

November 1997

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If you have jumble you would like collected, or would like a lift from the Ferris to the Gower for the start of the sale please contact Joanna Gilkes 788190.

Nature Notes.

Sept. 2nd & 3rd. Spending a couple of days at Brockweir by the river Wye. House martins are numerous here having plenty of suitable houses on which to build their nests and an unlimited supply of mud with which to build them as the river is tidal down here. There is a small stream that runs through gardens and under houses to get to the river which is a favourite nesting place for grey wagtails and dippers. There was a male grey wagtail on it this afternoon. We walked along the disused railway track that ran down the valley but the trees stopped us seeing much of the river, however we did find some good specimens of the giant bellflower which we also find locally in Whichford Wood.

Sept. 4th. We have had trouble with birds fling into our windows but nothing to compare with the hundreds of thousands of migrating birds that are estimated to be killed each year by flying into American skyscrapers. One reporter thought that the gulls, that have taken to eating the carcasses, actually drive the birds towards the skyscrapers but I think it is more likely that they mob the passing strangers who fly into the glass seeing it as a way to escape the harassment.

Sept. 7th. While walking near Kiftsgate Court we came across an oak tree which had, near the base of its trunk, an area more than two feet across covered with layer upon layer of the fungus known as chicken of the woods. An animal, probably a cow, had chewed the middle of it but it was still beautiful, being yellow or cream coloured with tints of orange. I was sorry that I did not have a camera with me.

Sept. 16th. The squirrels are having to perform acrobatic tricks like hanging by their back legs to get the last of the nuts from the tips of the branches of the beech tree that we see from our window so none will be allowed to ripen. This morning we saw a flock of over 50 goldfinches feeding on dandelion seed on the old cricket field at Hook Norton. They looked very smart with their wings flashing gold in the sunshine.

Sept. 18th. It was very nice to see 10 or 15 long-tailed tits working their way through the trees in our garden this evening. Having relatives from Canada staying with us who are interested in birds we put out some sunflower seed which has attracted a constant stream of tits. They cannot be short of food yet but like humans prefer convenience foods.

The John Loggins Charity

The Trustees of this Charity will soon be meeting and the annual distribution of funds will be considered. As in previous years, will those people, older or younger, who feel themselves in need of being considered for help offered, please write to The Trustees, c/o The Rectory, Sibford Gower by 12 December. Their applications will thereafter be considered, in complete confidence of course, by the Trustees. Distribution will be achieved in time for Christmas.

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W. I. News & Information

Should anyone have been passing the Village Hall on the afternoon of Oct. 14th., they would surely have sensed that the air was "alive with the Sound of Music", as the strains of "Edelweiss" must have wafted far beyond the Hall walls! Members were being treated to a delightful programme of songs and anecdotes, under the title "Hazards of Entertaining", presented by Miss Christine Paterson, an ex-member of the Scottish, D'Oyly Carte and London Opera Companies.

Whilst working freelance, including singing in North Country Men's Clubs, just a few of the hazards encountered were pianos with missing notes, a music stand bound together with pink toilet paper and an alarming occasion when the company developed into a "free-for-all"! Happily these were offset by the pleasure of singing under the baton of Max Jaffa and other celebrated musicians.

Accompanied by her mother on the piano, Miss Paterson finally bade us to "Count Your Blessings" - we certainly counted it a privilege to have listened to her.

Six members volunteered a team for the Village Hall Quiz, Three members enthused over their visit to Buckingham Palace, courtesy of an organised County Outing, and one member, via the post, told of the benefits of a Relaxation Course at Denman College.

We all relaxed over delicious scones, apple cake and the ever welcome cuppa, bringing to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

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Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 11th.

Speaker: Mr Brian Breacher - "Befrienders"

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A Farmer Writes

Have you noticed that when it starts raining it doesn't know when to stop. "Still we need the rain", I say, trying to convince myself as a heavy shower catches me out across the field. This recent rain has halted the planting, and made tracks and gateways very muddy forcing us to keep the cows in at nights. They will still go out in the daytime as long as weather permits.

This weather gives me time to catch up on paper work. It seems to have quadrupled since the outbreak of BSE . Now every cow, calf etc, whether or not , they're thinking of taking two weeks off in Tenerife to top up their sun tan, needs a passport! a four page application form, and no mistakes, (threat of £5000 fine). Tap. Tap. on the window. "Old Apple has milk fever again" . This year she has achieved her ambition and found some slurry to go down in, last time it was only a muddy gateway. A bottle of calcium (sometimes two) soon puts her right. A down cow cannot run off while being treated, but in the early stages of milk fever they sometimes resist treatment. While walking them to a place of detainment, they can achieve some very amusing walks, as if on a different type of bottle, comparable with turnout time at the local.

Calving is over half way through. I tell them each year " any problems, daylight hours only ". But there is always a percentage that, just don't listen. This year so far we've had few major problems except for one that suffered nerve damage preventing her from standing. When this happens, its a race against time to get them on their feet, before their constant attempts to rise result in scuffed knees and hocks. So she was moved to a padded area, where she could try to get up without hurting herself. Not the easiest of animals to move, weighing half a tonne, and downright awkward when doing their best to oppose you. As with any recovery, mental attitude is very important, this one did not give up. Turning her from side to side five or six times daily she got a little stronger. On the eighth day, with lots of help and encouragement, she stood, but still needed strategic propping. By day ten it was very rewarding to see she could get up and down on her own, making all the effort worthwhile. Mother and calf are now doing well.

The Village Hall Quiz.

10 teams attended this years quiz and the first round of mixed questions saw 3 teams move 2 points clear of the field. The following round of Definitions saw most teams scoring well leaving The Follies with a one point lead. A round on Historic Sporting Moments followed with Team 284 and The Follies posting the best scores. A quick round of Quotations led into a splendid hot supper break and gave time for the teams to complete the Marathon round handed out at the start of the evening - a map of 40 river estuaries to be sorted out - and identify 7 growing crops (wheat, barley etc) and 7 different metals. After the break, with the marks for these two rounds added in, The Follies held a 5 point lead from Team 284, with West End 3 points behind and the W.I. a strong 4th. The final round of pictures, culled from newspapers and magazines, saw consistently high scoring with Coburg Associates posting 44.5 out of a possible 50 and the Burdrop Birdbrains with 44. Neither of these were quite enough to overtake the winners The Follies, who received the trophy from the Village Hall Committee Chairman, David Baker.

Our thanks go to The Bishop Blaize for the wine, Murial Chandler, Joanna Gilkes and Helen Lamb who put on such a fine meal, Helen and Murial for gathering such a selection of raffle prizes and to Adrian Lamb for setting the questions.

Final Scores.

The Follies.	138	W.I.	114.5
Team 284.	132.5	Whats in a Name.	114.5
Coburg Associates.	128.5	Horti.	113
West End.	125.5	Fielding.	109
Cider Makers.	121	Burdrop Birdbrains.	106

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The Sibford Sausage Society.

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at 'The Fold' Sibford Ferris, on Sat 11th October.

Seven kinds of pork sausage were assessed and two vegetarian.

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Sibford Playgroup News
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The A.G.M. was held on 29th September and a new committee was appointed as follows:-

Chairman - Pam Ascott
Secretary - Sarah Walker
Treasurer - Leigh Warr
Registration Secretary - Nicola Kendall
Publicity Officer - Michelle Knapman
Village Hall Representative - Christine Bell
Equipment Supervisor - Karen Hughes

We thank the retiring committee for their excellent work.

New Playgroup Leader, Julie Bruggenwirth, and Playgroup Assistant, Mandy Wymer, are already proving to be a fantastic team and a mega-hit with the children. They have brought to the playgroup fresh and wonderful ideas which captivate and stimulate every child in a very happy environment.

This term's topics have included 'water', 'harvest', and currently 'transport'.

As part of the 'harvest' theme, the children took apples and beans to Sibford's beautiful church. The Rev. Wimbush very kindly talked to the children about the meaning of the harvest festivities and the children sang a song to him.

Recently, as part of our 'transport' theme, one of the parents brought his tractor to playgroup for the children to look at (thank you Mr Sabin!)

Forthcoming Events:

Photo Session - Friday November 14th

This will be held in the village hall from 11 o'clock, so if you would like a photo of your children or family back in time for Christmas then please come along. (These make excellent Christmas presents!).

Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 6th December 2 - 4 pm

Bring your children to see Father Christmas and come and buy some Christmas gifts! There will be plenty of stalls and refreshments not forgetting yummy cakes!

Donations of books, bottles, and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received (either to Pam Ascott at 3 Barley Close, Sibford Gower or to the village hall during playgroup sessions).

Finally, on behalf of playgroup, a big thank you to everybody that supports us. We really appreciate the positive comments made and would like to remind parents/carers looking for a playgroup for their children to attend to please drop in and see what exciting things we get up to!

For more information, please contact Playgroup Supervisor, Julie Bruggenwirth tel: 01295 788231.

Michelle Knapman
Publicity Officer.

Jumble Sale.

Saturday 15th November @ 11 am.

at the Primary School

Proceeds from both events towards School Funds.

If you have jumble to donate and are not connected with school and would like it collected, please contact Anne Lewis on 788306.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 1997

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The CO-OP Shop in Sibford Gower in 1950 was not quite like a modern super-market. We shop assistants, fetched each item of a person's order, marked off the ration book if they had had rationed items, took the necessary number of points for points items, and when completed took the money, made out a ticket with their dividend number on, and gave them their change.

Prices of items had to be memorised but there were far fewer items than nowadays and the prices didn't often change. There would be a list of prices for less usual items such as spices, which were sold by the ounce in a cone-shaped bag made (inexpertly if I was the assistant) out of a sheet of paper.

As there was still rationing everyone had to be registered with a specific shop for rationed goods, and they would then be entitled to any goods we might have on points, such as tinned or dried fruit. Some people might register for, say, fats and cheese at the Co-op and sugar and bacon at another, in the hope of getting the benefit of goods on points at both. A messy job, which we didn't particularly enjoy, especially in the winter when it was most likely to be in demand, was going outside to fill someone's can with paraffin.

There was plenty to occupy our time when we weren't serving in the shop. The 56lb cheeses had to be skinned (i.e. their muslin coating stripped off) and then they had to be cut with a cheese wire into manageable sizes for use in the shop. The cheeses and other stock were kept in the room and loft at the east end of the shop. Sides of bacon had to be boned ready for the hand-operated bacon slicer; sugar, dried fruit, butter, lard, etc. had to be weighed up, and orders had to be put up into boxes, ready for the roundsman, who delivered bread, to take out.

Collecting the orders was another of our jobs. On Mondays one of us went to either Brailes or Swalcliffe alternately, and on Saturdays to Epwell and Winderton. This was done on a bicycle or motor-bike and sidecar if the Manager, himself went.

Our customers were many and varied but I remember especially Katy Hanks' wonderful laugh which would cheer up the dullest day, and, of course, Theodore standing at the door being served by the Manager.

SOUTH AMERICA AND BACK

I would like to thank all those people who contributed to the funds for my 7 month trip to South America from which I have recently returned. I had an incredible time, although it seems increasingly like a dream, now that I am back in Sibford preparing to start at Edinburgh University [*where Jenny now is - Ed.*] For the first five months I lived in Quito with an Ecuadorian family, and during this time I was teaching English in primary schools and working in orphanages with 10 other volunteers on the same programme as me. This was hard work, and the schools were very poor with no textbooks and little equipment for us to use whilst teaching. There were 50 or more children in a class and occasionally they ran riot, but it was incredibly rewarding when they eventually began to pick things up. During the time in Ecuador we travelled around the country, and visited Columbia and the Galapagos Islands. Then, after our placement work finished, we took the opportunity to travel in Peru, Bolivia and Venezuela for 2 months. I feel very lucky to have had such an amazing experience - those 6 months I spent working in Banbury were definitely worth it!

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Cricket Recall

The depths of Autumn seems an incongruous time to look back over a cricket season. Nonetheless, the enjoyable end of season social event held in September in the Bishop Blaize provided the opportunity to recall a number of highlights.

The Batsman of the Season award was won (by a considerable margin) by Ian Wollerton while the 'old stalwart', Roger Gilbert, justifiably claimed the Bowler of the Season.

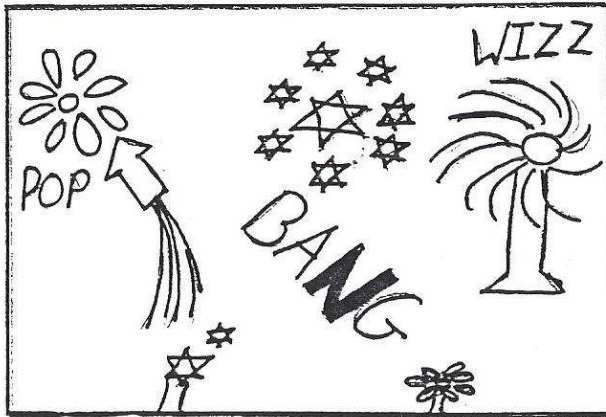
A match of memorable excitement was the Chairman's Invitation which was based on an oldies/fathers versus young'uns/sons format. The teams had Wollerton, Gilbert and Simms families pitched in opposition and the closest of finishes resulted. Notable performances with the bat came from Ian Wollerton and Dave Inns for the young'uns and Dave Hughes with Nigel Fletcher providing the base for Nigel to score the winning runs of the last ball of the day - a case of the guile of the oldies getting the better of the raw talent of the youngsters.

Thanks are due to the Sibford School for allowing us to hire their excellent facilities and to Phil Gilbert for his untiring and frequently unnoticed match preparation work. We are very pleased that Sam and his family at the Bishop Blaize are continuing the sponsorship of the Club and we wish them well for many happy times in The Sibfords.

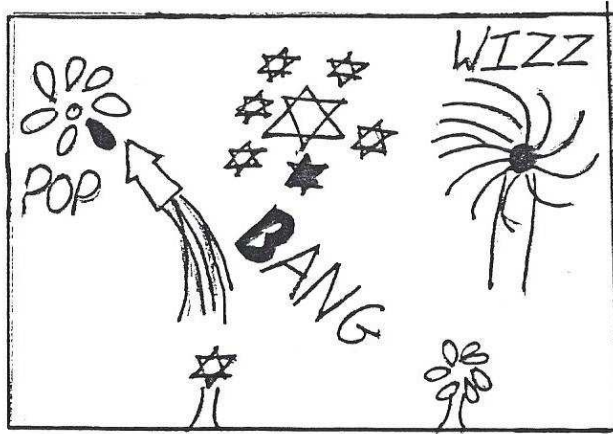
Dates for your diary - A.G.M. on Monday March 2nd and cricket nets every Wednesday in April 1998.

*Deadline for Sibford Scene December / January issue
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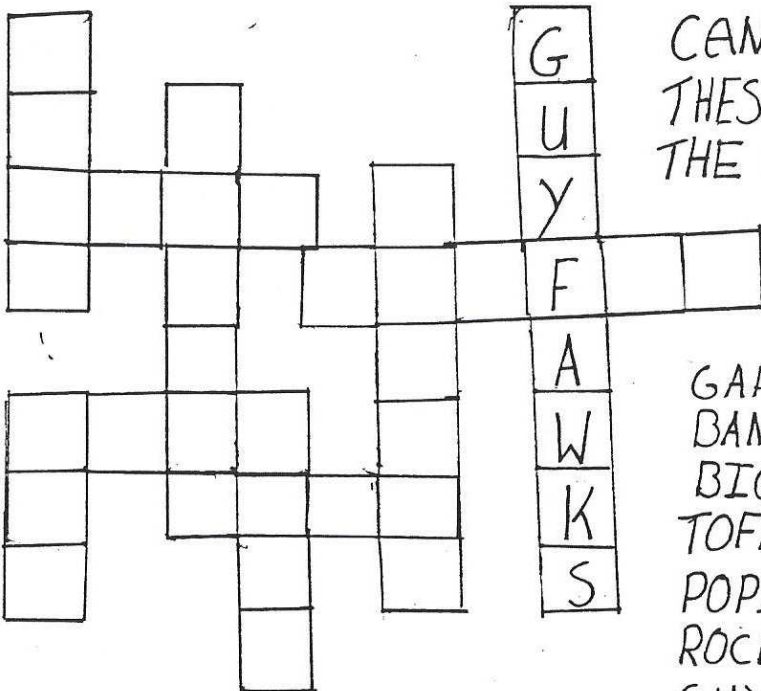
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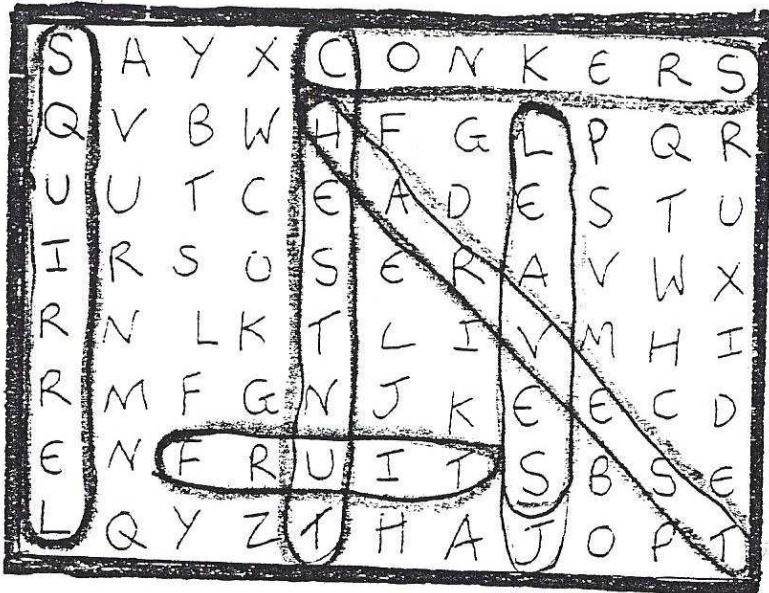
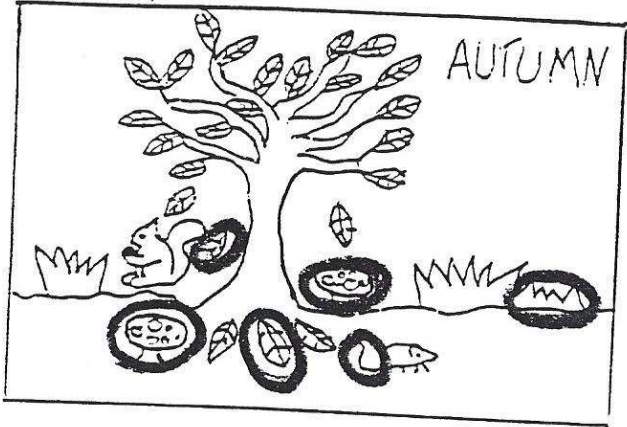


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YOUNG SCENE ANSWERS



Friendship Club.

We had a very interesting meeting in the Village Hall on 7th October when a representative from the 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' brought slides and gave a talk on their work training the dogs and helping them to be compatible to their recipients. A vote of thanks was made by Mrs Boughton.

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th Nov. at 2 pm. when final arrangements will be made re:-

Lunch Outing to Inkberrow on 18th. Nov.

Christmas Lunch on 9th December.

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No workshop Sunday Nov. 2.

Mollie Mulley Tel. 780629

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.

Welcome to :- Amelia Rose, 6lb 12oz. She arrived on Thursday October 16th. Proud parents are Fiona and Christopher Steane of Burdrop House, Burdrop.

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NEW GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENTS

As from 1 November, the *Banbury Guardian* correspondents will be Peter & Daphne LINDSELL of 3 Hillfield, Sibford Ferris, phone no. 788445.

Peter is the new Deputy Head at Sibford (Friends) School. SB

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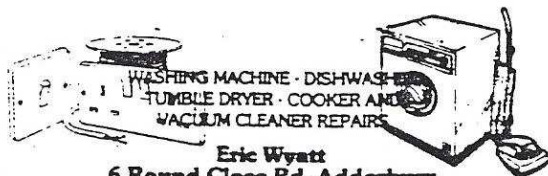
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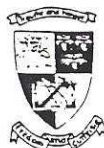
Vic Harvey.

Vic Harvey, who died suddenly at the end of August, had lived in Sibford for most of his life. Prior to his retirement nearly 3 years ago, he had worked for Cherwell District Council for about 20 years and in his youth he had worked on local farms. He was well able to turn his hand to many practical tasks and was always willing to help sort out all kinds of problems and difficulties for other people. He was passionately fond of all small animals, especially cats - his own in particular, but other peoples as well, and was willing to take charge when family and friends were away. Vic, and his wife Margaret, had a great interest in growing all kinds of flowers and vegetables. He enjoyed his retirement in the garden. On a personal note he was a true friend to us and our family for over 40 years and will be greatly missed.

B & B.C.

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Letter from Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.

During a short time helping to physically look after the Village Hall, it would be very useful if all regular users could please tidy up after their session. We try to keep the cleaning costs at £80 per month but this does not allow us to clean after every session. I'm not asking for any heavy work but just a quick brush round the kitchen, hall and lobby; clean kitchen sink, work tops and fridge - please don't leave food in the fridge for any length of time, I had to remove a rancid tub of butter! Also could "lost property" be removed please to avoid it being sold in the next jumble sale! our grateful thanks.

I still haven't heard whether anyone is interested in childrens' theatre productions? I have, however, booked a play for Tuesday evening, the 17th February, 1998, at 7.30 p.m. and I hope as many of you as possible will support this - particularly as I have found out we have to have a Theatre Licence (another £25 per year!) as well as our Public Entertainment Licence.

The play is called "Narrow Boat to the Wide World" by Phil Smith which portrays the joys, rifts, laughter and tears as a family of three generations takes a holiday together on a narrow boat. As the boat heads north along the now derelict waterways each lock gate stirs an old memory and evokes a time when canals were the pulsating arteries of the country. It is described as a joyously funny and moving story, taking audiences on a journey through time on a boating holiday they will never forget and is suitable for adults and young people.

We will put on a light supper (probably soup and a roll plus pastries) and a licensed bar will be available. Prices at £3.50 /£1.75. I hope it will be a fun evening.

Talking of which - the Annual Quiz Night was another good evening. Our grateful thanks go to Helen and Adrian Lamb for setting it all up, plus all the raffle prizes they obtain (they must twist a lot of arms!). And didn't we do well with the food (should be at least £5 per person!!) - this is hard work but gladly given by Joanna Gilkes, Helen Lamb and myself. Our team this year included Ross Gilkes, who worked very hard continuing right to the end with his final sweeping of the Hall, assisted by his sister Kayleigh (who was on the team with granddad, dad, auntie and uncle). We much appreciated the support of our Chairman and family on the evening - many thanks to David, Diane and Theresa Baker.


And last but not least - congratulations to the winning team "The Follies" with their team captain Verity Stanley receiving the cup but well done everyone who competed and thank you for your support.

On Sunday 7th December, we are arranging to hold a Table Top Sale in the Hall from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. in aid of the Village Hall. Tables will cost £5 - so please support this. Hopefully there will be one table selling home made mince pies, and refreshments will be available.

Muriel Chandler.

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The Sibfords Society

Our winter programme gets under way this month with our meeting on Thursday 20 November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

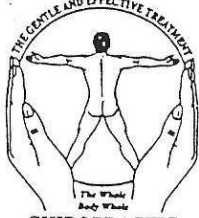
Brian Little of Banbury Historical Society is coming to talk to us on Old Banbury Street Names. This is sure to be full of interest and anecdotes, as those of you who read Brian's regular feature in the Banbury

Guardian will realise. Come along and find out more about our local town.

Winter also makes us think of cold, bright, frosty or even snowy days. Please can we ask all our village photographers to try to capture the beauty of our villages for us and let has have a look at the results for consideration for our Christmas card next year! We would really like to capture the delights of Burdrop with the view from Burdrop Green to include the Bishop Blaize and the Sib Valley beyond. There has to be a very distinctive picture there - perhaps someone already has this picture in their collection, it doesn't have to have been taken this year.

We hope you have already bought your cards for this year and liked the different approach - if you haven't, committee members will be very happy to sell you some.

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Sibford Gower Parish Council

Review of Financially Supported Bus Services

Service 480 (Shipston-on-Stour, Sibford Gower and Banbury) - slight retimings; Shipston-on-Stour will be served on Saturdays only. All journeys to be operated by Stagecoach Midland Red. See enclosed schedule for times.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996

Cherwell District Council made an Order designating all relevant land under this legislation. The relevant land is as follows.

- 1) Any carriageway where the driving of motor vehicles is subject, otherwise than temporarily, to a speed limit of 40mph or less.
- 2) Any footway which is adjacent to a carriageway specified in number 1.
- 3) Any grass verge maintained by a local authority which is adjacent to:-
 - (a) a carriageway specified in number 1; or
 - (b) a footway specified in number 2.
4. any park, public open space (including public rights of way) and public recreational area
5. Any playing field (including school playing field) to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).
6. Any sports ground which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

The order came into force on 1st October 1997. It will be an offence not to clear up immediately after a dog defecates on relevant land.

30mph Speedlimit in all villages

The County Council hopes to implement a 30mph speedlimit in all villages in Oxfordshire without having to install streetlighting.

Two motions were tabled at a recent County Council meeting calling for blanket 30mph restrictions in all villages, similar to the limits that already operate in France and some other European countries. If agreed, it is intended that the limits will be introduced on a district by district basis over several years as part of the Council's long term aim to reduce road accidents and casualties in Oxfordshire.

The Council would like to thank everyone who wrote to the Planning Department in connection with the Wheathills planning application.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Friday 21st November at 8pm in the Primary School.

Petra Berry, Clerk.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

There was a large congregation from the villages of Sibford Gower, Sibford Ferris and Burdrop and others from the Benefice at the Harvest Festival service in Sibford on Saturday 4th October. The service was lead by James Wimbush, assisted by his father and we welcomed as organist Mrs Jean Nash, an old Sibford Primary School member and now living in Bodicote from where she hopes to help from time to time at the organ here. Nearly 60 of the congregation took part in the "Bring and share" Harvest Supper in the Village Hall afterwards. Both Church and Hall were beautifully decorated by flowers from the earlier wedding of the daughter of Glennis Hutchinson, added to by many others under the expert direction of Gilian Soden, and there was a huge quantity of garden produce on display, all of which was later donated to Katharine House. Food for the supper was superbly orchestrated by Maureen Warden and Jenny Barratt.

Members of the old Benefice Choir were joined by a number from the Broughton Church choir at Dorchester Abbey on Saturday 11th October when they were among representatives from 29 choirs in the Oxford Diocese for a Royal School of Church Music Festival Evensong. Our own Canon Timothy Wimbush preached the sermon, excellent as usual, and the combined choirs were conducted by Ralph Allwood, the Precentor and Director of Music at Eton College. The organ on this occasion was magnificently played by 18 year old Christopher Whitton, who is still studying at Eton and has been awarded the organ scholarship at St John's College, Cambridge.

On Tuesday 11th November there will be a choral evensong at St Martin's Church, Shutford to commemorate the 1600th anniversary of St Martin of Tours. It is hoped that our fellow Benefice members of Shutford will be supported on this occasion by churchgoers from the other five churches in the Benefice.

The Sibford Parochial Church Council met on 9th September. A number of reports from the Benefice Council and from the Deanery Synod were discussed; November dates were noted as follows: Sibford Church Bazaar in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm on Saturday 22nd November, Children's Day at Sibford Primary School 29th November, "Young at Heart" service at Broughton 30th November; the six books of condolence for Diana, Princess of Wales will be bound together and sent to St James' Palace; Martin & Sally Layer have taken on the planning of Family Services - many thanks to Mary Poulton, Erica Wimbush, Colin Frith, Petra Berry, Kath Parmeter and Mary Nash for years of diligent planning.

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

2 Nov 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Broughton

9 Nov 10.55am Remembrance Service

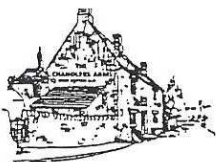
16 Nov 9.30am Holy Communion

23 Nov 9.30am Holy Communion

30 Nov 10.00am Benefice Eucharist for the 'Young at Heart' at Broughton.

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 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
 Piccolos. (Term Time) Village Hall Thursday 9.30 am.
 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

LOCAL VILLAGES EVENTS (Tel Eileen Steele 788593) Issue *Nov* 1997

1997	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT	TEL
Nov 13	Swal & Tad Hort. Soc	Tadmarton V.H.8pm		
Nov 15	Tad. WI Table Top Sale	Tadmarton V.H. 2pm	Jane Pace	788345
Nov 22	Sib. Church Xmas Bazaar	Sibford V.H.2.30pm	Norman Nash	780275
Nov 24	Tadmarton Parish Cncl Mtg			
Nov 26	Scrabble Club (all welcome)	Tadmarton V.H.2pm	Barbara Wright	780402
Dec 5	Tadmarton Village Quiz (Tea £2 pp to include snacks)	Tadmarton V.H.7.30pm	Angie Dean	788470
Dec 6	Coffee Morning & Christmas Sale 10am-12	Methodist Chapel, S.G	Kathleen Winter	780461
Dec 10	Sibford Hort. Soc Xmas Mee	Sibford V.H. 8pm	Ellen Warwicke	788400
Dec 11	Swal & Tad Hort. Soc	Tadmarton V.H.8pm		
Dec 11	Christmas Anthology	Methodist Chapel, S.G.	K. Winter	780461

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Friday	14 & 28 Nov	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon

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SIBFORD FERRIS	0733	0903	0948	(1142)
SWALCLIFFE Church	0740	0910	0955	1150
UPPER TADMARTON	0745	0915	1000	1155
LOWER TADMARTON	0749	0919	1004	1159
BROUGHTON	0752	0922	1007	1202
BANBURY Bus Station	0800	0930	1015	1215

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BANBURY Bus Station	1115	1215	1215	1415 1800
BROUGHTON	1123	1223	1223	1423 1808
LOWER TADMARTON	1126	1226	1226	1426 1811
UPPER TADMARTON	1130	1230	1230	1430 1815
SWALCLIFFE Church	1135	1235	1235	1435 1820
SIBFORD FERRIS	1142	1242	1242	1442 1827
SIBFORD GOWER	1145	1245	1245	1445 1830
SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR	-----	-----	1310	-----

NOTES: NS = Not Saturdays S = Saturdays only

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Calendar of Events

November

- Sat. 1st. Scouts paper collection.
- Sat. 1st. Jumble Sale. Mission Hall. 2.00 pm.
- Mon. 3rd. Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting. 8pm. Friends School Library.
- Tues. 4th. Friendship Club. Village Hall 2pm. (p 17)
- Wed. 5th. Fireworks & Bonfire. Primary School. 6 pm.
- Sun. 9th. Remembrance Service.
- Tues. 11th. WI Meeting. 'Befrienders' (P 4)
- Wed. 12th. Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.45-4.20)
- Wed. 12th. Horti Society Meeting Talk on Galapagos Islands.
- Sat. 15th. Jumble Sale. Primary School. 11am.
- Tue. 18th. Friendship Club Outing. (p 17)
- Tue. 18th. Deadline for Dec/Jan Sibford Scene.
- Thu. 20th. Sibford Society. Talk on Banbury Street Names. (p 22)
- Fri. 21st. Gower Parish Council Meeting. 8.00 pm.
- Sat. 22nd. Recycling Units in Acre Ditch.
- Sat. 22nd. Skip in the Gower. Barley Close.
- Sat. 22nd. Sibford Church Christmas Bazaar. (p 24)
- Mon. 24th. Sibford School Open Morning (p 19)
- Wed. 26th. Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop.
- Sat. 29th. Childrens Day for Advent & Christmas (p 24)
- Sat. 29th. Warriner Christmas Bazaar 2-4 pm. (P 3)
- December (part)
- Sat. 6th. Playgroup Christmas Bazaar 2-4 pm. (p 9)
- Sat. 6th. Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning & Sale. 10am
- Sun. 7th. Village Hall Table Top Sale. 2 pm. (p 21)