

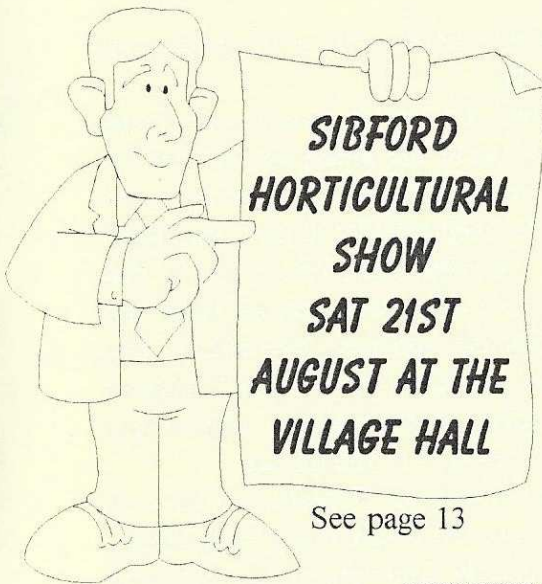
SIBFORD SCENE

No. 217

August/September 1999

Ray Henbrey, as some of you will know, was taken to hospital while the Sibford Scene was being put together. I would like to wish him and his family and friends well at this difficult time.

Adrian Lamb



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SATURDAY 11TH
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VILLAGE FAYRE

Full report on page 8

Nature Notes

June 20th. While on a short cycle ride this evening we saw a remarkable number of road casualties which included rabbits, a pigeon, a mole and a hedgehog. There also seem to be a lot of fox cubs suffering the same fate showing that they have had a good breeding season which will make the food chain even more top heavy.

June 26th. A badger sampled our carrots and strawberries last night but no great damage done. They seem to be particularly fond of carrots and turn to them whenever we get a dry spell of weather.

June 29th. While on our Tuesday cycle ride we spotted five spikes of knapweed broomrape which is a strange plant without chlorophyll which draws its nourishment from the roots of the knapweed. One of them was a particularly fine specimen which was nearly two feet tall.

July 1st. A very healthy looking muntjac with a nice shiny coat walked across our lawn at midday today.

July 5th. On two occasions recently I have seen a young great spotted woodpecker working its way round the stems of our red hot poker putting its beak into each flower as it went. On looking at the flowers I found no insects to account for their interest in them but found that they do hold a lot of nectar so I suppose that, being young, that woodpecker has a sweet tooth. We have often seen tits on them and presumed they were taking aphids but they too may like nectar. Our search by scent for a dead body this afternoon revealed a stinkhorn fungus pushing its way up through a plant on the rockery. I have now dug it out and given it a deep burial elsewhere in the garden.

July 6th. A thrush is building a nest about 10 feet up in our yew hedge within a few feet of a wood pigeons nest where it will probably be safe from cats but on a route regularly used by squirrels so they will need a bit of neighbourhood watch for success. As the thrush worked on the nest this morning some greenfinches and great tits were taking quite an interest in the proceedings.

July 10th. How lucky we are to live in a place where birds come to us. While having breakfast on this sunny morning we saw various young tits, a nuthatch and a family of treecreepers and when I went out

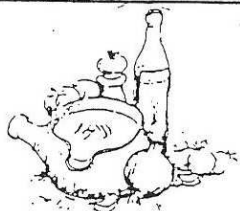
into the garden there were two buzzards slowly circling in the clear blue sky as they drifted slowly to the southeast. All the while I was watching I did not see them flap a wing.

July 13th. Badgers have dug out at least three bumble bee nests in our garden. To get at one of them they dug quite a deep hole into a stony bank representing a lot of work for a small reward.

July 16th. I found a dead water shrew by our back gate. I don't really know how common they are in this district but I have only seen them on two or three occasions.

July 17th. I was told today of a possible sighting of a red kite over Sibford Ferris flying quite low down towards the Gower. It was seen on Sunday 11th July between 4 and 5 pm. Did anyone else see it?

July 18th. A few weeks ago my Grandson found the shed skin of a grass snake in our garden pond. Since then I have heard of some being scooped up with a load of muck on a muck loader, another coming into a house in Burdrop, two road casualties and two more crossing roads where the drivers managed to avoid them.



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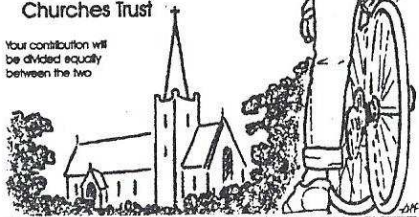
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At our meeting in June Caroline Parry gave us a fascinating talk about the diary of a young girl, Eleanora, who lived in a small village near Kidderminster. She started the diary in 1835 and it contained details of her family life in this country and their

emigration to Canada. We also visited Wroxton Abbey at the end of June and were shown around by a very knowledgeable guide who traced its history from the time it was a priory, its rebuilding into a very beautiful house and its use now by an American university.

Our next meeting will be on 15 September in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm, when the administrator of Broughton Castle will be speaking to us. On 7 October we have arranged a visit to Bletchley Park and have room on the coach for others to join us. The visit includes a guided tour of the Enigma Code breaking rooms and more details can be obtained from Jenny Barratt on 780336.

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The deadline for the September Scene Extra will be
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Contributions to the Treasurer, Shop or the Editor.

Margaret Dring Remembered

Margaret Dring (nee Wild) was born in Leicestershire on the eleventh of August 1917. At a young age her family moved to Charlecote where her father was the estate foreman for the Fairfax Lucy family. A subsequent move to Harewood in north Yorkshire saw the family established in that community, with grandfather again estate foreman - this time for Lord Harewood.

The youngest of five children she excelled at school and distinguished herself in matriculation. A career in the Post Office beckoned - where she became counter services and a teleprinter instructor.

Shortly before the Second World War she met and became engaged to Arthur - then a young gardener on the Harewood Estate. The war intervened, and for six long years they were parted as father saw service in Egypt, Palestine, Turkey and Greece.

In 1944 they married, and following demobilisation set up a market garden in Harrogate. This successful venture was followed by periods in Harewood, Lincolnshire and Sussex - before moving to the School and village of Sibford Ferris in 1954.

Arthur plied his trade as head gardener whilst Margaret for a while worked for Alcan and following a spell working in the kitchens became the school domestic matron making sure that the boarders had a supply of clean, smart clothes to wear. Following their retirement to Applegrove in 1983 they continued to play a part in village life. For Old Scholars - Margaret presented the Lesley Bailey lecture. A number of family celebrations, Silver, Ruby and Golden wedding anniversaries were all duly celebrated.

About fifteen months ago Margaret discovered that she had cancer of the breast - and a series of operations and treatments followed. All borne with a stoic spirit which made her countless friends in the medical world - mother's bravery left father, Carole and myself gasping in admiration. Margaret's total Christian conviction gave those around her a confidence that whatever the future held - she was in God's capable hands. Shortly after Christmas the illness took a turn for the worse. Further trips to hospital, some wonderful care from Sibford Surgery and the tender ministry of Timothy Wimbush.

Sadly Margaret passed away peacefully at home on the 26th May. She touched so many lives and is remembered with love by countless family and friends.

We would like to thank those whose prayers, cards, notes and practical help have done so much to support us during our time of loss.

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REPORT FROM SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Even the weather contributed to make this year's Village Fayre a great family day out and was well worth everyone's hard work. It is a great combined effort from the Fayre Committee, the Scouts, Cubs & Beavers, the Playgroup, the WI, the Friendship Club, the providers of the wonderful raffle prizes, support from the Sibford Ferris shop and The Bishop Blaize, and so many individual people. Thanks go to Mollie Mulley for bringing along the Millennium Panels for us all to see. Our apologies if we have left anyone out. We hope to have raised over the £2,000 mark this year, which must be something of a record and the Committee's thanks go to one and all who contributed in so many ways to achieve this.

The night before the Fayre, the three brave men - Sam Merchant, Basil Page and David Moir - made the ultimate sacrifice and had their beards shaved off, all looking so much younger from this experience! Unfortunately David, whose daughter had never seen him without a beard, looked so different, people didn't recognise him, and he said no-one had spoken to the stranger who was selling raffle tickets on the day! This has raised a substantial sum towards the total amount. As our Treasurer is away at present, we do not know the exact amount but this will be given in the next report.

The winners of the Childrens Art competition, judged by well known artist Nigel Fletcher, were Sean Knapman and India Seeley, both from Sibford Gower, who will have their imaginative Millennium Bugs pictures featured in next year's Fayre Programme. All the pictures were in the Hall on the day for all to view.

The Word Search winner, drawn out of the hat, was Guy Grasby, who last year was winner of the Sibford Top Dog title, with his dog Raq.

The children seemed to enjoy the day. The magician, bouncy castle, the games and competitions were all doing well. The Fancy Dress competition had 22 entries, with a very difficult job for the Judge. The results of the Under 3's was a win for 7½ month old Jack Lovegrove from Epwell as a very amusing Jack in the Box. 2nd was Jack Knapman, 2, from Sibford Gower, 3rd 1½ year old Katy Bell from Burdrop, equal 4th were Fred Smith, 2, from the Gower and Naomi Spencer, nearly 1½ from the Ferris.

In the over 3's the winner was finally decided as 6 year old Brett Knapman from the Gower, dressed as a real looking robot. 2nd was Edward Smith, 4, from the Ferris, 3rd Martha Hewetson and 4th Emily Darvill both 4 and from the Ferris. We had two brave "over 10's" dressed as Posh and Baby Spice - Amy Healey and her friend Gina Brooks. We hope all the children received a rosette but if not ring Muriel on 780025 and we will put that right!

The Dog Show, like the Fancy Dress was a great crowd pleaser. We didn't have quite so many entries as last year but it did provide a lot of amusement, right down to little Barney, our Treasurer's dog who we put in the "Dog with the Waggiest Tail" but couldn't get his little stump to move. However he did take home two 3rds, 5th & 6th rosettes, shown by 13 year old Amy Healey. Competition was strong for the Sibford Top Dog title and the beautiful Challenge Cup, donated and

presented by Mrs Vera Jones. The Champion was the Best Veteran winner, 11½ year old Harry, a Collie-cross-Spaniel, owned all his life by Ginny Bennett from Sibford Ferris. Reserve went to 10 month old Golden Retriever Milo, who Ann Batchelor, from Churchill, has owned since he was 8 weeks old. Milo had a good day, winning Best Puppy, 2nd in the Best Pedigree and 3rd in the Handsomest Dog classes.

The winner of the Best Young Handler went to Epwell's Sarah Harris, with Jess, who also won the Best Chocolate Drop Catcher. The Best Pedigree class was won by Jack, the rough Collie owned by Celia Phillips from the Gower. Max won the Handsomest Dog, with owner Caroline Harley from the Ferris, who were also 3rd in the Dog with the Waggiest Tail. The Prettiest Bitch went to Buzz and Charlie Bishop from Tadmarton, who also had a 2nd, 5th and equal 6th. The Best Cross Breed went to Fiona Pigeon, from Burdrop, with Inca, who also took home a 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th rosette.

All the dogs behaved perfectly on such a hot day but the Deerhound Charlie caused much amusement by telling his young handler Mary Philpott from Epwell, that he didn't really want to be a show dog! 7 year old Katherine Page did manage to keep him in the ring in the Best Young Handler and, they happily went home with 4th place.

The Childrens Obstacle Course had almost 70 competitive attempts for the Overall Trophy. In the Senior Boys, gold went to Jonathan Jones, silver to Daniel Lewis, bronze to Nick Tuffrey. Senior Girls gold to Sarah Mynott, silver to Amy Healey and bronze to Gina Brookes. The Mixed 9 - 10 year gold went to Jack Layer, 2nd to Matthew Spackman and 3rd to Kate Mynott. The Mixed 8 and under gold went to Alex Healey, silver to Thomas Cairns and bronze to Kathryn Yeomans, only 5½.

The Overall Trophy finally went to the brother of last year's winner, Jonathan Jones from Sibford Ferris but less than 2 seconds divided three of them - Jonathan, Daniel Lewis and Sarah Mynott.

Bernie Jones achieved her ambition, raising a splendid record £216.65 on the bottle stall - well done to each and everyone of you who gave us so many bottles. Will we better it in the Millennium year, Bernie?!

A big thank you to Kathleen Winter, who collected so many items, despite all her personal worries, raising a record £80.60 on the Tombola stall.

Another big thank you goes to Joanna Gilkes and the Lamb family for thinking up, making and running the innovative Human Fruit Machine, causing much mirth. Together with Kayleigh's Horse Racing they raised £41.69. As most of the games cost only 20p a go, it shows just how popular they all were.

Thanks go to the brave people who went in the Stocks - thank goodness it was such a warm day!

It was exciting to watch the very brave people doing the bungee jump - thanks go to Peter Clifford who provided this huge attraction.

All the games were well supported and thanks to all who ran them. The

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Scouts barbecue was a sell out - much to our dismay when we didn't buy early enough! Thanks also to the WI for their special teas and to the Friendship Club who didn't take long to sell their tables full of goodies. The Playgroup were so successful with their face painting, one grandmother didn't recognise her grandson. The pony rides were again popular, thanks to Ginny Bennett and Hilary McGuire. The Car Boot seemed to run well alongside the other attractions and raised a further £47. Our thanks to Josie and Bert Marshall from Banbury, who also run the monthly Car Boot Sales at the Hall. Our special thanks to Bert who manned the table all day, taking the admission charges.

Finally, many thanks to our own "Man of Sibford" Mr. Eric Payne, who opened all the proceedings, and secretly enjoyed doing it.

The evening's entertainment again proved to be very popular with another wonderful pig roast. The main thanks go to "Sibford Chef" Keith Sabin, which proved a very hot day long job, together with his staunch helpers. Thanks to everyone who provided extra food for the evening.

AND, of course, after it is all over - the next morning brought in a band of helpers to clear and tidy up, ready for the 90th birthday party which followed. Again very many thanks to all.

The July Collectables and Car Boot Sale raised £99, less advertising, for Hall funds, with again very grateful thanks for items donated for sale.

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Playgroup closes for the Summer but re-opens on Wednesday, 8th September 1999.

Our Supervisor, Julie Bruggenwirth can be contacted on 01608 730861 for any information regarding Sibford Playgroup.

SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB

NEWS FROM THE BOUNDARY

Last month brought with it a change in fortune, with victories in only two of the games played. However, despite the recent poor results we remain top of the league two thirds of the way through the season. Last month saw Ian Wollerton score 248 runs in five innings at an average of 62.

Sibford Vs Priors:

Sibford 224 for 5: D Simms 58, I Wollerton 44, J Barton 40

Priors 227 for 2: M Walsh 1 for 52, D Prickett 1 for 55

Sibford Vs Round of Gras

Sibford 174 for 9: C Wollerton 58, R Gilbert 23, M Simms 17

Round of Gras 175 for 0

Sibford Vs Chacombe

Sibford 200 for 7: I Wollerton 59, D Inns 43, Richard Morbey 34no

Chacombe 32 all out: R Gilbert 5 for 6, L Gilbert 3 for 11 C Sabin 2 for 1

Sibford Vs Sibford School

Sibford 64 for 9: C Sabin, K Peachey 12, S Talbot 3 for 14, P Jessell 2 for 8, B Holliday 2 for 12

Sibford School 65 for 6: R Gilbert 23no, R Walls 17,

C Sabin 3 for 8, J Simms 1 for 10

Sibford Vs Woodford

Sibford 144 for 8: Richard Morbey 36, I Wollerton 31, Ron Morbey 24

Woodford 147 for 3: M Walsh 2 for 28, D Prickett 1 for 31

Sibford Vs Darlingscott

Darlingscott 153 for 6: S Chard 3 for 15, J Barton 3 for 52

Sibford 99 all out: N Murrell 41, S Chard 20no, C Wollerton 17

Sibford Vs Stony Stratford

Sibford 111 for 5: I Wollerton 55, J Barton 23,

Stony Stratford 112 for 2: D Prickett 2 for 36

Sibford vs Stony Stratford

Stony 177 for 7: D Prickett 2 for 29, M Walsh 2 for 38 J Barton 2 for 39

Sibford 181 for 5: D Inns 83, I Wollerton 59

August Fixtures

Sun 1st Vs Deddington at home

Sat 7th Vs Priors away

Sun 8th vs Long Compton at home

Sat 14th Gawcott away

Sat 21st vs Hanslope away

Sun 22nd vs Mickleton away

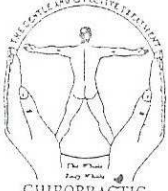
Sat 28th vs Radway at home

Sibford Horticultural Society

Another reminder that the Annual Show is on at **Saturday 21st August**. Your committee would be most grateful for offers of help in setting up the tables on Friday afternoon, manning the entrance and helping with stalls and teas. Contact Gil Soden or Roger Powell. Please also assist with the provision of cakes, bottles and plants.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th September**. The proposed speaker is currently in hospital and may not be available. There will be a meeting but the subject matter is as yet undetermined.

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I was hoping to be able to stay longer and to have had a word with you all but somehow old age intervened!

The Church Roof Restoration Fund has benefited by your generosity by £414.55.

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With love and gratitude to you all,
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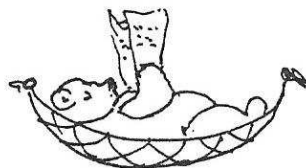
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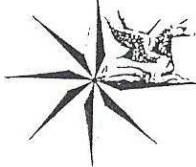
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Friendship Club

At our meeting at the end of June we were entertained by an interesting illustrated talk given by Sheila Walsh on 'Ladies underwear through the ages' much to the enjoyment of the gentleman members who were present. The afternoon was rounded off with a welcome cup of tea and cake.


Our July outing should have been to Weymouth but due to lack of support it was changed to a much more enjoyable trip to Symonds Yat. After a lovely sunny start we took a leisurely ride to Ross-on-Wye where we stayed for coffee and a look round a warehouse, then on to Symonds Yat for lunch, a look round a Japanese shop and garden and then either a boat ride on the river or a walk along the river banks. A most enjoyable day out.

On **Tuesday 3rd. August** we are arranging an outing to Hampton Court leaving Epwell at 8.30am. If anyone is interested in joining us on this trip please contact Mrs Boughton 263460



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W.I. NEWS & INFORMATION

Would it ? - The optimists went unprepared. Wouldn't it ? - The pessimists (alas the wise ones!) took their brollies. But whether it would or wouldn't keep fine, we were all happy to gather in the delightful garden of Wyatts' Close for our July meeting.

Minutes were read and other things said - Glennis recounted the visit to Hereford Cathedral Flower Festival and Lynda read a comprehensive report of the Albert Hall meeting, submitted by our Bloxham delegate representative.

Greta thanked all who had supported her in providing teas at the Village Fayre and this was endorsed by a letter of appreciation from the Village Hall secretary.

President Brenda read a letter of thanks from our nonagenarian member for the good wishes sent for her very special birthday - congratulations again Shiela !

Mrs Bryant, Community Education Outreach worker, spoke of the possibility of arranging courses or workshops in Sibford if there was sufficient interest.

At this point in proceedings papers were blowing and the first raindrops were falling. Despite being in the shade of the old apple tree there was a hasty retreat indoors.

When one room was completely filled, the overflow went into the next - what an accommodating hostess we had !

Gardening anagrams and a confectionary quiz taxed our brains and gave us a ready appetite to savour the delights of Gill's renowned cooking. Refreshed and replete we were able to stroll in the sunlit garden before departure, leaving Helen still busy with crocks at the kitchen sink. To her and especially to Gill -

THANK YOU for a lovely afternoon.

Aug. 9th. Outing, leaving Village Hall 10 a.m.

M.C.

Welcome to Sibford

John Perrott and Caroline Nottage have recently moved into Beechcroft House (the new house next to The Cubbs) in Burdrop with their son Ben aged 6. They last lived in Stratford after spending some time in Australia.

John works in the software industry and is based near High Wycombe. His hobby is fishing while Caroline loves going to the theatre. They are hoping to settle here for some time.

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QUIET GARDEN DAYS AT HANDYWATER FARM, SIBFORD

The second season of occasional quiet days at Handywater has been under way since April, and as curious questions are still being asked, ("What is it like? What do you do?"), perhaps the idea ought to be demystified a bit.

The light-hearted answer to the first question is "it's like a party where people don't speak to each other for much of the time". The benefits of stillness and silence in a world that is so fast and noisy, are numerous. Although the days are Christian-based, with an invited leader bringing ideas for meditation and focusing our thoughts at the beginning and end of the morning and afternoon, nobody is obliged to take part in these short sessions. For two hours, morning and afternoon, people find their own space in the garden or the house, to read, meditate, stroll around the garden, listen to the sound of the stream, stare into the fire, reflect - or even snooze. You could even pull out a few weeds, but that's not encouraged....

How often is it said, "I can't relax completely in my own home because I always think of something that needs doing"? How often do you think to yourself, as Anthony Newley said, "Stop the world, I want to get off"? Remove yourself from your own stressful or lonely environment to a place where you are actively encouraged to do nothing but cogitate, and you may find the experience more restful than a holiday, more beneficial to your health than medication.

Three quiet days have been held so far this year, The Reverend Ian Adams from Thame and the Reverend Linden Fletcher from Botley came to lead the meditations on Tuesday 20th April and Tuesday 15th June respectively. Both were recommended by Bishop Anthony Russell when he was asked for advice, and each brought a particular personal dimension to their day. Ian Adams introduced us to the poetry of R. S. Thomas, and Linden Fletcher was able to incorporate a musical element, having been a music teacher, and having a piano to hand here.

On Sunday 11th July, Canon John Fenton joined us for a picnic lunch after preaching at the deanery service at Bloxham, and led us into an afternoons meditation that was quite blissful on a gorgeous summer's day.

I can't think of a lovelier use for the garden. Apprehensive new participants at our quiet days are surprised at how they are unexpectedly able to be still for two hours, and indeed how quickly those two hours seem to pass. They smilingly report feeling more refreshed in mind, body and soul than they have felt for some time.

So if you feel like trying out a day with us, there are two more dates arranged for the autumn. The invited speakers are Canon Barbara Doubtfire, from Woodstock, a well-known figure respected for her quiet spirituality, and the Reverend John Edmonds-Seal from Beckley near Oxford, who was ordained after retiring from a career as an anaesthetist. Do put the dates in your diary, and ring Sue on 788770 if you intend to come, or if you would like more detailed information. You do not have to attend the whole day, as long as you arrive and leave quietly. Bring a packed lunch and a rug/cushions, and we will provide drinks, cookies, good books, your own space in the house if it's wet, and an inspiring leader.

Wednesday 8th September between 9.30 and 4.30

To be led by Canon Barbara Doubtfire

Monday 4th October between 9.30 and 4.30

To be led by the Reverend John Edmonds-Seal

Stevens Diaries. A reply.

In your last issue of the Scene Extra, I read with interest the extracts from the Rev. Stevens diary and was particularly amused by the one related to William Poulton and his wife. They were my late husband Justin's great grandparents and my father-in-law told many tales about them. Apparently, William was normally quite a placid man but his wife had a very hasty temper.

William liked to go down to the Bishop's Blaize at Sunday lunch time to have a few quiet drinks with his mates. This annoyed his wife, as the dinner she had cooked was often delayed and consequently spoilt. One Sunday she decided that enough was enough and putting his dinner on a plate, she marched down to the pub with it and plonked it on the bar in front of him. If she had expected to shame him, she was disappointed, for, thanking her for her kindness, he proceeded with equanimity to eat it, much to the amusement of his friends. I doubt if she bothered to repeat the experiment!

Mary Poulton

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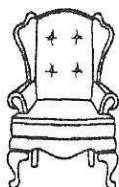
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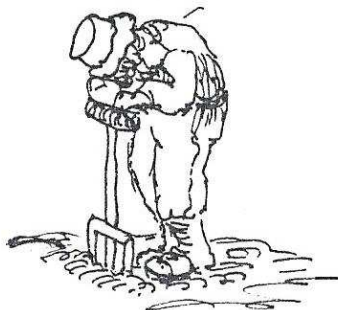
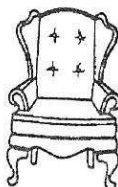
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Holy Trinity Church News

It is somehow very stimulating for us to hold our services, as we done recently, in the Methodist Church and in the Village Hall. Just the same, we will appreciate returning to our church and are watching with interest, and some amazement, the speedy and efficient work on the church roof. Our architect has clearly found us a hard working firm with very considerable experience.

A very successful Annual Church Garden Party was held on Saturday 18th July in the beautiful garden of David and Gill Soden. The many stalls and games were well served by the usual dedicated band of helpers and all were well attended by a large and enthusiastic following. Tom Spackman was well rewarded for his bravery in carrying off the first prize in the male childrens section and Freya Nash won the young ladies prize. Erica Wimbush as a St. Trinians hockey player ran away with the adults section. Many thanks to the Sodens, all the helpers and all supporters for a really happy afternoon in beautiful sunshine and to Mary Nash for putting it all together. A total of £858 was raised for Church Funds.

The Missing Bench

It is sad to see that someone has seen fit to remove the metal seat from the Elm cross roads.

I believe that this seat was given to the village in memory of Irvine, the climber who was lost on Everest, by his aunt. It was placed by the old elm tree and was there until last year when it was repaired and moved to the other side of the road, to improve visibility at the junction.

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Copy by Monday please.

Church Services

Society of Friends	Sunday at 10.30 am
Methodist	Sunday at 11.00 am
Roman Catholic Mass (Wroxton)	Sunday at 9.00am
(Brailes)	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower	

August	1st 10am Benifice Eucharist at Tadmarton
	8th 9.30am Family Service
	15th 9.30am Holy Communion
	22nd 9.30am Holy Communion and Baptism
	29th 9.30am Holy Communion
September	5th 10am Benifice Eucharist at Shutford
	12th 9.30am Family Service
	19th 9.30am Holy Communion
Sat	25th 5.30pm Harvest Festival Service
	28th 9.30am Holy Communion

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Friday 6th & 20th Aug to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Friday 3rd & 17th Sept to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday 8th & 22nd to Chippy	10.00am	12.00noon

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Village Hall	Village Hall
Crossroads	High Meadow
High Meadow	Crossroads
	The Colony

2. Stagecoach 480 Shipston - Sibford - Banbury

	Mon ~ Sat (M-S).	Not Sat (NS).		Sat only (SO).	
	M-S	NS	SO	M-S	NS
Shipston	-	-	9.20am	-	-
Sibford Gower Crossroads	7.30am	9.00am	9.45am	11.45am	12.45pm
Sibford Ferris School	7.32am	9.02am	9.48am	(11.38)	(12.38)
Banbury Bus Station	8.00am	9.30am	10.15am	12.15pm	1.15pm
	M-S	SO	NS	M-S	M-S
Banbury Bus Station	11.15am	12.15pm	12.15pm	2.15pm	6.00pm
Sibford Ferris School	11.38am	12.47pm	12.38pm	2.38pm	6.23pm
Sibford Gower Crossroads	11.40am	12.50pm	12.40pm	2.40pm	6.25pm
Shipston	-	1.15pm	-	-	-

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Sibford Ferris	9.57am	1.53pm
Hooky	10.05am	1.45pm
Bloxham	10.35am	1.15pm
Banbury	10.50am	1.00pm

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Calendar of Events

August

- Sun 1st Collectors and Car Boot Sale. 2 - 4pm. V. Hall p10
Tue 3rd Friendship Club outing to Hampton Court p15
Wed 4th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm
Mon 9th W.I. Cotswold Outing leaving the Village Hall 10am p16
Sat 14th South Newington Flower Show. p7
Tue 17th Deadline for September Scene Extra p5
Wed 18th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm
Wed 18th Horticultural Society Show Entries. 7 - 9pm at the Surgery
Sat 21st Sibford Horticultural Society Show. p1 & 13

September

- Sun 5th Collectors and Car Boot sale. 2 - 4pm V. Hall p10
Tue 7th Electric Blanket Testing at Bloxham p14
Wed 8th Quiet Garden Day at Handywater. p18
Wed 8th Horticultural Society Meeting. V. Hall 8pm p13
Sat 11th Churches Bike Ride. p1 & 4
Wed 15th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm
Wed 15th Sibfords Society Meeting. V. Hall 7.30pm p5
Tue 21st Deadline for contributions to October Scene.
Tue 21st L.E.O. Club Meeting - Healing Stones p16
Wed 29th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm

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