

September 1999

# Sibford *Extra* Scene

No 14

Bishop Blaize Car and Cycle Treasure Hunt

September 25th 2.30 pm

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Flower Show. Full Report and Results

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Help Needed At The Play Area

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Garage Sale at Long View Sibford Ferris

Full details on page 11

## Nature Notes

**July 27th.** This dry weather is making it very difficult for blackbirds and thrushes to find enough food for themselves and their young ones. One blackbird has started picking the tomatoes in the green house as soon as they start to redden. The best day for butterflies in our garden. I counted 24 peacocks, nearly as many large whites, one comma and a few gatekeepers and meadow browns.

**July 31st.** The knapweed broomrape, that I mentioned in last months notes, grew to 2½ feet tall before it was chopped off by the roadside mower. I looked at the chopped off head which held a lot of seed but it was still in the white and fluffy stage with no hope of developing to viability. It is even more regrettable because it was on a straight stretch of road without a strong growth of grass where there was no point in mowing anyway. It would be a great advantage if the tractor driver had a knowledge of wild flowers and was allowed to miss a bit where rarities like this occurred. There is still hope of some seed for future years.

**Aug. 2nd.** I have heard of two more probable sightings of red kite over Sibford. If anyone else should see one overhead the best distinguishing feature is its forked tail which the buzzard doesn't have. A visitor who lives near Brecon tells me that she put a nice meaty bone out in the garden for her dog and a red kite came down and carried it away. She was amazed at the size of a kite when seen close to. If the new disease, that is affecting rabbits in some areas, is as deadly as it is said to be, it could well affect the numbers of buzzards and red kite as rabbits form a big proportion of their diet.

**Aug. 4th.** When my granddaughter and her friend went to bed they found a long eared bat hanging on the wallpaper of their room. Her friend who came from Zimbabwe took it all in her stride.

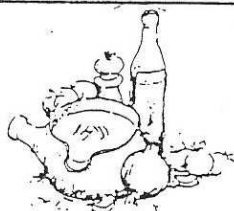
**Aug. 8th.** It was nice to see families of yellow wagtails and corn bunting flitting about on the corn on the way to Wiggington Heath today. A big area of arable like that certainly provides the habitat for a different selection of birds to that we get near the villages.

**Aug. 11th.** I hear that a cormorant visited a local pond a few weeks ago and more recently 48 canada geese. This is the sort of flock we could well do without.

**Aug 16th.** Some young house martins whose nest had fallen were rescued by a caring lady who cut the crown out of a straw hat and fixed it under the eaves, putting the young ones into it. The parents are not only feeding the youngsters but have put some mud over the hat to make it look right.

**Aug. 17th.** I read that the population of mallard has fallen by 40% over the last 10 years. This is probably due to mink who are adept at raiding their nests, which in this country are usually in pollarded willows. It is hard to think of any imported wild creatures that have been of benefit to us. When watching the gardening programme on T.V. it makes me shudder to see Pippa Greenwood releasing foreign mites into her greenhouse to see if they can control whitefly. There is no knowing what beneficial insects they may prefer to the whitefly.

**Aug. 18th.** At the end of a July when less than a quarter of an inch of rain had fallen and with the winter barley already in the barn things looked set for an easy harvest but with the change in the month came a change in the weather and with 3½ inches, including the inch that fell in half an hour today, so far this month, it has now become a bit of a struggle.



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## THE MILLENNIUM PANELS

THE MILLENNIUM PANELS are on exhibition at The Chipping Norton Theatre Gallery until 2nd September 1999. Another opportunity for you to see the panels in a public gallery setting. The gallery is open from 10am - 1pm and in the evenings.

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Sibford Ferris Parish Council have agreed to take the group under its wing, but will still need financial support from the group itself.

This would involve organising a couple of events a year i.e. jumble sales, sponsored swims/walks etc. to help keep the playarea funds in the black!

If you feel you could help support this much needed facility, please contact the groups chairman Bernie Jones 780393. Thankyou.

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## THE BISHOP BLAIZE INN ANNUAL CAR/CYCLE RALLY

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This month we say 'Welcome' to Paul and Margaret Hobson who have moved from near High Wycombe to Greenacres, Sibford Gower, with their eleven year old son, Neil, who is looking forward to starting at The Friends' School in the autumn. There are also two older children, who will hopefully be joining the family at a later date.

Paul has retired early, and when they have tackled all the jobs in the house and garden, they are planning to join in some of the village activities, especially Horti and the Sibford Society.

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Richard and Helen Earle have recently taken occupation of Holly Bank - the new house at the entrance to Barley Close - with their two year old daughter, Amelia

They have moved here from Chesham and are both in the software industry.

Helen's favourite hobby is gardening, while Richard loves reading, though hardly ever gets time to do so. They are very keen eventually to become part of the village.

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Richard and Susie Wallington and Holly, aged 3, have moved into Holmwood, Acreditch. They most recently lived in King's Sutton.

Richard is a builder, while Susie works part-time as a retail manager at the family Saddlery in Aylesbury. She was once a very keen rider. Richard's interests are in shooting and hunting.

They are both very thrilled to be living in this village and with the wonderful views from their house.

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Sara Watts has just moved into 'Stour Valley View', Main Street, with her little dog called Jed, and says she already feels really 'at home'. She was brought up in Swalcliffe, but has moved here from Chacombe.

Sara is a beautician and has had her own mobile business for 10 years, covering villages in the surrounding area. Her many hobbies include: walking the dog, embroidery, drawing and painting and doing up 'old junk'.

Sara is so happy here already that she wants to stay for years and years.

# The Sibfords Society

Our next meeting will be on 15 September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, when Jill Couzens, the administrator of Broughton Castle will be speaking to us about the history of the Castle. On 7 October we have arranged a visit to Bletchley Park and have room on the coach for others to join us. The visit includes a guided tour of the Enigma Code breaking rooms and more details can be obtained from Jenny Barratt on 780336.

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Wednesday October 6, Village Hall, Sibford Gower. 7pm  
Monday October 11, Town Hall, Banbury. 7pm  
Wednesday October 13, Windmill Centre, Deddington. 7pm  
Thursday October 14, Village Hall, Chesterton. 7pm

To arrange free travel to and from the venue call Banburyshire Community Transport Association on 01295 273086.

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The following Tuesday we met at the home of Mrs. Tanner and our thanks go to her and her many helpers for the lovely afternoon and delicious tea. A total of £76.72 will go towards Club funds.

Unfortunately the Coffee Evening which should have been at Mrs. Fowlers had to be postponed due to the weather, but we have that to look forward to at a later date.

An outing to Kingston Bagpuize has been arrange for **Tuesday 7th September**. Further details from Mrs. Boughton. Tel; 263460

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The receipts from the Annual Fayre and Evening Entertainment held in June, totalled over £2,300 but with the expenses of £762.30, the highest of which was for the Dance Band of £350, leaves a profit up to 28th July of £1600. This was £400 more than in 1998 - well done everyone!

With this money in mind, we are looking into ways of substantially improving the Village Hall and a small steering committee has been set up to put together some proposals. Any outcome from this will be presented to the Village through the Sibford Scene, and, if we intend to go ahead with anything, everyone will be invited to a public meeting to contribute their ideas.

Cherwell District Council has written to the Village Hall secretary seeking to engage the community in thinking about how the Council serves them. Our local meeting will take place in the Village Hall on WEDNESDAY 6th Oct. 1999, starting at 7 p.m., and will also involve the Thames Valley Police and the Primary Care Groups, giving people an opportunity to get direct answers to a wide range of questions concerning the public sector. We have been asked to contribute to this "Question Time Meeting" and complete a reply card, stating what we would like to ask and to which body. **COULD YOU PLEASE LET Muriel. Chandler** have any questions you would like to ask **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, by either ringing 780025 or leaving a note for her at the Village Shop. Posters will be displayed on the Hall notice board and in the Village Shop, and questions can also be given direct to the Council (details on these posters). This is an important consultation process and the Council are hoping all will contribute their views.

We hope you are all getting together teams for our Annual Quiz which will be held on Saturday, 30th October, in the Village Hall., with it's usual supper and raffle. Teams of up to 6 people to be given to either Helen & Adrian Lamb (780380), Joanna Gilkes (788190) or Muriel Chandler (780025).

In the next Sibford Scene we should be able to tell you about future theatre performances, hopefully ones for families, children and adults. We have put our requests in to Cherwell District Council and await the outcome.

## Lost or Stolen

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with bugs bunny game in it. See-through mauve colour.

This was left for a short time on the grass at the Stone House, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower on the afternoon of Friday 30th July.

If anyone has found it, or any parent is aware of a new 'unexplained' acquisition, one upset 9 year old would be very happy at the return of his birthday present.

David Spackman

If returning the game directly would cause embarrassment, the Scene Extra editor is happy to return it with no name mentioned.

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## L.E.O. Club News

The September meeting (21st) is now cancelled due to its clash with the re-dedication of the Sibford Church. This will enable some of our members to celebrate this important event.

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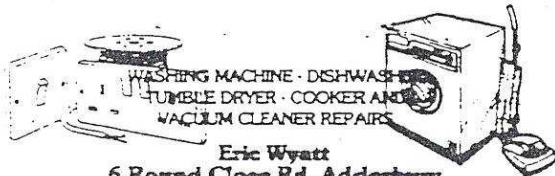
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Annual Show: The weather was kind to us for the show and an enjoyable time was had by all. Entries were down this year as so many people were away. We were especially short on children's entries but the standard of entries was high.

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with preparing the marquee for the show, manning the stalls, teas and clearing the marquee afterwards. A jar of apricot jam and three plates (one had cake on) were left behind. Please could the owners collect them from the Surgery.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th Sept in the Village Hall at 8pm. Chris Brown is coming to talk on 'Shrubs for Spring Flowering'. We hope to see you all there and any new members are always welcome to join us.

GFS

I still have a red telescopic umbrella and large square polythene box and green lid left after Shelias 90th birthday party that no one has claimed yet. Please contact 780543

### SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW RESULTS

THE BANKSIAN MEDAL Most points in section A&B	Jane Thomas
SIBFORD ROSE BOWL Winner section A, class 1	Desmond England
ALBERT SPICER TROPHY Most points in Section A Class 2 to 32	Nick Giles
THE SOCIETY CUP Runner Up in section A	Jane Thomas
MRS F PADBURY CUP Most points in Section B	Carole Dean
DR TAYLOR CUP Runner Up section B	Arnold Lamb
MRS F PADBURY ROSE BOWL Most points in section C	Jean Puddle
TED WEBB TROPHY Most points in section	Gillian Soden
THE VILLAGE CUP Most points in section E	C. Haine
JOHN SABIN CUP Winner 1st prize section E	Heinz Barth
BANBURY MARQUEE TROPHY Most points 12 to 16 years	Amy Powell
THE JUNIOR CUP Most points 9 to 11 years	Michael Powell
KEITH HICKS CUP Most points 5 to 8 years	George Berks
S J SABIN CUP Most points under 5 years	Amelia Walker
COMMITTEE CUP Most points in more than one section	Maureen Hicks

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES

A short while ago I was appointed as a part-time Outreach Worker for Community Education, with specific responsibility for the villages of Chadlington, the Sibfords and Enstone.

Since then I have been trying to make contact with as many people in each village as possible, in an attempt to find out what sort of Community Education courses people would like, where they would like them and whether they would find it easier to attend something during the day or in the evening.

It may be that you have never been to a Community Education day or evening class before, and would now be interested in pursuing some course. It may be that you already have skills in something but feel you need to 'brush them up', or improve on them. It may be that you know exactly what you would like to do but just need some encouragement to get going!

Wherever you fit into these possibilities, I would really like to hear from you. I can talk to you on the telephone, or come and pay you a visit without any commitment on your part. So do please ring me, during the day or evening, on 01993 704345  
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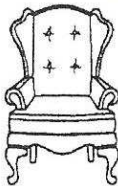
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Please take items for inclusion to the Shop, the treasurer  
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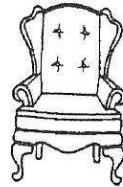
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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

We watch, rather breathlessly, as the roof itself moves on apace and as the painters start their work inside. We are a little behind on schedule, but assuming that the painters continue as they have started, we should be ready for the special service on September 21st to commemorate 30 years since our Rector's ordination.

We have had some rather heavier than expected unforeseen work to consider; the walls beneath the coping stones are in a bad way and the stones will have to be lifted and replaced, a big and expensive job; the soakaways need rebuilding and both crosses and some coping stones have deteriorated badly and need replacing; the organ bellows have had to be re-leathered. All this and other smaller items add up to over £10,000 and we will have to draw heavily on our loans to fund this, if it all proves inescapable, and pay out of future surpluses.

We would like to express our great appreciation of The Historic Churches Preservation Trust (HCPT) and their sister organisation, The Oxford Historic Churches Fund. The former have given us a grant of £5,000 and are considering an interest free loan of £6,000; the latter a grant of £5,000. HCPT has, in recent years, been making awards of about £1m to approximately 300 churches each year but is itself dependent on donations for much of its funds. It seems a bad time to ask for funds for them when so many from the villages have been so generous to us. It is hoped though that the generosity of both of these organisations will, when we have all drawn breath, receive acknowledgement in the form of financial support so that other churches can continue to receive the help that has been so generously given to us.

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Copy by Monday please.

## Church Services

Society of Friends	Sunday at 10.30 am
Methodist	Sunday at 11.00 am
Roman Catholic Mass (Wroxton)	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	

September	5th 10am Benifice Eucharist at Shutford
	12th 9.30am Family Service
	19th 9.30am Holy Communion
Sat	25th 5.30pm Harvest Festival Service
	26th 9.30am Holy Communion

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Wednesday 11th & 20th Aug to Chippy	10.00am	12.00noon
Friday 6th & 20th Aug to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Friday 3rd & 17th Sept to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday 8th & 22nd to Chippy	10.00am	12.00noon

The pick-up points are:

<u>Banbury Bus</u>	<u>Chippy Bus</u>
Village Hall	Village Hall
Crossroads	High Meadow
High Meadow	Crossroads
	The Colony

### 2. Stagecoach 480 Shipston - Sibford - Banbury

	Mon ~ Sat (M-S)	Not Sat (NS)		Sat only (SO)	
	M~S	NS	SO	M~S	NS
Shipston	-	-	9.20am	-	-
Sibford Gower Crossroads	7.30am	9.00am	9.45am	11.45am	12.45pm
Sibford Ferris School	7.32am	9.02am	9.48am	(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	11.38am	12.47pm	12.38pm	2.38pm	6.23pm
Sibford Gower Crossroads	11.40am	12.50pm	12.40pm	2.40pm	6.25pm
Shipston	-	1.15pm	-	-	-

### 3. CHERWELL VILLAGER. 55 Sibford ~ Banbury

	Outward	Return (read up)
Wednesday only		
Sibford Gower	9.55am	1.55pm
Sibford Ferris	9.57am	1.53pm
Hooky	10.05am	1.45pm
Bloxham	10.35am	1.15pm
Banbury	10.50am	1.00pm

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# *Calendar of Events*

## September

- Sat 4th Scouts Paper Collection.  
Sat 4th Skip in the Gower at Barley Close  
Sun 5th Garage Sale. Long View. Sibford Ferris p 11  
Sun 5th Collectors and Car Boot Sale. 2 - 4 pm V.Hall. p12  
Tue 7th Electric Blanket Testing at Bloxham p14  
Wed 8th Quiet Garden Day at Handywater.  
Wed 8th Horticultural Society Meeting. V.Hall 8 pm p18  
Sat 11th Churches Bike Ride  
Wed 15th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm  
Wed 15th Sibford Society Meeting V.Hall 7.30 pm p7  
Sat 18th Skip in the Gower at the Pond  
Tue 21st Deadline for Contributions for October Scene p20  
Sat 25 Recycling Units in Acre Ditch  
Sun 26th Bishop Blaize Car & Cycle Rally p5  
Wed 29th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm

## October (part)

- Wed 6th Question Time at the Village Hall p8  
Thu 7th Sibford Society Outing to Bletchly Park p7  
Tue 19th L.E.O. Club Meeting p13  
Sat 30th Village Hall Quiz Night. p12

### Sibford Scene

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## SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB

### News From The Boundary

Once again we were blessed with beautiful weather for our now annual Chairman's Invitational match. This year the format changed with a Gower side taking on a team representing the Ferris. As always this fixture brought us a thoroughly enjoyable day where the result was less important than the occasion, however there was a winning team and this year it was the Ferris team which ended the day victorious. The past month has brought a return to winning ways, and a particularly important win over our closest rivals pries in the league means that with two games to go we are back on top of the league with our championship fate in our own hands. This month saw Chris Wollerton join a very exclusive club as he joined Ron Morbey and Dave Simms in becoming the only third player still playing regularly for Sibford to score a century. His 130 against Deddington will be long remembered by all who saw it. Finally the now traditional end of season dinner will be held on Saturday 25th September at 7.30 p.m in the Bishop's Blaize.

#### Sibford Vs Radway

Radway 205 for 7- L Gilbert 3 for 50- M Walsh 2 for 47

Sibford 206 for 4: I Wollerton 76, D 'Simms 52no, I Davies 37

#### Chairmans Invitation

Sibford Ferris Vs Sibford Gower

Ferris 244 all out: Rich Morbey 53rtd, D Simms 51 rtd, M Simms 26

Gower 177 all out: R Gilbert 57, D Pratt 50 no, P Randall 4 for 30

#### Sibford Vs Printers

Printers 149 for 6: L Gilbert 3 for 26, M Walsh 2 for 31

Sibford 130 all out D Pratt 46, I Wollerton 34

#### Sibford Vs Aynho

Aynho 152 for 6: R Gilbert 3 for 34, S Chard 1 for 24

Sibford 154 for 3 K Peachey 69, D Simms 29no, M Simms 28

#### Sibford Vs Chacombe

Chacombe 108 for 4: S Chard 2 for 30, M Walsh 1 for 18

Sibford 109 for 0: I Davies 67no, D Pratt 30no

#### Sibford Vs Deddington - Abandoned Rain

Sibford 240 for 2: C Wollerton 130, D Simms 62, M Simms 20no

Deddington 85 for 6: D Prickett 3 for 11, S Chard 2 for 25

#### Sibford Vs Priors

Sibford 123 all out: I Wollerton 27, D Pratt 14, D Inns 12

Priors 98 all out. S Chard 4 for 27, M Walsh 2 for 37, J Barton 1 for 20

#### Sibford Vs Gawcott

Gawcott 149 all out: J Barton 3 for 44, M Walsh 2 for 31, S Chard 2 for 45

Sibford 151 for 6: D Simms 61, D Inns 16, Ron Morbey 15

### SEPTEMBER FIXTURES

Sun 5th Vs Deddington, away

Sun 12th Vs Radway, away.

Both Matches start at 2.00p.m.