

September 1997

# Sibford Extra Scene

No. 4

## New Season at the village Hall.

### LINE DANCING

Restarting Sept. 2nd.

Every Tuesday evening from 8 - 9.30pm at the village hall.

£3.00 per session ½ price for children.

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Starting Thursday Sept. 18th.

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Many thanks to Sam, our new landlord at the Bishop Blaize for his kind donation, without who's kind help we would not have got started - also well done to the boys who did a sponsored run, and their sponsors.

David Baker.

# Nature Notes

July. 18th to 20th. We are spending the weekend at Charney Basset which is surrounded by a very flat area which was once an inland sea. We walked at dusk along a straight road which is raised a few feet above the arable land on either side until we came to a piece of set-aside land. On it were several hundred peewits and at least six hares but we could not see the french or red legged partridges that were calling. We also saw hares and french partridges earlier, as we walked to see an iron age fort. They seem to be plentiful here. I have never seen as many swifts as there are here. They not only nest under the eaves but also between the stonesfield roof tiles of this very old building. Occasionally one would stop flying and fall for a considerable distance while it appeared to be rubbing its body with its wings. I don't know whether this is done to rearrange the feathers or perhaps to dislodge some of the ticks that always plague swifts.

July. 27th. This morning I went with the Watch group to Burnwood Forest where we saw several white admirals and most of the more usual butterflies. One of the children pointed out an eyed ladybird. We went on to the wild flower meadow where greater knapweed is carpeting much of the field at the moment perhaps because there is little competition from grasses which must be greatly weakened by the yellow rattle that draws its nourishment from the grass roots.

This afternoon we were shown some spectacular puss moth caterpillars that were feeding on a young ornamental willow. There are fewer of them each day hopefully because they are full grown and are moving away to make cocoons in which to pupate.

Aug. 1st. Squirrels are already busily stripping our beech tree of its nuts leaving a carpet of husks on the lawn to test the mower.

Aug. 8th. In spite of having had several nests destroyed by predators in the garden this year there are now quite a lot of young birds around. For some days I have been hearing what I thought was a family of nuthatches but it took a caller to spot them. We have also seen families of tits, wrens, flycatchers and chiffchaffs.

Aug. 15th. While digging potatoes for the show my wife unearthed one with scratch marks on it and closeby an exceptionally smooth one that turned out to be a ducks egg. It had a cleaner skin and better shape than the potatoes that I showed but I doubt whether it would have fooled the judges. It was probably buried by a fox.

Aug. 18th. While driving to Evesham this afternoon we saw two very bright mock-suns with rainbow colours at their edges. They are said to be a sign of rain and they certainly need some in the vale.

On behalf of the Sibford Village Hall Committee and myself, I would like to say a big thankyou to all who made this years Annual Fete a success. Particular thanks go to David Moir, who mainly organised the event, putting in many hours of hard work and planning, to all the people who manned the stalls, to the WI ladies for their excellent teas, to all the people who helped on the day, and behind the scenes, and to everyone who contributed to the stalls. Also to our recently retired Chairman, Bernard Phillips, who organised the loan of such a splendid tent for our "liquid" supplies. We couldn't have had better weather if we had ordered it and we will have made in the region of £700 for the Village Hall funds. I hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you one and all, and I hope we will see you again next year.

David Baker, Chairman of Sibford Village Hall Committee.



#### INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY BAND for SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 20 September, Sibford Bowling Club is once again holding a Country Night - with a live band whose members come together from USA, CANADA & ENGLAND. They will not be playing elsewhere in this country, so this is a special one-off appearance for Sibford.

Tickets will be available from Club members at £5 each including supper; there will also be a licensed bar. For further details phone 780676 or 780025.

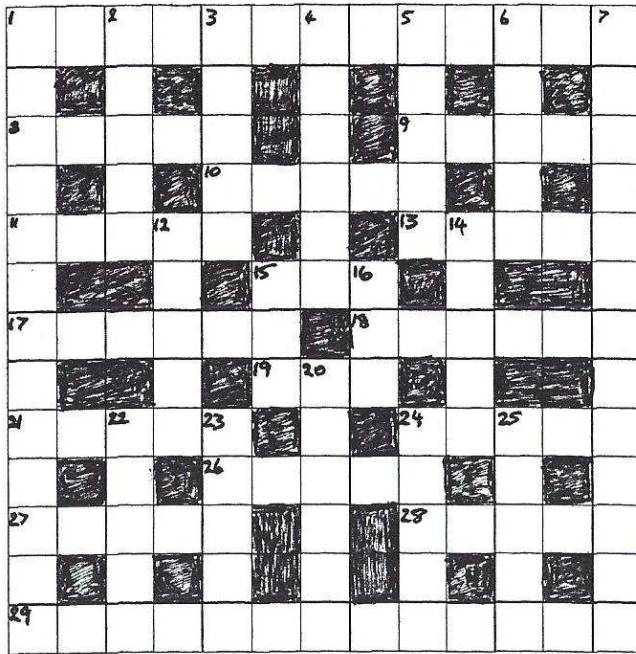
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**Across.**

- 1, Cheap enough to warble for. (5,3,1,4)  
 8, Die down. (5)  
 9, \_\_\_\_\_ Jones, architect. (5)  
 10, Abolish. (5)  
 11, Dr. Heath might \_\_\_\_\_ your ailments. (5)  
 13, Sibford \_\_\_\_\_ Extra. (5)  
 15, Pay it in Swalcliffe entertainment. (3)  
 17, Drive at Sibford Society Social. (6)  
 18, Joke for the slimmer? (6)  
 19, A \_\_\_\_\_ Hand. (3)  
 21, Races around these trees. (5)

- 24, A caper I can't alter. (5)  
 26, No rivers in this area are this. (5)  
 27, Harden. (5)  
 28, If not in tomato sauce they could be \_\_\_\_\_. (2,3)  
 29, Really vesting varied interest unceasingly. (13)

**Down.**

- 1, I hope that you are feeling like this. (4,2,2,5)  
 2, \_\_\_\_\_ and not cross, like this. (5)  
 3, \_\_\_\_\_ but huge, like this. (5)  
 4, None wander for this fruit. (6)  
 5, Where leaves meet stem. (5)  
 6, Put it here and it will keep for a bit. (2,3)  
 7, O lily get cream mixed according to Euclid's recipes. (13)  
 12, Modify. (5)  
 14, \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy Wimbush. (5)  
 15, Nourished. (3)  
 16, Flow back. (3)  
 20, Checks the accounts. (6)  
 22, Give off. (5)  
 23, Hard metal. (5)  
 24, I may need bail for this excuse. (5)  
 25, Leather lace. (5)

## SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August great concern was expressed about the application to convert the barn at Wheathills Farm into a house and also to build a new house between the church and the school. The fields in the valley between our two villages are very important in preserving our rural environment, and the PC decided to protest in the strongest terms to The Chief Planning Officer. Plans are available for inspection, either from me or from Petra Berry in the Gower.

The PC have written to The Chief Planning Officer to support Nigel Matthews' application to move his operations from Stewart's Yard to Ferris Hill, behind The Gate Hangs High.

If you are of pensionable age, get your electric blanket tested for safety at Banbury on 11<sup>th</sup> September. There is no charge for this service. Phone 01865 815400 to make an appointment.

Our next meeting is at 8 p.m. on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September in the library at Sibford School.

David Moir - Clerk  
788241

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Firstly we must thank both Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Puddle for their kind invitations to their garden parties and for the delicious teas they both provided, also our thanks go to Mrs. Fowler for her coffee evening and to those who supported it, we made in excess of £100 for club funds.

We had a lovely day out at Ludlow and Burford House Gardens although the weather was very hot and tiring. Judging by the many plants which were brought onto the coach from the Garden Centre we should have some beautiful gardens in Sibford and the surrounding villages.

Our next outing will be on Tuesday 9th September when we shall be taking a trip down the river from Henley to Marlow. The coach will leave at approximately 1.30pm in order to get the boat at 4.15pm at Henley.

For further details please contact Mrs. Boughton on 263460.

Preliminary Notice.

Tuesday 21st October - Tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Tour commences at 11.00am so it will mean an early start.

These outings are open to anyone and the coaches will pick up in Epwell, Swalcliffe, Tadmarton and the Sibfords. Please contact Mrs. Boughton if interested.

## THE MISSING TRACTOR

At the village fete in July, Mike Clarke of Renault Agriculture kindly donated a rather special model tractor as one of the prizes. This was won by Karl Fletcher who came first in the jousting competition. Somebody kindly picked up this prize on Karl's behalf, but since then it seems to have disappeared and poor Karl has been deprived of his prize. If you have it could you please return it to me or give it to Karl.

David Moir

# The Sibfords Society

We are looking forward to visiting Gibraltar Quarry on Tuesday 9 September and are most grateful to Mr and Mrs G Wilson who have kindly agreed to let the Society visit this interesting local feature.

Our guide for the evening will be Martin Layer and he will enlighten us as to the background, ecology and geology of the quarry. It promises to be a good evening, but as the daylight hours are already shortening we need to meet at the Barn, Woodway Road in Sibford Ferris at 7pm, sharp, so we are ready to walk down to the quarry. Cars may be left at the Barn (Bill and Barbara Crabtree's) and we will return there for light refreshments after the walk. We look forward to seeing you there for our last outdoor meeting for this current year.

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The Sibfords and Epwell branch of the North Oxon. Conservative Association will be holding a dinner at Ryehill Golf Club on Friday Oct. 31st. A speaker will be arranged. Further details and ticket arrangements will be in the October Sibford Scene.



Banbury Round Table meets on the first and third Thursday every month. Part of a national organisation it is open to any male aged between 18 and 40.

It offers the opportunity for a group to undertake a range of activities from Brewery trips and punting races on the Avon to organised family picnics and dinners in Oxford colleges.

Often recognised for our charitable and community work our primary aim is to enjoy ourselves!

If you want to know more, receive a copy of our programme or come along to our next event as my guest, then please contact me, Ian O'Hare, Chairman Banbury Round Table, Tel 788188 or call personally at 4 Mannings Close.

## NECK PAIN?

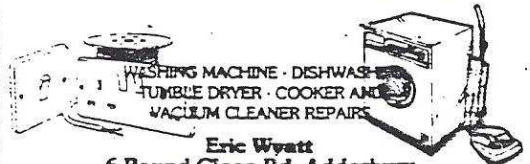
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To all village residents - could you please take a few moments to complete this and either leave at our Village Shop, or return to Muriel Chandler at 2 Pound Lane, Sibford Gower (Tel. 780025) or David Baker at 10 Cotswold Close, Sibford Ferris (Tel. 780676). Many thanks in advance.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ?.....

If yes please give name, address & phone no. : .....

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH MOWING / WEEDING OF GROUNDS OF VILLAGE HALL ? .....

If yes name & phone no. : .....

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WHAT EVENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT THE VILLAGE HALL ?.....

..... Would you be willing to help put on such an event ? If yes, name & phone

no. : .....

ANY IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING ? .....

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WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN JOINING OR STARTING A CLUB ? If yes, what type :

.....

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING AT YEARLY ANNUAL FETE ONLY ? If yes, name & phone no please : .....

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HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS WHICH COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL FETE ?

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IF YOU ALREADY ASSIST WITH AN ORGANISATION USING THE VILLAGE HALL, any comments you may have would be gladly received (no matter what !)

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WE HAVE PEOPLE AVAILABLE WHO WOULD RUN A VILLAGE HORSE SHOW, or a VILLAGE SPORTS DAY, but need a suitable site - is there anyone out there who could provide such a site ? .....

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Collection will start at about 10.00 in the normal way and takes about an hour. Please leave your newspapers ready for collection so that we can see them, sometimes it is not obvious or we inadvertently miss a bundle.

Our thanks to everyone for their co-operation. The newspaper collection provides a useful source of funds that helps us provide Scouting to the young people of our community.

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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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The Dr. Taylor Cup - Mrs F Pidgeon

The Mrs Padbury Rose Bowl - Mrs G Hutchinson

The Ted Webb Trophy - Mrs J Holliday

The Village Cup - Mr M Layer

The John Sabin Cup - Mrs C Berks

Banbury Marquee Cup - Tim Newbold

The Junior Cup - Amy Powell

The Keith Hicks Cup - Jessica Friend

Runner Up - William Spackman

The S.J. Sabin Cup - Luke Friend

The Committee Cup - Mr A Lamb & Miss J Thomas

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped and those who exhibited in the show, for making it such a successful, if very hot day. We hope everyone will join us for our September 10th meeting at 8pm in the Village Hall where Mr M Irving will be speaking and showing slides of the Antarctic.

*Left after the show - Mustard coloured Jug & Ladybird exhibit. Contact 780543.*

Sibford Scene  
Deadline for  
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Tues. 16th Sept.

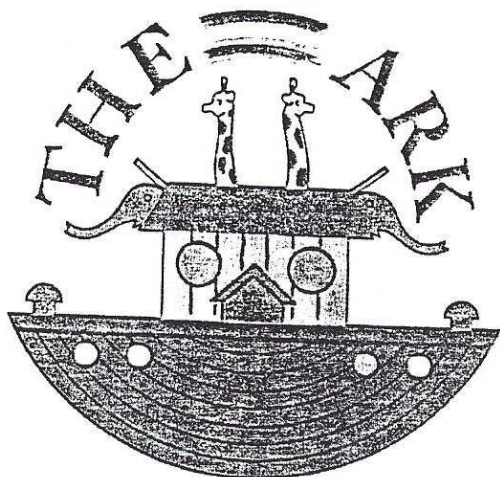
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10, Annul. 11, Treat. 13, Scene. 15, Fee. 17, Beetle. 18, Banter. 19, Dab.  
21, Acers. 24, Antic. 26, Tidal. 27, Inure. 28, In oil. 29, Everlastingly.  
Down. 1, Glad to be alive. 2, Irate. 3, great. 4, Orange. 5, Axils. 6, On Ice.  
7, Geometrically. 12, Alter. 14, Canon. 15, Fed. 16, Ebb. 20, Audits. 22, Exude.  
23, Steel. 24, Alibi. 25, Thong.

## WELCOME TO SIBFORD - ALL NEWCOMERS.

If you are a new resident of Sibford and have not yet received a copy of the 'Welcome to Sibford' leaflet, please telephone Maureen Warden on 788252 (if you live in the Gower or Burdrop) or Mary Mills on 780248 (Ferris) and a copy will be delivered to you. The information will help to make you feel at home - by acquainting you with the services, schools, churches, clubs and societies that are currently active in the villages.

Christine and Bob Bell have moved into Barley Close for a few months and are hoping eventually to buy a property in the area. They have one little boy called Michael, who is nearly three, and are looking forward to a little brother or sister for him just before Christmas.

Bob is a design engineer and Christine describes herself as temporarily retired!

They have moved here from Woking, Surrey, but are originally from Northern Ireland. Christine and Bob are anxious to join in with village life and are hoping to make new friends.



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High Meadow	Crossroads	
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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.  
 \* \* \* Phone 263777 for more details or to book. \* \* \*

Having been the Village Correspondent for the Banbury Guardian since September 1986 I would now like to hand over to someone else. There is a very small remuneration. Will anyone who is interested please phone me on 780544 for further details.  
Sheila Baseby.

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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  
 7 Sept 10.00am Deanery Eucharist at St. Mary's, Banbury  
 14 Sept 9.30am Holy Communion  
 21 Sept 9.30am Family Service  
 28 Sept 9.30am Holy Communion

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### 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		

# Calendar of Events

## September.

- Tues. 2nd. Friendship Club Meeting Village Hall  
Wed. 3rd. Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop  
Sat. 6th. Scouts Paper Collection.  
Sun. 7th. Village Hall Car Boot Sale.  
Tues. 9th. Friendship Club outing to Henley (p6)  
Tues. 9th. Sibfords Society Guided Walk. 7pm.  
Wed. 10th. Horti Society Meeting Village Hall, 8pm.  
Sat. 13th. Oxon Historic Churches Cycle Ride.  
(Ring Arnold Lamb 780357. Petra Berry 780462)  
Sat. 13th. Recycling Units in Acre Ditch.  
Sat. 13th. Skip in Barley Close.  
Mon. 15th. S. Ferris Parish Coucil Meeting 8pm in the Library,  
Sibford School.  
**Tues. 16th. Deadline for Oct/Nov Scene contributions.**  
Wed. 17th. Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop.  
Sat. 20th. International Country Band, Village Hall.(P3)  
Thur.25th. Fashion Show/Sale for Tadmarton Village Hall  
Funds.  
Sat. 27th. Skip in the Gower - The Pond.

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