Shetland Honeybee enjoyed every minute, so much so he didn't want to get back in the trailer to go home! Apologies to the children for no rabbits or guinea-pigs appearing - I think the owner, who would have had to put them in open runs, felt it was too wet for them. Thanks to Ginny Bennett, the pony rides were also very popular and it was good to have the adjacent area to accommodate them, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Pratt.

The evening entertainment was a sell out and young Sam Jones ended a very good day by winning the very large bar of Toblerone and becoming extremely popular! 'Steppin Out' were enjoyed so much people didn't want them to end and the pig roast was a credit to our "chef" Keith Sabin, particularly as we didn't get the electric spit as hoped, and the manual one had been continually turned from 10 a.m. Sam, and his loyal staff from The Bishop Blaize managed to keep up with requirements and everyone seemed to have a great family evening. In fact the whole day was just what we had hoped to achieve - "A Great Family Day Out", I was personally delighted to be a member of the great team who "put it all together".

Sibford Cricket Club

News from the boundary

The club has made good progress over the last month winning consistently when the weather has allowed us to play. Last month three matches were abandoned due to the weather costing us the chance to move further up the league. Our performances on a Sunday has been no less impressive under the new captaincy of David Simms. Last month also saw the return to action of Tom Holliday, returning from university, and Chris Sabin, whose presence will strengthen our bowling attack for the rest of the season. Finally the best wishes of all at the club are sent to Chris Wollerton our Sunday Captain following his knee operation which has ruled him out of action for the rest of the season.

Sibford Vs Woodford; Match Abandoned.

Sibford Vs Darlingscot; Darlingscot won by 5 wks.

Sibford 91 for 8: D Simms 26, I Wollerton, 25 R Gilbert 17

Darlingscot 92 for 5: C Sabin 2 for 19, R Gilbert 1 for 3

Sibford Vs Hinton; Hinton won by 42 runs.

Hinton 168 for 4: M Walsh 2 for 44

Sibford 126 all out: D Simms 32, K Peachey 21, Ron Morbey 19

Sibford Vs Round of Gras; Sibford won by 43 runs.

Sibford 154 all out: D Inns 63, I Davies 34, D Hughes 20

Round of Gras: 109 all out: D Simms 2 for 7, S Chard 2 for 11

Sibford Vs Radway; Abandoned

Sibford were 41 for 7: K Peachey 15 not out

Sibford Vs Radway; Sibford won by 79 runs.

Sibford 168 for 5: D Pratt 54, I Wollerton 50, D Simms 31

Radway 79 all out: J Barton 3 for 20, L Gilbert 2 for 6

Sibford Vs Darlingscot; Darlingscot won by 5 wickets.

Sibford 127 for 7: I Wollerton 40, Richard Morbey 25 no.

Darlingscot 128 for 5: S Chard 2 for 19, J Barton 2 for 23

Sibford Vs Greens Norton; Abandoned

Sibford 105 for 8: D Pratt 19, I Davies 18, J Barton 18

Greens Norton 50 for 5: S Chard 3 for 37, J Barton 2 for 11

Sibford Vs Gawcott; Sibford won by 31 runs.
Sibford 180 for 5: D Simms 61, I Davies 39, I Wollerton 33
Gawcott 149 for 8: M Walsh 5 for 29, T Holliday 3 for 16

August Fixtures

Sat 1st Thornbrough Away
Sun 2nd Chairmans Invitation XI Home
Sat 8th Hinton Home
Sun 9th Long Compton Away
Sat 15th Woodford Away
Sat 22nd Preston Capes Away
Sat 29th Brailes Away
Sat = League Sun = Friendly
All fixtures start at 2.30 pm.
Your support would be appreciated.

The fixture on 2nd August, our now traditional fixture against the Chairmans XI will again this year take the form of Sibford Old Vs Sibford Present. Last year this fixture provided a great match as well as a splendid occasion, with Sibford Old sneaking a last ball victory. *If you only come to one fixture this season make it this one.*

Playarea News

We are happy to say the Playarea is now open again but we are in serious need of some new enthusiastic people to help with the running of it. If more people could help in some way it would not be the chore it is becoming to the few. Jobs that spring to mind that need attention from time to time are fund raising, checking up on available grants and insurances (our biggest annual expense), maintenance and the lawn mowing and hedge trimming.

This is a playarea for the use of all children of primary school age from any village and it is a facility that we should hate to see closed permanently.

If you could offer help in any way please ring Berni Jones 780343 or Joanna Gilkes 788190 so we can get together and get things on a more positive footing again.

SIBFORD VILLAGE FAYRE AND EVENING PIG ROAST

I would like to thank all the individuals who helped organise and sponsor this years Fayre and evening pig roast.

But of course without the support of villagers in attending these events our efforts would have been for nothing.

So thank you for attending and I hope you enjoyed yourselves, despite the hail and rain in the afternoon. (The person responsible for organising the weather will be flogged at the next Fayre as an example to the person holding the role in that year)!

I can not publicly thank each individual and those organisations who contributed in some way, as so many did!

But I will make the effort to do so personally. (After all I have a year before the next Fayre)

If you bought a programme may I ask you to keep it as a local directory of services and businesses who support village life and therefore deserve our support.

May I also thank the landlords of our two pubs, the staff at the surgery and of our own village shop who arranged the distribution of programmes and entry forms as well as sponsoring raffle prizes.

The good news is that we raised over £1000 for the village hall.

It is my intention and that of the village hall committee to use this money not only to make improvements to the hall but also to reinvest in some of those organisations who use it.

Next year we aim to be better. So any comments you may have please feed them back.

Perhaps a joint fayre with the school, church and village hall?

Thank you Ian O'Hare

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Welcome to Sibford:

Valerie Mitchell and Michael Law were married on Saturday, 20th June, and received a blessing in Holy Trinity Church later the same day.

They had met at their place of work, Heythrop Park.

Michael has lived in Sibford Gower for almost nine years, and Valerie has moved here from Charlbury, though she is originally from Yorkshire.

Valerie loves gardening, when the weather allows! She says they are both looking forward to a long and happy life in Sibford.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR
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For around 15 years, a varying group of about 12 volunteers has provided a weekly trolley service at the Cheshire Home, under the auspices of the Red Cross, selling sweets, toiletries, stationery, etc., to the residents, most of whom are either bed-ridden or at least restricted to a wheel-chair.

This service is usually provided on Tuesday afternoons and takes about 2 hours. Volunteers, either individually or in pairs, usually attend once a month on a pre-arranged regular rota basis with a few reserves available to attend in case of illness or vacations.

However, several of our volunteers have been providing this service for many years and are now about to 'retire', which would make it impossible for us to maintain this greatly-appreciated weekly service to the Cheshire Home residents.

We are, therefore, looking for a number of new volunteers to join us in this very rewarding work, which is ideally suitable for pairs of friends attending together or for recently retired couples. For more details, please phone Ray Henbrey on 01295-788265.

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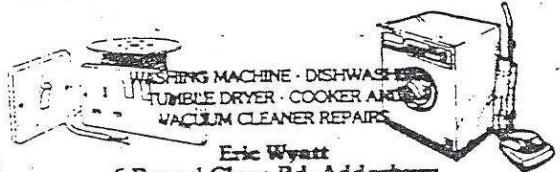


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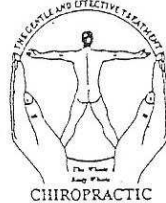
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Sibford Playgroup News Sibford Village Hall

On Monday, 13th July, an outing to 'Adventure Island' at 'The Wobbly Wheel' in Warmington was arranged. Everybody enjoyed themselves immensely diving into the balls and going down the tunnel-slide, especially Playgroup assistant, Chris Hall!!

The last session of term consisted of some 'fun races' and each child received a 'special award' rosette and a lollipop for their superb efforts! The children also brought in their 'teddies' as part of our 'Teddy-bears Picnic' and enjoyed eating lunch together. In addition, Julie, Playgroup Supervisor, had secretly organised for Daisy and her two magnificent shire-horses and wagon from 'Sydney's Exploditions' based in Tadmarton, to take everyone on a trip around Sibford Gower. (Some of you may have seen us passing with the children waving excitedly!).

On behalf of the Committee, "Thank you" to both Julie and Chris for their hard work and to all of you who continue to support our fund-raising events. All in all, we have had a very successful year.

Commencing in September, sessions for Playgroup will run as follows:

Monday 9.00 - 12.00	}	2 1/2 5 year-olds
Wednesday 9.00 - 12.00		
Thursday 9.00 - 12.00		

Friday 9.00 - 12.00 for 4-year-olds only.

For more information, please contact Playgroup Supervisor, Julie Bruggenwirth. Tel. 01608 730861.

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Age Concern Oxfordshire currently offers advice, information and advocacy services from its Rivermead offices; supplying over 40 different factsheets free of charge, as well as many other useful publications and products at low cost. Local Age Concern groups provide day care services throughout the county. Flexible Carers (who look after people in their own homes) and Volunteer Field Officers who travel far and wide to tackle a variety of problems are also crucial elements of our organisation.

As well as being a vital information link we would hope that our Parish Link Persons will be able to identify those older members of their communities that would benefit from receiving one of our "Winter-Wise" packs next autumn. These packs contain useful information on heating, insulation, eating well, home security etc., all relevant to seeing older people get safely through the worst a British winter can throw at them.

If you would like to register as a Parish Link Person, or would like further information before making up your mind, please telephone Julian Backhouse (Parish Link Co-ordinator) on 01865 240619, fax on 01865 250204 or write to me at Age Concern Oxfordshire, Rivermead Centre, Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4XD.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The Harvest Festival service will be held at 5.30 pm on Saturday 26th September followed by the usual "bring and share" harvest supper in the Village Hall. All in the villages are invited and children will be especially welcome.

A very large congregation assembled in St Mary's Church, Banbury for the annual Deanery Eucharist service. The service was taken by the Rural Dean, our own Canon Timothy Wimbush and the preacher was Bishop Luiz Prado, the Bishop of Pelota in Brazil. The St Mary's choir was augmented by the Deddington choir and the Wykeham Benefice choir. The Bishop is in this country for the Lambeth Conference, a ten yearly meeting of all the Anglican Bishops from all over the world and representing a world-wide Anglican family of some 70 million people. The manager of the Conference is David Long who lives in Epswell and who has been working on the preparations and organisation of the Conference for some years, travelling all over the world to do so.

Some leading members of our congregation were unable to be present at the Deddington Deanery service as they were at a camp in Youlbury, Oxfordshire for Cub Leaders. From Sibford attending the camp were Ann Spicer, a Cub leader also Church Warden and Erica Wimbush; also present were Robin Spicer, James Wimbush, a new Cub Leader in Sibford and Nicky Davis, a Ranger Guide and prospective cub leader in Banbury. Incidentally, congratulations to James Wimbush who has recently completed all the work leading up to Queen's Scout, the award for which he will be receiving shortly.

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SOUTH NEWINGTON SHOW - SATURDAY 8 AUGUST

The South Newington Flower & Produce Show will be on Saturday 8 August from 2 - 5pm; admission 50p, under 16's free.

In addition to the Show of flowers & produce (phone 721076 for details of class entries), there will be children's fancy dress, fun dog show, silver band, fire engines, grand raffle, craft stalls, produce auction, etc. A fun day for all the family.

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(Brailles)	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

2 Aug	10.00am	'Young at Heart' Benefice Eucharist, Epwell
9 "	9.30am	Holy Communion & Baptism
16 "	9.30am	Family Service & Baptism
23 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
30 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
6 Sept	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Shutford
13 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
20 "	9.30am	Family Service
27 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
4 Oct	10.00am	'Young at Heart' Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe

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26 Sept 5.30pm HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE followed by
'Bring-&-Share' Supper - SEE p 20.

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What was the date again? Saturday 12 September! What is happening on that day? The Historic Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride!

Do you need some exercise or fresh air? Are you looking for a challenge? Why not take part and raise valuable funds for your local Church and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which helps to preserve the ecclesiastic heritage of Oxfordshire. You can cycle, or walk, to as many, or as few, Churches as you want and ask your friends, relatives and Church members to sponsor you per church visited, or you can even sponsor yourself if you wish. Your nominated Church will benefit from half your sponsorship money, the other half going to OHCT which makes grants to Churches and Chapels of all denominations towards their upkeep and refurbishment.

Contact Petra Berry (780462) for further details and sponsorship forms.

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OPEN GARDENS in TADMARTON - SUNDAY 20 SEPT

Four gardens in Tadmarton will be opening under the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 20 September from 2 - 5pm. Teas will be available, in aid of the Church Funds. For further details contact Jane Asser on 780212.

SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES BUS SERVICE

Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop

			Depart	Return
Wednesday	12 & 26 Aug	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	7 & 21 Aug	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	9 & 23 Sept	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	4 & 18 Sept	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon

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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	
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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

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

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DIARIST - David Morgan (780232)

The Stags Head, Swalcliffe

*Oct 23/25	Cottage Crafts for Katherine House Hospice		
Fri/Sun	Malcolms Cottage, 10am - 5pm	Tadmarton	780453
*Oct 24 Sat	Sibford Quiz Night	Village Hall	780025
*Dec 5 Sat	Coffee Morning, Crafts, Cakes, Plants	Sibford Methodist Chapel	780461

* = NEW or CHANGED ENTRY.

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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
Bike Ride	see page 9	Tuesday	7.00pm
Mums & Tots	School Manor Hse	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, Thur, Fri	9.00am - 12noon

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CALENDAR for AUGUST 1998

- Saturday 1st Skip in the Gower - Acre Ditch
Sunday 2nd Car Boot Sale - Village Hall, 1pm - see p 1
Sunday 2nd Sibford Cricket Club - Special Match, 2.30pm - see p13
Tuesday 4th Bike Ride - every Tuesday in August - see p 9
Tuesday 4th Friendship Club, Coffee Evening - see p 6
Wednesday 5th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday 8th S. Newington Flower & Produce Show - see p20
Wednesday 12th Horti Annual Show Entry Evening, Surgery, see p 4
Saturday 15th Sibford Horti Society Annual Show, Village Hall, see p 4
Saturday 15th Sibford Summer Ball, Vill Hall, 8pm - mdnt (780259/788367)
Monday 17th Cherwell Sports Roadshow Week in Sibford - see p 4
Monday 17th Sibford Ferris Parish Council meeting
TUESDAY 18th * DEADLINE for SEPT issue of *SCENE EXTRA* - see p23 *
Wednesday 19th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday 20th Sibfords Society visit to Hooky Brewery - see p10
Saturday 22nd Skip in the Gower - Pound Lane

CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 1998

- Wednesday 2nd Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Thursday 3rd Sibfords Society visit to Hooky Brewery - see p10
Saturday 5th Scouts Paper Collection
Saturday 5th Skip in the Gower - Barley Close
Sunday 6th Car Boot Sale - Sibford Village Hall, 1pm - see p 1
Sunday 6th Car/Cycle Treasure Hunt, 3.15pm Bishop Blaize - see p 9
Wednesday 9th Sibford Horti Society Meeting, Village Hall - see p 4
Saturday 12th Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride - see p21
Tuesday 15th L.E.O. Club meeting - see p 5
TUESDAY 15th * DEADLINE for OCT/NOV issue of *SCENE* - see p23 *
Wednesday 16th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday 19th Skip in the Gower - Village Pond
Saturday 19th Recycling Units in the Gower - Acre Ditch
Sunday 20th Open Gardens in Tadmarton - see p21
Saturday 26th Harvest Festival Service & 'bring-&-share' Supper, see p20
Sunday 27th Theatre Express - start of Sunday classes - see p18
Monday 28th Sibford Ferris Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 30th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

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