

September 98

Sibford
Extra

Scene

No. 9

Tadmarton Open Gardens

20th September 2 - 5 pm

Four gardens will be open in Tadmarton under the National gardens Scheme.

Teas will be available in aid of Church Funds.

Bishop Blaize Treasure Hunt

There will be a Car route, a shorter Cycle route and a Walking route around the villages.

Sunday 6th September 3.15pm.

Details on page 3

Over the last year and a half you have seen some changes in the way the Sibford Scene has been presented. The now bi-monthly Scene is presented, as it always has been, to provide information to the reader on Village events etc. The Sibford Scene Extra set out to present a slightly more varied range of items. I have pestered many friends and acquaintances to write articles and hope that their efforts have been appreciated. What I would like to know from our readers is what you liked/disliked and what I should be trying to include. Please let me know what you think. I can be contacted on 780380 (if I'm in) or a note in the Sibford Scene box at the Shop will always reach me. Thank You.

Adrian Lamb

Nature Notes.

July 24th. As I turned into our drive I disturbed a sparrow hawk which hurriedly picked up its prey, which looked like a blackbird, and carried it away over the garden.

July 25th. While we were having breakfast a muntjac wandered across our lawn eyeing the flower border as she went but I could not see that any flowers had been nibbled. There are some bold young foxes around at the moment. One of them was trotting along the path in our garden today and a couple of days ago I saw one of similar age on the road outside the shop at about 2 pm.

July 29th. I mentioned last month that the flycatchers nest on our wall had been destroyed by magpies or crows and that they had built again on a neighbours wall. Sadly the young ones have now been taken from that nest by crows which is very tough after flying all the way from Africa to nest here. I doubt whether they will try to nest again as late in the year as this.

July 30th. When my son was combining his barley he found that a badger, which had obviously been dead for some days, had appeared between the rows of straw from the previous days harvesting. It could not have been there when he was cutting the headland as he was having to cut so low that it would have been taken through the machine so we can only think that it died underground and the other badgers had removed it overnight from the nearby sett.

Aug 10th. American scientists say that July produced the highest average world wide temperature ever recorded but that this is a record often being broken these days. Is this caused by the 'greenhouse gases' in the atmosphere or natural climatic change?

Aug 12th. Following the mention of roman snails in last months Scene I have heard that there are some in a Burdrop garden. I had always thought that they had only survived in limestone areas where they could get plenty of lime for shell production but walls, concrete paths etc seem to supply enough lime for garden snails to multiply so why not roman snails as well.

Aug 14th. A young song thrush died when it flew against one of our windows today. This is the second one to do so recently and, short of netting all the windows, it is difficult to know how to prevent it but it must be a significant factor in the reduction in the song thrush population. Since I mentioned that a grass snake had been seen trying to pull a toad into a hole that was too small for it I have heard of two other instances of similar struggles to get a frog or toad into their hideaway that have taken place this summer.

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Letter from Sibford Village Hall Committee

At an Extraordinary Committee Meeting it was agreed that some of the money raised at the Annual Fayre would be used to renew the fencing around the play area at the Hall, including large and small gates, to ensure this area is completely secure and youngsters cannot get on to the road or car park. As this site is mainly used by the Playgroup, who have increased their bookings from September and will be at the Hall four mornings a week, they have agreed to put further play items on this area and these can now be used by hirers using the Hall for childrens parties. The Booking Secretary is *Kathleen Winter on 780461*.

We are also putting a cover on the notice board, to ensure the notices stay in place, and during the holiday period the toilet floors are being repainted.

The date for next years Annual Fayre has been booked for Saturday, 26th June 1999, which we hope will be even better than this year and have already started discussions for improvements - perhaps a Fish & Chip van providing supper instead of a pig roast?

We are awaiting confirmation from Cherwell District Council on theatre evenings. We are hoping to book Oxfordshire Touring Theatre Company's production of 'Don Quixote de la Mancha' for December or January; 'Tripping the Light Fantastic', a play for adults & young people for February or March ; and/or 'Thurtinkle's Telling Tales', which is a live performance with puppets etc. suitable for 4 years and over in the February half term.

The August car boot sale was not very well attended by stall holders, a couple of them calling but going on to other sites. We raised only £44 but are doing everything to try and promote these sales, advertising in the local press and on two local radio stations. The next sale is on Sunday 6th September. For booking details only please ring 01295 251339. Refreshments available. Thanks again to all who donate items to the Village Hall table. We would be pleased to have your support at these sales as it is a good source of income for the Hall funds.

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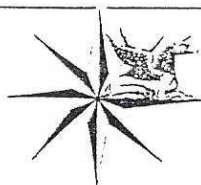
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Our evening visit to Hook Norton Brewery takes place on 3 September at 7.30 pm. Please arrive a little early so we can park our cars and be ready to start the tour promptly.

On Wednesday 16 September the Swalcilffe Society have arranged a talk on 'Village Life through the Ages' given by Martin Greenwood, which promises to be most interesting. The meeting will be held in Swalcliffe Village Hall at 8.00 pm to which members of the Sibford Society are invited.

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The Millennium Panels

I was invited at short notice to display some of our work for the panels at the Flower Show. Sixty people are now involved. All residents are welcome to join. Perhaps you would like to take part no artistic or needle skills are needed. We would welcome more animals, insects, flowers and to illustrate our history we will need people to work on the Pageant characters. I plan to have the character drawings ready for our Workshops which will be starting again at the end of September. All work will have to be completed by Christmas 1998 to allow enough time to arrange it and apply it to the background ready for our exhibition at The Mill in Banbury on the 19th April 1999. If you are interested please phone me.

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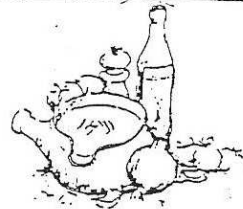
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The flower show was well attended despite the entries being very much down. The committee would like to thank all those who gave so much help to the running of the show.

The cup winners were;

The Banksian Medal and the Sibford Rose Bowl to Desmond England

The Albert Spicer Trophy to Arnold Lamb

The Society Cup to Maureen Hicks and Jayne Thomas

The Mrs F Padbury Cup to Carol Dean

The Dr. Taylor Cup to Miriam Henbrey

The Mrs F Padbury Rose Bowl to Valerie Powell

The Ted Webb Trophy to Gillian Soden

The Village Cup to Martin Layer

The John Sabin Cup to Johanna Berry

The Banbury Marquee Trophy to Kayleigh Gilkes

The Junior Cup to Jack Layer and Jessica Friend

The Keith Hicks Cup to Ben Layer

The S.J. Sabin Cup to Florence Layer

The Committee Cup Kathleen Winter

The next meeting is on *Wednesday 9th September at 8 pm* in the Village Hall, when the speaker will be John Barry talking on a 'trek through the Karakorian mountains' in northern Pakistan. All are welcome and we hope to see new faces.

-Ann Woolgrove-

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Through fund-raising of this kind, Oxfam are able to help people all over the world who are affected by poverty, conflict and disaster to re-build their lives.

OXFAM Week this year is from **12th - 20th September**. If you would be able to help me in this year's collection, please give me a ring the moment you get your copy of this month's Sibford Scene Extra. The number: 780 360.

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The location of speed limits will be decided in conjunction with each local council in order that common sense prevails! It will be important to get the beginning and end of each speed limit correct so drivers immediately understand why there is a 30 mph speed limit and be more inclined to drive within it.

More than 200 villages in Oxfordshire have speed limits above 30 mph.

Residents in these villages are worried about the effects of highsPEEDS - noise, pollution and about safety generally in village life.

To help promote the new 30 mph speed limits and raise awareness about the problems of speed, a campaign called **Speedwatch** is being launched by the County Council and Sibford Gower Parish Council has been invited to participate.

For more information on how the speed limits are to be introduced, the finance of the project and the timetable for the 30 mph speed limit project contact the clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 23rd September at 8pm in the Primary School.

Petra Berry, Clerk (780462)



Friendship Club

Many thanks to Mrs Puddle for inviting us to her home and garden and treating us to a delicious tea. The afternoon was enjoyed by all. We must also thank Mrs Fowler for holding a coffee evening in her garden and raising almost £100 towards club funds, also our thanks go to everyone who supported this event.

Today we have been to Sleepy Hollow to see all the animals, the weather has been very kind to us and the outing was enjoyed by almost everyone.

Outings for September and October are as follows;

Tuesday 1st Sept. Visit the Thames Barrier via Greenwich by coach and boat

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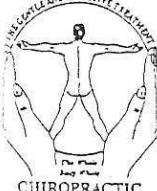
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The original decision on timings goes back to the days when the shop made weekly pension payments at the Friends Hall between 10 - 11 am, and so an 11 am departure allowed users to both collect their pension and catch the bus. As this pension procedure no longer applies the Trustees agree that it makes more sense to retain the same timings for both the Banbury and Chipping Norton services.

Would users please note therefore that FROM WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER the departure time to Chipping Norton will be 10 am returning at midday (not 11 am returning at 1 pm).

The Trustees take this opportunity to draw your attention to the fact that the bus service is available to everyone (and not just senior citizens) who turn up at the pick-up points.

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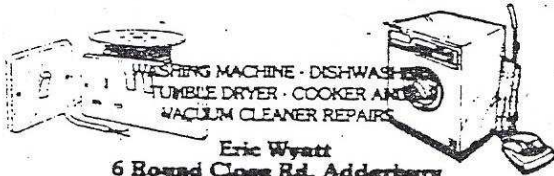
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

It seems that we have hardly had our summer yet, apart from a number of beautiful days that we can almost remember individually, but here was the Parochial Church Council at its meeting in July already debating arrangements for Christmas. We also touched on a number of Ecclesiastical issues, not quite as weighty as those discussed at the Lambeth Conference, and yet of significance such as the matter of Communion before Confirmation which is now becoming an established practice in the Church of England.

The mundane issues couldn't, of course, be avoided and a decision in principle was made to raise the substantial sum of £55,000 to augment our slender resources to replace the church roof and ceiling, both in danger of descending, the replacement of weary gutters and a redecoration throughout. We still await some more quotations which we hope will be better but fear will not be and we will have to obtain the dreaded "faculties", the Church's imposed discipline. It is a daunting amount of money for a small congregation but we move with faith and we hope that the work will be completed in good time for the Millennium and be a worthy celebration of 2000 years of Christianity.

The final matter to report, with gratitude yet regret, is that Erica Wimbush is standing down after very many successful years of organising the Church Christmas Bazaar, also Tina Frith and Mary Nash after many (but fewer) years of organising the Church Garden Party. Both of these are major fund-raising events for the church and it is hoped that some replacements for these organisers will come forward. In the meantime we would like to record our sincere thanks for so much hard and successful work by these three dedicated church members.

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(Brailes)	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower	

6 Sept	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Shutford
13 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
20 "	9.30am	Family Service
27 "	9.30am	Holy Communion

4 Oct 10.00am 'Young at Heart' Benefice Eucharist
at Swalcliffe

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26 Sept 5.30pm HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE followed by
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SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES BUS SERVICE

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Calendar of Events

September

- Tues 1st Friendship Club outing to London. p15
Tues 1st Tuesday Bike Rides. Every week 7 pm. p7
Wed 2nd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20)
Thur 3rd Sibfords Society visit to Hooky Brewery p8
Sat 5th Scouts Paper Collection
Sat 5th Skip in Barley Close
Sun 6th Village Hall Car Boot Sale 1.00 pm p4
Sun 6th Car/Cycle Treasure Hunt. Bishops Blaize 3.15 p3
Wed 9th Sibford Tots'n'Babes Group. 10.30-12.00 Friends Meeting House p11
Wed 9th Horticultural Society Meeting. Village Hall 8.00pm p12
Sat 12th OXFAM Week starts p13
Sat 12th Historic Churches Bike Ride. p6
Tues 15th Friendship Club Meeting p15
Tues 15th LEO Club Meeting. 9 Barley Close, 8.00pm
Tues 15th Deadline for October Sibford Scene
Wed 16th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop. (2.25 - 4.20)
Wed 16th Swalcliffe Society Talk. 'Village Life Through The Ages' by Martin Greenwood. Swalcliffe Village Hall 8.00pm p8
Sat 19th Skip at the Pond and recycling units in Acre Ditch
Sun 20th Open Gardens in Tadmarton 2 - 5 pm
Wed 23rd Gower Parish Council Meeting. Primary School 8pm. p14
Sat 26th Church Harvest Festival and Bring and Share Supper 5.30pm p8
Sun 27th Theatre Express - Start of classes p15
Mon 28th Ferris Parish Council Meeting Friends School Library 8.00pm
Wed 30th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20)

October part

- Sun 4th Methodist Chapel Harvest Festival 11.00am p5

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SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB

News From the Boundary

August brought mixed fortunes for the club with two victories two losses and one abandonment in the league. The two losses against top of the table rivals Hinton and Woodford mean that it is unlikely that we shall gain promotion this year. Having been in a strong position to do so at the beginning of the month this is doubly disappointing. On a brighter note our success on Sundays has continued with victories in both Sunday fixtures in August. Finally this years Chairman's Invitation match resulted in a revenge victory for Sibford present. A fine occasion was crowned by a glorious day and a sizeable crowd who made the effort to support the club, all of us at the club are grateful to those of you who turned up and we hope to see you all again next year.

Sibford Vs Priors: Sibford won by 7 wickets
Priors 140 all out T Holliday 3 for 35, I Davies 2 for 16
Sibford 141 for 3 D Pratt 58, Ron Morbey 35 not out

Sibford Vs Aynho: Sibford won by 16 runs
Sibford: 107 all out S Chard 28, D Hughes 28
Aynho: 91 all out J Barton 3 for 19, L Gilbert 3 for 19

Sibford Vs Thornbrough: Sibford won by 5 wickets.
Thornbrough 56 for 9 J Barton 5 for 15, M Walsh 3 for 14
Sibford 57 for 5 D Pratt 27, J Barton 16

Chairmans Invitation: Sibford Present won by 32 runs
Sibford Present 145 all out D Simms 40, D Inns 37, J Barton 23
B Holliday 6 for 9, S Glanville 2 for 19, N Fletcher 2 for 6
Sibford Past 113 all out I Davies 35 not out, J Simms 20 S
Glanville 17 T Holliday 3 for 7, M Walsh 2 for 2, S Chard 2 for 3

Sibford Vs Hinton: Sibford lost by 8 wickets
Sibford 54 all out Ron Morbey 15, K Peachey 12
Hinton 56 for 2 T Holliday 1 for 1, D Inns 1 for 8

Sibford vs Long Compton: Sibford by 5 wickets
Long Compton 91 all out I Wollerton 4 for 13, L Gilbert 3 for 21
Sibford 95 for 5 D Simms 51 not out, J Barton 17

Sibford Vs Woodford: Sibford lost by 6 wickets
Sibford 100 all out I Davies 24, D Pratt 16
Woodford 104 for 4 M Walsh 2 for 14, T Holliday 2 for 20

September Fixtures

Sunday 6th Vs Deddington, Away
Sunday 13th Vs Radway, Away
Sunday 20th Vs Mickleton, Away

The club's annual end of season dinner will be held once again this year in the Bishop's Blaize Inn, on Saturday 26th september at 7.00 p.m Purely for numbers would all those wishing to attend contact Dave Pratt on 01908 562012 by the 20th september