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No 12

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Sunday May 23rd.

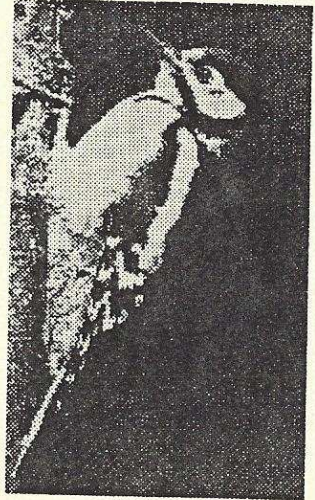
2-6pm. Teas in aid of the Primary School PTA and Plant Stall
at Back Acre.

Nature Notes.

Mar 27th. I noticed this morning, that the frogspawn has hatched in our garden pond looking like a quivering black soup above the now clear glutinous mass which feeds them and probably affords some protection from attack by newts, dragonfly nymphs and pond beetles during the vulnerable early days of life.

Mar 29th. The shell of a blackbirds egg on the lawn probably means that at least one nest has hatched and the parents are tidying the nest as it did not look like an egg that had been eaten by a predator.

Mar 31st. A blackcap announced its arrival by singing in the garden this morning. For several days now I have been hearing a tapping noise among the trees near our house which sounded like a woodpecker excavating a nesting chamber but could not see where it was working. This morning I managed to see that it was a great spotted woodpecker (picture) trying to enlarge the hole in a nest box that I put up a few years ago for a nuthatch. We lowered the box and found that the woodpecker had hardly marked the plastic sewerage pipe that I had used to make it. I enlarged the hole and we put the box up again. I could see that



it had in the past been used by great tits. Last night and again this evening a tawney owl has been hooting from our chimney pot or television aerial the sound carrying down the chimney very clearly.

Apr 2nd. Two swallows were seen down the Colony today. This beats the previous earliest when a group settled on the telephone wires that ran along Acreditch on April 5th. A letter from Johannesburg, South Africa, to a newspaper says that freak weather left swallows lying dead in the streets so we may not get so many this year. While at breakfast we watched up to five jackdaws at a time collecting twigs for their nests from the dead ivy that still hangs on our ash tree. We cut the ivy two years ago so they are

rotten enough to break off quite easily now. I expect most of the twig were dropped down one or other of the many disused chimneys that provide nesting sites for most of the jackdaws these days.

Apr 11th. Saw a young blackbird which had recently flown from its nest in a neighbouring garden this afternoon.

Apr 13th. A tawny owl was "toowitting" for most of the night which made me think something had happened to its mate but at 5 o'clock I heard an answering "too woo".

Apr 14th. A sharp frost. Our thermometer down to 28°F (-2°C) which is just about low enough to damage the fruit blossom and of course it may have been a good deal colder in the hollows. We went to Swalcliffe Common this morning to see the cowslips, violets etc. We also saw or heard a good variety of birds. As well as the resident birds there were recent arrivals like the chiff-chaff, blackcap, and garden warbler and a flock of field fares that will soon be heading north. On the arable land north of Swalcliffe Common we saw skylarks, linnets and corn buntings.

It was nice to hear that a hedgehog had been seen recently in a neighbouring garden eating some food that they put out. They are all too rare these days.

Apr 15th. I have been given an update on the Colony swallows. They have now started nest building.

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BLACKFLY BITES

Advice about avoiding blackfly bites has been given by Cherwell District Council's Environmental Health Department. The flies emerge from rivers during early May and June to begin the mating cycle, and the female fly has been known to bite people and other mammals before or after mating. The blackfly is similar in shape to a housefly, but is much smaller, with white marks on the forelegs. They tend to be most active in the middle of the day rather than in the morning or evening. Most bites are found on the legs and ankles as the flies tend to operate about half a metre above the ground. The best ways to reduce the risk of being bitten are to avoid open areas of parkland, particularly in the southern reaches of the Cherwell Valley during the middle of the day, or to wear long sleeves, long trousers and socks, and use a proprietary insect repellent which can be easily obtained from most supermarkets or chemists. People who habitually suffer skin reactions to insect bites should be particularly careful.

Further information from Geoff Melotti, Cherwell District Council. Tel: 01295 252535, ext 4336.

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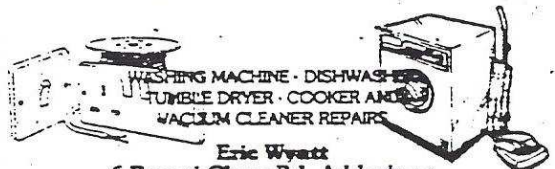
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W.I. News and Information.

After the usual business session, Mr John Woolly was warmly welcomed to give his talk on "The Great Train Robbery", which proved to be most entertaining and humorous.

We heard that at the time of the robbery, Mr. John Woolly was 25 years old and had been newly appointed as village bobby at Brill, Buckinghamshire. He knew nothing about the event until the next day, when he and his sergeant were dispatched to a nearby deserted farm to investigate certain unusual "comings and goings". When they eventually gained entrance, it was to discover signs of sleeping arrangements, many boxes of food and finally, **SACKS AND SACKS OF MONEY**, We were all glued to our seats by this time and couldn't wait to hear the end of the story.

Rosalind Pearlman and Mary Bristow then provided us with a welcome cup of tea and home-made cakes and biscuits.

The competition was for a mask, and this was won by Olga Saito.

On the 11th May there will be a Resolutions meeting and the four topics we shall be asked to vote upon will be:-

1. Women's Human Rights.
2. Farming.
3. G.M. Foods.
4. Ovarian Cancer.

The resolution with the most votes will go up to the National Federation, which will be passed to the government for action.

There will also be a quiz and a bring and buy.

MRW.

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THE 1999 BROWN/WHITE ENVELOPES APPEAL
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At present I have not had time to collect all the **Brown/White Envelopes** that our readers have been kind enough to drop into many of the collectors' letter-boxes.

Even so, the 36 envelopes that have already reached the Treasurer & myself have yielded over £170, an excellent start to our appeal.

If you have forgotten to return your contribution, it is not too late to slip it into an envelope (*the actual colour is relatively unimportant*) and drop it into one of the letter-boxes listed below or into the Village Shop collection box.

I look forward to providing a glowing Final Report next month. **THANK YOU.**

The Editor

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LETTER-BOXES for BROWN/WHITE ENVELOPES

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Roger Powell	6 The Colony
Petra Berry	2 Barley Close
Mollie Mulley	Old Post Office, Main St (garage door)
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Sibford Village Fayre
Saturday 26th June 1999 – Village Hall
Sibford

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* * **SIBFORD L. E. O. CLUB NEWS** * *

(Ladies Evening Out Club)

More than a dozen members gathered at Gaynor Harper-Tarr's home on 20 April for a very enjoyable evening of wine, unusual cheeses and forward planning.

For our next meeting, at 8pm on **Tuesday, 18 May**, we will gather at the home of Jean Puddle in Sycamore Close in the Gower. For this 'Memory Night', members are asked to bring along any item memorable to themselves, around which they can weave a little story - happy, sad or whatever.

There will be a L.E.O. meeting on 15 June at Rosalind Pearlman's home in Burdrop - this will be either a visit by a 'Weekenders versatile clothing' representative or a 'quiz night' organised by Linda Conway. Final details in the June/July Scene.

M. H.

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CHIEF BARKER

I Believe that a Chief Barker is a member of the Theatrical Profession who is elected to supervise and organise philanthropic ventures.

My "Chief Barker" is Keith Sabin's dog who alerted Keith to my serious trouble when I slipped and fell flat on my back on the small lawn at the back of "Hillcrest" on Wednesday, 17th February at 5p.m. In my left hand I clutched an empty milk bottle, which surprisingly remained there unbroken, and in my right hand a plastic bag full of ash from the kitchen stove, for placing in the "wheely-bin". This bag remained unbroken and I placed it under my head as a pillow. Now in the gathering gloom and with a slight drizzle falling, I began to call "Help", and "Help me". I continued for 40 to 45 minutes not realising until the end that the "Chief Barker" was responding to my calls to the extent that Keith realised something was wrong and came round and found me and prompted Miss Judith Weeks to phone for an ambulance. Meanwhile Judith and her lady guest covered me with warm coats plus a hotwaterbottle on my chest; the milk bottle remained in my left hand and I recalled that my last plan to attract attention would be to hurl it over the fence at the ground floor windows of the neighbouring flat.

The ambulance with paramedics arrived at about 7.15p.m. and by 8 o'clock I was in the Accident and Casualty at the Horton and was soon X-rayed and a broken femur confirmed.

The main purpose of this story is to pay sincere and heartfelt tribute to Keith's dog and to Keith in the belief that, had I not been found but had lain prostrate on my back all night, I might not have been here to tell the tale. My sincere thanks also to Judith Weeks and her friend and to the ambulance crew who lifted me into their vehicle with such expert care. My thanks also to those good friends who have visited me and sent me gifts. As to the Horton Doctors, Surgeons and Staff, they have shown me the utmost kindness and care coupled with their expert skills; truly we are fortunate in having such a gem of a hospital in Banbury. I think my recovery is several weeks ahead and I shall then have a chance to thank "Bonzo" in person, although he will probably try to bite me - such is the perversity of canine nature!! As soon as I am sufficiently recovered and at home I will thank everybody by phone or letter. - Reg Craig.

The Sibberts Amateur Dramatic Society

If you would be interested in participating please let me know. We need actors, directors, musicians, lighting crew, painters, scene builders, costume makers and general backstage helpers.

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Christian Aid Week

There will be an Austerity Lunch at the Rectory on **Tuesday 11th May**
from 12 noon - 2pm.

A bring and Buy stall will also be available

LETTER FROM SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The April. Collectibles and Car Boot Sale raised £113,20 for Hall funds, with more stall holders and still having over 150 buyers through the door. We would like even more customers for the stall holders who are supporting us, hopefully encouraging further sellers to take a pitch and raise more money for the Hall. The next Sale is on Sunday, 2nd May, tables at £5 please ring 01295 251339. Refreshments available.

We are still looking for additional hirers and the Village Hall does offer very good facilities for private functions at competitive rates, complete with a safe childrens outdoor playing area. For details please ring our Booking Secretary on (01295) 780461.

We are sorry that we had to alter the April meeting to discuss the **Annual Fayre on Saturday, 26th June, 1999**, starting at 1.00 p.m. This was to ensure receipt of items for the programme which must be printed and delivered to everyone in good time. The next meeting will be on *Wednesday, 12th May, at 8 p.m.* in the Bishop Blaize Inn. Anyone who would like to attend these informal meetings and help with the Fayre, either before or on the day, would be very welcome. Contact telephone numbers Ginnie on 780373 or Muriel on 780025.

The Sibford Village Hall Annual General Meeting is on **Wednesday, 19th May 1999, at 8pm** when all are welcome.

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SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB

NEWS FROM THE BOUNDARY

A new summer brings a new cricket season, and with it comes the hope that this is the year that we might realise our full potential, and finally gain the promotion we have been so close to for the past three years. We start the season with a new club captain in Ian Wollerton, whose 75% success record last season when deputising for Dave Inns, suggests that his reign as captain may be prosperous for the club.

The Sunday side also have a new captain in David Simms whose form with the bat last year was in no small way responsible for the improvement of the Sunday side. The bowling prospects look good this season with Jason Barton, Matthew Walsh and Simon Chard all available again and Chris Sabin, new signing Dave Prickett and Lee Gilbert, whose improved consistency last season earned him joint second place behind Dave Simms as player of the year, all pushing for bowling berths. Runs however may be a struggle and Ian Wollerton, Dave Simms and Dave Pratt may well find themselves carrying a heavy load in that department.

Fixtures for May 1999

Sat 1st Sibford vs Woodford at home
Sat 8th Sibford Vs Thornbrough away
Sat 15th Sibford vs Gawcott at home
Sat 22nd Sibford vs Printers at home
Sun 23rd Sibford Vs Round of Gras away
Sat 29th Sibford vs Stony Stratford at home
Sun 30th Sibford vs Long Compton away

All Saturday Fixtures = league All Sunday Fixtures = friendly

All Matches start at 2.30 p.m.

Your support would be appreciated by all of us at Sibford C.C

Friendship Club

The first Tuesday in April we all sat down to a lovely Easter tea where each member brought a plate of food, so making quite a variety of eats and the cake was made by Val who, unfortunately, was not able to come and enjoy her cooking.

The following Tuesday we went to Inkberrow for lunch and then round Evesham to see the blossom which was a little disappointing, I expect the change in the weather didn't help, nevertheless, we had a lovely ride round the Cotswold villages.

Our programme for May is as follows;

Tuesday 4th May AGM in the Village Hall at 2.00pm when a buffet tea will be provided by the present committee. We would like as full an attendance as possible please.

Tuesday 18th May Meeting at 2.00pm in the Village Hall when Mrs Hichens has kindly agreed to talk to us about her recently published book.

Tuesday 25th May Outing to Woburn Safari Park. If anyone would like to go please contact Mrs. Boughton Tel; 263460

Members please note there is no meeting on Tuesday 1st June.

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UPPER WHEATHILLS FIELD

Representatives from the Gower and Ferris Parish Councils and the Town Estate Charity, met to set guidelines for the use and management of the field, and it was for that reason that opinions had been asked for in the last issue of the Scene.

The meeting was unanimous and emphatic in wanting to thank all those whose donations made the purchase possible. Neither the donations alone nor the Charity's funding alone could have achieved the objective. The final financial figures are not yet available, but will be made public in due course.

Most importantly the field is now safe from any building development in perpetuity; this will be ensured by making a copy of this announcement part of the minutes of both the Charity and Parish Councils.

The meeting received a number of opinions regarding the usage of the field, for which it was very grateful. These were all considered and they contributed to the following conclusions:

In order to produce some income to help defray the cost of maintaining the field, it would have to be let for grazing. Opinion clearly did not favour it being let as pony paddock, and it is certainly not to be used in any way as a sports field or recreation ground. When let, the rights and privacy of the tenant will have to be respected. Therefore there will be no use of the field for car parking except in very rare circumstances, and the delegates agreed that the field could be used next year for the Millennium Pageant.

There is clearly a strong desire to give the field a meadowy character. This is welcomed, but can only be achieved in one of two ways: cultivate the land and sow a mix of grass and flower seed, which would be very expensive, or allow individuals to plant plants in the existing grass, and it follows that neither of these two options could take place until after June next year.

Possibly some trees will be planted in the future and there will be suitable hedge planting along the new fence; also the roadside hedge will be laid when sufficient growth allows. The desire was also expressed for there to be seating, and the possible location and nature of an amenity area is being studied.

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The Sibford Village Fayre

26th June 1999 – Village Hall, Sibford from 1:00pm

It only seems like one year ago since the last Fayre. A memorable day, hail stoned the size of golf balls and forked lightning. British Weather !!

It was also memorable for the amount of money raised, over £2000 towards village funds. Find out what we did with it in next months complementary programme for the Fayre in the Sibford Scene.

This time we would like to raise more money to further support the groups who use the Village Hall but also to maintain and enhance one of the village's assets, the Hall.

- Tug of War Competition
- Fun Dog Show Competition
- Licensed Beer Tent
- Teas and Light Refreshments
- BBQ
- Sibford Playgroup with events for younger children
- Bouncy Castle
- Pony Rides
- Children's Fancy Dress Competition
- Craft and Plant Stalls
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- Your chance to see the current progress on the Millennium Panels

After the phenomenal success of last years evening Pig Roast we knew we could never beat it so this year we are going to repeat it. If you didn't come last year ask somebody who did and then ask them where to get the tickets.

The event starts at 7:30pm with a HAPPY HOUR to get the party into swing. Live music with 'Steppin Out' starts later

Please come along and join in with both events and support your village there are more details on the insert in the scene. Why not enter your Children into the Fancy Dress or Art competitions ? or your Dog into the Sibford Dog Show ? or enter Sibfords very own Word Search competition. For entry forms and more details please see the posters around the village or see the complementary programme in next months Sibford Scene.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day at the Sibford Village Fayre.
Mark Darvill

The Sibfords Society

At our last meeting we were treated to a fascinating slide show of old photos and postcards from the three villages collected by John Gibbs. These have been presented to the Society by Beryl Gibbs for our archive and Arnold and Ina

Lamb prepared a small selection of them, taking us back over one hundred years. They were able, with the help of members present at the meeting, to identify people and cottages, bringing back memories for many. Although cottages have been demolished or extended, the structure of the villages has not changed, although it was noticeable that there were many more trees at the beginning of the century. The first post office was opened in the front room of Sunny Bank Cottage, Sibford Ferris and Ivy House in the Gower also became a post office. On the 20 May, Robin Spicer will be leading a walk of about five miles, starting from the Bishop Blaize at 7 pm prompt, so please be there by 6.45 pm to give you time to change into suitable footwear.

On the 16 June we have an addition to our programme when Caroline Balderston Parry will talk about her book tracing the early life of a young woman who emigrated to Canada in 1835. 7.30pm Village Hall The visit to Wroxton Abbey has been arranged for 30th June at 7.00pm and we still have a few places left for more people to join us on a first come first served basis, so please ring Jenny Barratt on 780336 if you would like to join us.

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Dear Editor,

This is not a letter from the Village Hall Committee but from me personally, as an individual fund raiser.

I understand there was a problem over car parking at the last Village Hall Collectibles & Car Boot Sale. It was with regret this fell on Easter Sunday but these dates are planned at the beginning of the year for the first Sunday of every month, when advertising is arranged,

I am sure parking need not be a problem with Church goers but we do have to raise funds for our Village Hall. When the weather improves, the field can be made much more use of by the stall holders and from June we will hold the Sale in the afternoon. This is a good source of income, particularly in these days of dwindling clubs and not being replaced by private hirers. I know one person did point out "this is Easter Sunday you know" but the hall, is a Village Hall having to be maintained and I know the Church itself has problems with maintenance costs so all should appreciate the problems.

The elderly couple who run these Sales do not live in the village and kindly organise each one, taking bookings, doing the refreshments and setting out the Hall.

Their only remuneration is that they have a table free of charge. Without their help there would not be such a Sale each month so I do hope we can work this out.

Muriel Chandler.

Dear Editor

I would like to thank everyone who organised and came to my 80th Birthday Party at Sibford Primary School on 12 February for all their Best Wishes & Gifts and for making this such a memorable occasion.

Yours sincerely

Eric Payne

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'RAISE the ROOF' JUMBLE SALE - Saturday 8 May

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Our Sibford Millennium Panels are now displayed at **The Mill Arts Centre until 9th.May**. I do hope you will make every effort to visit them, it is a wonderful opportunity to view them in a public gallery during their first public show.

Sixty-seven contributors have worked hard and produced six large panels. Fresh, colourful and packed with interest, they should make every Sibford resident glow with pride. A real community project and a real achievement.

Sibford School have added a richness to this project producing their own independent panel. The Sibford School Panel shows the variety of school buildings while the delightful figures depict school life.

Keith Hicks has produced three lovely, informative display boards related to the Pageant which complement our panels.

To complete the exhibition we have included work by:- Zella Andrews whose idea for producing a Mill Panel which was not possible, combined with the proposed Pageant and request for ideas to celebrate the Millennium led to the Sibford Millennium Panels. Joan Shields, Beryl Sabin and Kathleen Winter who have advised and helped with the practical work. Without their help and support we would not have these panels.

We welcome Fred Inns as our last contributor. Fred made our frames to complete and display the panels.

Visiting our exhibition will give some of you an opportunity to visit The Mill perhaps for the first time. A lovely gallery, a friendly, welcoming environment where you can enjoy a cup of coffee. The Mill aims to offer something to everybody, offering a very varied programme of entertainment and classes.

Special thanks to:- All contributors some of whom produced several pieces of work. All those responsible for stitching down the work onto the background, some spending many hours hemming and some taking work home. John and Luke Mulley for their help and support. Luke helped stretch the panels and he then placed them on the frames.

Our next project will be our records.

Now that the panels are complete we can all turn to the Pageant, our next community project, to work for and enjoy.

Mollie Picken (Mulley)

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Once again we expect to have cyclists from 7 to 70 years old so there is no one excluded. The one thing we do ask is that any children should be accompanied. If we get enough interest we will be once again organising a shorter route for the less enthusiastic and the younger children. Most of the season we try to make the most of the daylight which means we build up to the 15 mile routes by the end of June. If you want to know more ring either Adrian Lamb 780380 or Joanna Gilkes 788190 or just come along on Tuesday.

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We are holding our summer Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 9th June 10-12 noon** in the Chapel. Coffee and home made biscuits 60p. There will be the usual cake and plant stalls, also a raffle. All are welcome.

We would also like to invite you to our **Chapel Anniversary** the previous week, **Tuesday 1st June at 7.30** when the Rev. Michael Longstaffe of Banbury will be the speaker and Mrs. Margaret Gibbs of Tysoe will be the Chairperson.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.



There will be a meeting for those interested in helping to make Costumes for the Sibford Millennium Pageant at Cathy Ryall's house, Fairview, Main Street, Sibford Gower (just up the road from the Endowed Primary School) on Tuesday 4th May 1999 at 7.30 pm. This will be a briefing meeting to explain requirements and numbers and plan the work load.

There will be a similar meeting for those interested in helping to make Properties on Thursday 13th May 1999 at 7.30 pm at Keith Hicks' house, Farthings, Pound Lane (just past the entrance to High Meadow).

It is hoped that as many as possible can be at these meetings as there will be a great deal to do in the time before June 2000 when the Pageant is to take place.

Deadline for Contributions to June / July Sibford Scene will be **Tuesday 18th May**

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Plant Sale. 22nd May 10am to be held in the Primary School car park - we do hope everyone will come and bring plants and buy others.

Next Meeting. **Thursday May 13th.** A joint meeting with Swalcliffe at **Swalcliffe Village Hall 8 pm.** when Mr Walker of Oxford Botanic Gardens is giving a talk on 'Reconstruction of the Bog Garden'. We hope as many as possible will come. Please let us know if transport is required.

Outing **Thursday July 8th.** An afternoon trip to Oxford Botanic Gardens with Swalcliffe. Please let us know if you would like to go.

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A husband is the sort of man
Who tries to help you all he can;
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Sibford Ferris School	7.32	9.02	9.48	(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	11.38	12.47	12.38	2.38	6.23
Sibford Gower Crossroads	11.40am	12.50pm	12.40pm	2.40pm	6.25pm
Shipston	-	1.15pm	-	-	-

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A Special Meeting of the PCC was held on April 6th to consider whether or not we should go ahead with the roof repair project. David Soden, the Treasurer, gave an up to date report on the position of the Appeal: effectively this was that with cash received and present promises including loans, together with expected tax refunds on Gift Aid and Covenants, we were still short by about £15,000.

This sum is very close to the entire capital which the church would have after its own contribution of £17,500 towards the bill.

It was reported that the Town Estates Charity had confirmed a generous grant and that personal visits to those living in the village was receiving a most generously high level of response. An appeal to charities interested in helping churches with building repairs was just about to go out and that the Archdeacon of Oxford had offered help from his discretionary fund.

In all the circumstances, it was decided to authorise the Architects to instruct the builders to proceed with the work and it is hoped that it will start in June and be completed by the autumn. The PCC has decided that during this time, the church will not be open for services which will take place in other churches in the benefice, although burials will continue as may be necessary.

The Council wishes to put on record its deep appreciation of the support and generosity received from so many people in the villages and from all denominations. It is very much hoped that further financial support will be forthcoming so that the church funds are not extinguished and that continuing annual support will enable us to pay our way in the future and repay the loans that have been made.

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Society of Friends	Sunday at 10.30 am
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Roman Catholic Mass (Wroxton)	Sunday at 9.00 am
(Brailes)	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

2 May	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Shutford
9 "	9.30am	Family Service
13 "	8.00pm	(Ascension Day) Benefice Eucharist, Swalcliffe
16 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
23 "	9.30am	Holy Communion
30 "	9.30am	Holy Communion (Trinity, Patronal Festival)
6 Jun	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist at Epwell

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DIARIST - vacancy			
1999			
* Jun 25	Fri	Sibford School Open Morning	Sibford School 781200
Jun 26	Sat	Sibford Annual Fayre, 1.00pm	Sibford Village Hall 780025
Jun 27	Sun	Sheila's 90th Birthday 'Roof Raiser'	Sibford Village Hall
Jul 10	Sat	Birmingham Symphonic Winds Concert (MM)	Sibford School
* Jul 17	Sat	Sibford Church Garden Party	? 780275
* Aug 21	Sat	Sibford Horti Society Annual Show	Sibford Village Hall 780543
* Nov 27	Sat	Sibford Church Bazaar	Sibford Village Hall 780275
Dec 4	Sat	Coffee Morning, Crafts, Cakes, Plants	Sibford Methodist Chapel 780461

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* = New or Changed Entry.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Monday	2.00 - 4.00pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.45pm
Tots 'N' Babes (780036)	Friends Meeting Hse	Wednesday	10.30 - 12noon
Fielding Day Centre	Friends School	Wednesday	12.45 - 4.45pm
Badminton	Friends School	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.30pm
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday	4.30 - 5.45pm
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	6.00pm
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri	9.00am - 12noon

Calendar of Events. May

- Sat 1st to 9th Millennium Panels at the Mill p20
Sat 1st Scouts Paper Collection
Sun 2nd Collectors and Car Boot Sale 12.30 V.Hall
Mon 3rd Sibford School Open Morning p19
Tue 4th Friendship Club AGM 2pm Village Hall p13
Tue 4th 'Costumes Meeting' for Millennium Pageant p23
Sat 8th 'Raise the Roof' Jumble sale, 2pm Village Hall p1
Tue 11th Christian Aid Week Austerity Lunch from noon at The Rectory p10
Tue 11th WI Resolutions Meeting p5
Wed 12th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25-4.20
Wed 12th Horticultural Society Meeting at Swalcliffe Village Hall p24
Thu 13th 'Props Meeting' for Millennium Pageant p23
Tue 18th Friendship Club Talk in the Village Hall 2pm p13
Tue 18th LEO Club 'Memory Night' at Sycamore Close p7
Tue 18th Deadline for June/July Sibford Scene p23
Wed 19th Sibford Village Hall AGM 8pm p11
Thu 20th Sibfords Society Walk from Bishop Blaize at 7pm prompt! p17
Sat 22nd Horti Society Plant Sale 10am Primary School p24
Sat 22nd Skip and Recycling Units in Acre Ditch
Tue 25th Friendship Club Outing to Woburn Abbey p13
Wed 26th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25-4.20

June part

- Tue 1st Chapel Anniversary Meeting 7.30 p22
Wed 9th Chapel Coffee Morning 10-12 p22
Tue 15th LEO Club meeting in Burdrop p7
Wed 16th Sibfords Society. Talk by Caroline Balderston Parry p17
Sat 26th Sibford Village Fayre and evening Pig Roast p16

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