

Sibford Extra Scene

July 1997

No. 3

The following gardens will be open under the National Gardens Scheme on
Sunday 13 July 2 - 6 pm:

Manor House	Mr & Mrs Garner
Temple Close	Mrs Jones (Teas organised by the PTA)
Carters Yard	Mr & Mrs Clutterbuck
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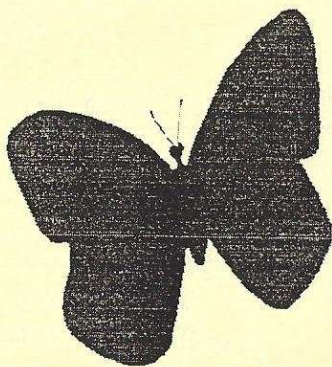
Nature Notes.

June. 6th. I heard a turtle dove in some bushes on the Sibford Ferris side of the valley this morning. Sadly they are now few and far between and this is the only one I have heard this year.

June. 9th. This evening I released a lime hawk-moth on to the flower of an evening primrose. It was brought to me from Shipston this morning. A beautiful moth but not quite as colourful as the elephant hawk-moth that I was shown a few weeks ago.

June. 11th. Spent a few hours this morning on the second stage of a bird count on a kilometre square to the north west of Sibford Gower. We did not find a great variety of birds but it was pleasing to find that in spite of the cold winter there were still a good number of wrens about. We saw plenty of evidence of a high population of badgers. It has been suggested that they are now having a significant effect on the population of ground nesting birds, which I can well believe when I look at the way they grub along the hedge bottoms for food. It is inevitable that they will find some nests.

June. 16th. One of our tit nesting boxes now contains a nest of wasps. It already half fills the box so its potential for further development is strictly limited. This afternoon we walked across Blindwell Hades (the rough grass field opposite the telephone exchange). In the bottom of the hollow we found a lot of chimney sweeper moths and a small skipper butterflies feeding on meadow vetchling and stitchwort. I counted 14 of the attractive little moths, which are sooty black with silvery white wing tips, and two skippers while standing in one place.



*Deadline for August / September Sibford Scene Contributions
will be Tuesday 15th July.*

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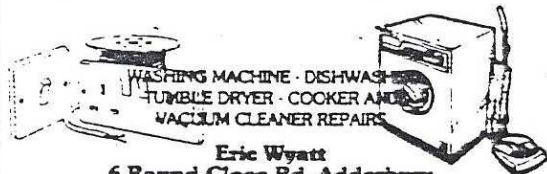
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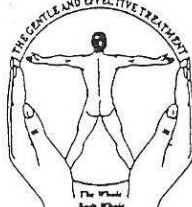
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'Steve' died suddenly on the 3rd. of June 1997. He collapsed at his home in Back Lane, late on the previous evening. He was taken to the Horton hospital, but sadly, did not survive the night.

After war-time service in the R.A.F., he was with the General Electric Company working on X-Ray machines. He later joined E.P.Barrus and was largely responsible for the success of the Johnson outboard engines when they were introduced to this country. His work took him world-wide.

Ann and Steve lived in Seer Green and came to 'the Ferris' 20 years ago when the E.P.Barrus company moved to Bicester. On retirement, he worked with his brother-in-law at Amersham, until deciding to retire for a second time.

He has contributed greatly to the activities in the villages and until recently served on the Committee of the Horticultural Society - 'Horti'. Indeed, the floral notice boards seen in the villages recently to advertise the plant sale, were his idea and creation.

'Steve' will always be remembered for the 'fun' times that he provided and the sympathy of all, in both villages, goes to his widow Ann here at Sibford and to their daughter Caroline, who is now working in Halifax.

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A Farmer Writes

With the work on this years crops all but completed and harvest approaching, many of our local arable farmers will be looking forward to harvest 1998 and sorting out crop rotations and therefore seed orders for this autumn, which will have to be placed in the next few weeks. The ongoing work will be cleaning out the grain stores, conveyors and elevators and dealing with any vermin or insect pests ready for the incoming crops.

In the machinery shed the combine will need to be run up and cleaned out and any repairs completed. Grain trailers will also need cleaning out. With an imminent increase in the number of farm vehicles using our roads, I think that a plea to all those who use our village roads is timely. Many of our local farmers will be moving some very large equipment between fields and will, unavoidably, cause delays to other drivers. Please be as patient as possible and bear in mind that it is "better to be ten minutes late in this world, than ten years early in the next". It is also worth remembering that rearwards visibility, especially from combine harvesters, is limited and overtaking one should be done with caution. It is, of course, not only the car drivers who need to be careful and, appreciating this fact, a new campaign has been launched this week by the N.F.U. This is an eight point checklist for farmers using public roads;

- 1, Pull over to avoid queues of traffic building up.
- 2, Ensure vehicles are roadworthy. (a legal requirement)
- 3, Check brakes, lights and steering before use.
- 4, Guard and/or reposition safely sharp edges or spikes.
- 5, Secure any load.
- 6, Ensure vehicles are not overloaded.
- 7, Use lights and amber warning beacons on machinery.
- 8, Keep the road clean.

If all road users keep to these guidelines a trouble free harvest on our roads should be assured.

Dont forget the Village Hall Fete
July 19th 2.30pm

FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

We had a most interesting afternoon at the Blue Cross Animal Rescue Centre at Burford where we saw a varied assortment of animals & birds which are in their care & also learned more about their work. A very good afternoon out!

Events for July.

Tuesday 1st July. COFFEE EVENING at Mrs. Fowler's, No. 6 Pound Lane, Sulphur Gound, at 6.00 p.m.

Tea/Coffee & Biscuits & various stalls. ALL WELCOME.

Tuesday 15th July. Evening outing culminating at Claydon Museum. Coach leaving about 5.00 p.m.

Further details from Mrs Boughton 263460.

Tuesday 22nd July. All Club Members have been invited to Mrs. Puddle's home for afternoon tea at 3.00 p.m.

Non-Members are welcome to join our evening outing.

Home grown courgettes will probably be ready for picking at the month. Quite often gluts occur and this is a great way of using them up in a different way. It is a very moist cake & very moreish!

Chocolate courgette cake

200g / 7oz Plain Flour.

1 tsp Baking powder.

½ tsp Bicarbonate of soda.

½ tsp Salt.

110g / 4oz Caster sugar.

2 eggs.

6 floz Vegetable oil.

170g / 6oz Good quality plain chocolate.

225g / 8oz Firm courgette (peeled weight)

55g / 2oz Finely chopped walnuts.

Grease and flour 2 8" tins (sandwich).

Sift all dry ingredients into a bowl.

Beat the eggs with the oil.

Melt the chocolate over a pan of simmering water.


Grate the courgettes.

Beat the eggs and oil into the dry ingredients then stir in the chocolate, courgettes and nuts.

Divide the mixture between the tins and bake for 30 to 45 mins at 180°C / 350°F.

Cool and fill with whipped cream or chocolate filling and dust with icing sugar.

If any readers have good seasonal recipes to share please pass them on to the editor. (preferably with a sample!)




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W. I. NEWS and INFORMATION

At the June meeting, the new president, Mrs Pearlman was able to start the meeting with the news that the recent Coffee Morning in aid of the Horton Hospital Cancer Care Resource Unit had raised £225.

Three new members joined us at this meeting and were warmly welcomed.

The speaker, David Eddershaw, gave a most interesting and well illustrated talk on "Going to school in Victorian Times" using many sepia photographs from the Oxfordshire Archive. The pictures of the classrooms and their occupants gave many clues to the way of life, and stirred memories of tales told by parents and grandparents. A photograph of children in the garden of Sibford Primary School showed them rejoicing in having won the County Trophy for gardening, which they did for several years at the turn of the century.

The next meeting will be our annual Tea Party and will be on July 8th at Mrs Conway's garden in Shenington at 2 p.m.

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A Few Words About Hedges.

The new Hedgerows Regulations came into force on 1st June and now require farmers and land owners to apply to the local authority for permission to remove hedgerows.

In general, permission is required if your hedgerow is on, or runs alongside;

- * agricultural land;
- * common land, including town or village greens;
- * land used for forestry or the keeping of horses, ponies or donkeys; or
- * a Local Nature Reserve or Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Permission is not required if it;

- * is shorter than 20 metres (unless both ends join up with other hedgerows or it is part of a longer hedgerow); or
- * is in, or borders, your garden.

The local authority, when they receive an application to remove a

hedgerow, will visit the site to see if the hedge is "important".

To be "important" the hedgerow must;

- * be at least 30 years old, and
- * meet at least one of the following 8 criteria summarised below.

1. Marks a pre-1850 parish or township boundary.
2. Incorporates an archaeological feature.
3. Is part of, or associated with, an archaeological site.
4. Marks the boundary of, or is associated with, a pre-1600 estate or manor.
5. Forms an integral part of a pre-Parliamentary enclosure field system.
6. Contains certain categories of species of birds, animals or plants listed in the Wildlife and Countryside Act or Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) publications.

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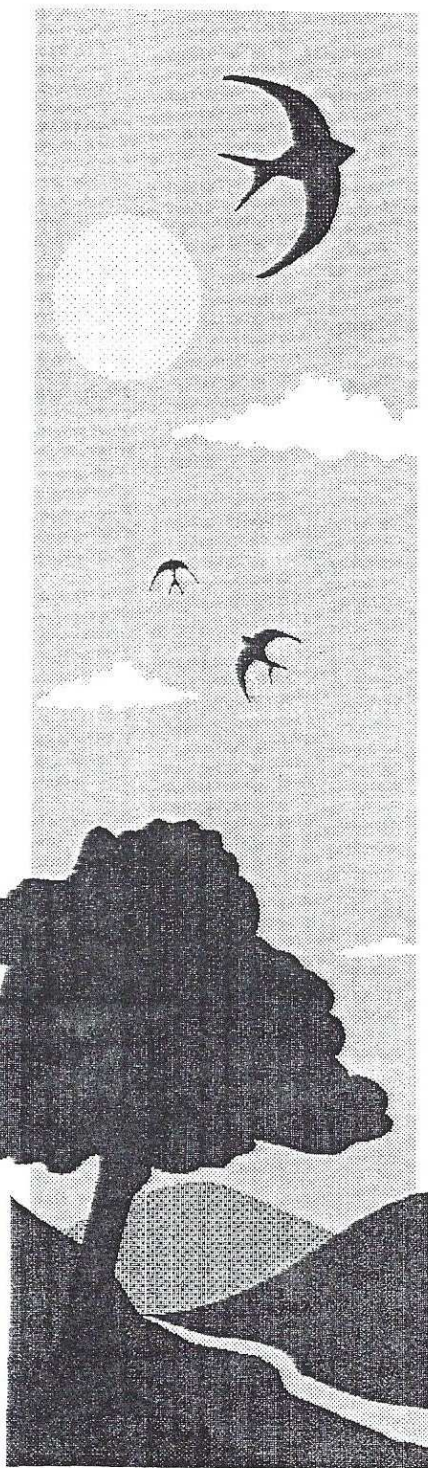
- a, at least 7 woody species, on average, in a 30 metre length;
- b, at least 6 woody species, on average, in a 30 metre length and has at least 3 associated features;
- c, at least 6 woody species, on average, in a 30 metre length, including a black-poplar tree, or large-leaved lime, or small leaved lime, or wild service-tree;
- d, at least 5 woody species, on average, in a 30 metre length and has at least 4 associated features.

8. Runs alongside a bridleway, footpath, road used as a public path, or a byway open to all traffic and includes at least 4 woody species, on average, in a 30 metre length and has at least 2 of the associated features listed below.

The associated features are;

- i A bank or wall supporting the hedgerow;
- ii Less than 10% gaps;
- iii On average, at least one tree per 50 metres;
- iv At least 3 species from a list of 57 woodland plants;
- v A ditch;
- vi A number of connections with other hedgerows, ponds or woodland
- vii A parallel hedge within 15 metres.

These notes are from the Department of the Environment / MAFF leaflet 'The Hedgerows Regulations your questions answered' leaflet. If any reader would like to read the whole leaflet please contact the editor.



The Sibfords Society

Those members who were able to visit Cropredy had an excellent evening looking at many of the interesting features of the village followed by a wonderful supper prepared by members of the Cropredy Historical Society. Our summer outings certainly provide a great opportunity to meet other groups interested in conserving their village's heritage.

Our first guided village walk was well supported and our thanks go to Robin Spicer who acted as our walk leader. Details of our second walk in September will be available next month. We have also visited Wellesbourne Water Mill where we saw the restored mill in action preparing stone ground flour in the traditional manner. The mill offers a fantastic insight into by-gone days and is well worth a visit. On Sunday 20 July they are holding a Working Crafts Show from 10.30 - 4.30 when many rural craftsmen will be demonstrating their skills.

On 17 July we look forward to welcoming members from Adderbury Society to Sibford. We shall follow our circular walk and show them many interesting features en route. Members are asked to meet at the Village Hall at 7pm and bring half a pound of their favourite cheese for the ploughman's supper which will follow. Glennis Hutchinson will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help with arrangements for supper. This will be our last meeting before the summer break - happy holidays if you are travelling away from Sibford.

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Gardening notes.

The much needed rain has really got everything in the garden growing strongly but with these humid days be aware of mildew and other fungal diseases swiftly spreading.

- * Feed and deadhead roses and perennials (unless you want to save the seed)
- * Cutting some herbaceous perennials to ground level will encourage new growth and a later flush of flowers. e.g. catmint.
- * Sow next years spring bedding i.e.wallflowers and sweet williams, in rows outside ready to be set out in October. (pansies are sown in seed trays and pricked out into pots).
- * Seeds of some perennials need to be sown as soon as they are ripe, e.g. alstromeria, primula, meconopsis.
- * Keep tomatoes well fed and watered.
- * Semi ripe cuttings of shrubs can be taken from mid to late summer e.g. ceanothus, eleagnus, garrya, philadelphus.
- * Keep sowing salad vegetables and herbs for continuous cropping
- * Take note of any plants that will need moving or gaps that need filling in the autumn.

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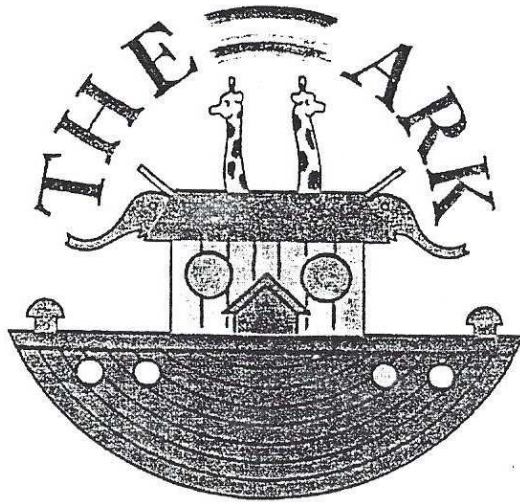
Forthcoming Home Games - Spectators Welcome

Saturday 28th June	Twyford	(League)
Saturday 12th July	Hinton	(League)
Sunday 20th July	Aynho	(Friendly)
Saturday 26th July	Gayton	(League)
Sunday 27th July	Chairman's Invitation	

The Chairmans Invitation game listed for Sunday 27th July is intended to be an all village affair. Invitations will be extended to fathers and sons in the Sibfords who will be pitched into 'controlled opposition'. Weather permitting it is hoped that this will be an event that the whole village can enjoy.

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Sibford Ferris Open Gardens

Despite a poor weather forecast we were lucky to have only one real shower and that not until about 5 o'clock. We had well over 300 visitors and were able to send £615.65 to the National Gardens Scheme. This included a percentage of the takings at the plant stalls, the pots stall and the teas, which were efficiently provided by the P.T.A. of the Primary School.

We must again thank the Friends School for allowing car-parking in the Piece, and the many helpers on the day.



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TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

FASHION SHOW/SALE

25TH SEPTEMBER, 1997. 7.30PM

A FASHION SHOW/SALE is to be held at Tadmarton Village Hall on Thursday, September 25th, at 7.30pm. The organisers are a National Company who travel all over the country giving shows to schools and other fund raising bodies.

The clothes are shown by models brought by the organisers, and are sold at about one third of shop price. None of the clothes are seconds and are available in a range of sizes, and there are styles for all ages, (including teenagers).

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Friday 11th & 25th July. To Banbury	10.00am	12 noon
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Village Hall	Village Hall	
Crossroads	High Meadow	
High Meadow	Crossroads	
The Colony		

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	Outward		Return (read up)	
	M-S	M-F	M-F	M-S
Sibford Gower Crossroads	7.30am	8.20am	5.20pm	6.30pm
Sibford Ferris School	7.32	8.22	5.18	6.28
Banbury Cross	7.55	8.45	4.58	6.08
Banbury Bus Station	8.00am	8.50am	4.55pm	6.05pm

3. JEFFS COACHES. 480 Sibford - Banbury
 Monday - Saturday Outward Return (read upwards)

Sibford Gower School	09.45am	11.45am	11.45am	12.50pm	14.50pm
Sibford Ferris School	09.48	11.42	11.42	12.47	14.47
Banbury Cross	10.13	12.13pm	11.17	12.17	14.17
Banbury Bus Station	10.15am	12.15pm	11.15am	12.15pm	14.15pm

4. CHERWELL VILLAGER. 55 Sibford - Banbury
 Wednesday only Outward Return (read up)

Sibford Gower	9.55am	1.15pm
Sibford Ferris	9.57	1.20
Banbury	10.50am	1.00pm

5. CHERWELL DC DIAL-A-RIDE SCHEME - A mini-bus with tail-lift to take ELDERLY OR DISABLED PEOPLE, and escort, to Banbury (max fare £1). Door-to-door service. Book in advance.
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Church Services

Society of Friends Sunday at 10.30 am

Methodist Sunday at 11.00 am

Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton) 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

6 July 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Sibford

13 July 9.30am Holy Communion

20 July 9.30am Family Service

27 July 9.30am Holy Communion

3 Aug 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford

Weekly Events.

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday Evening
Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Monday 2.00-4.00
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday 5.15-6.45
Line Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday 8.00-9.30
Mums&Toddlers	Friends School	Wednesday 10.30-12 noon
Fielding Day Centre	Friends School	Wednesday 12.30-4.30
Badminton	Friends School	Wednesday 7.30-9.30
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday 4.30-5.45
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday 6.00
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday Following Cubs
Playgroup Village Hall Mon, Wed, Fri. 9.00-12 noon		

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July. Calendar of Events

- Tues-Thur 1-3. The Mikado at Sibford School. 780441 for tickets
Sat 5th Scouts Paper Collection.
Sat 5th Skip in Pound Lane, S.Gower.
Sun 6th Car Boot Sale at Village Hall. phone 780676 for details.
Tue 8th WI Tea Party. Mrs Conway's Shenington 2 pm
Wed 9th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop 2.25-4.20.
Fri 11th Gower Parish Council Meeting. 8 pm.
Sat 12th Church Garden Party/Fete. See front cover.
Sat 12th Line Dance Club American Supper. 780676 for tickets.
Sun 13th Methodist Chapel Family Service. 11am. Pastor Henry Edwards.
Sun 13th Sibford Gower Gardens Open - See Front Cover.
Tue 15th LEO Club visit to Brook Cottage. 7 pm Village Hall.
Tue 15th **##DEADLINE FOR AUG / SEPT SIBFORD SCENE##**
Thur 17th Sibfords Society Visit by Adderbury Society - 780259 for details.
Sat 19th Recycling Units in Acre Ditch.
Sat 19th Skip in Barley Close, S.Gower.
Sat 19th Village Hall Fete / Shindig.
Sat 19th 'The Rivals' at Leasowe House, Bonds End Lane. 780569 to book tickets.
Wed 23rd Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20)
August (part)
Sun 3rd Car Boot Sale, Village Hall 2 pm 780676 for details.
Sat 16th Horticultural Society Annual Show, Village Hall.

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