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Sibford Extra Scene

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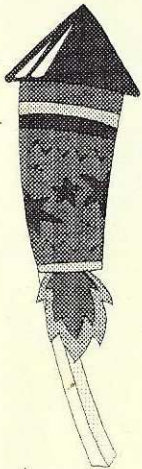
Guide Dogs for the Blind Coffee Morning
Westerways, Sibford Ferris Wed.3rd 10-12noon p10

Heart of England Jazz Band

Live at the Village Hall

Saturday 13th November 7.30pm p6

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Collections Oct 30th to Nov 13th p3



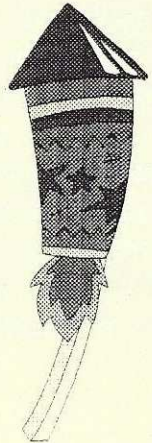
Sibford Gower Primary School

Fireworks Display and Bonfire

on the School Playing Field

Friday 5th November 6.30pm

(gates open at 6 O'Clock) p12



Nature Notes

Sept 27th. In the last 11 exceptionally wet days I have measured 3.59 inches of rain. In the same period my brother measured 5.50 inches at Sezincote near Moreton in Marsh.

Sept 29th. About a fortnight ago a pair of grey wagtails spent some time around our garden pond. This morning a female grey wagtail appeared on the lawn and at the same time a cat made a dash up a nearby path and although I could not find any feathers I still wonder whether it got the male as greys normally travel around in pairs.

Oct 6th. A friend tells me that when he took a dog for a long walk it found six separate foxes and a crow with a damaged wing which it chased and when the dog got close the crow turned and threatened it with wings spread causing the dog to back off.

Oct 7th. On several mornings recently I have thought that redwings must have arrived because the blackbirds, mistle thrushes and song thrushes all been chasing around noisily protecting the yew berries but I have not managed to spot one here. This morning however I saw a flock of about 50 flying over Banbury.

Oct 9th. When visiting the Horton Hospital this evening I saw some pied wagtails fly down from the roof into a quadrangle to settle in some shrubs. They must have been the last of many because the shrubs, which were not more than 5 feet tall, were trembling as they all settled down for the night. In this enclosed quadrangle they are sheltered from the wind and safe from most predators.

Oct 10th. This morning the second thrush in a fortnight died when it flew into our window. It is said that they only do this when they can see a way through, as with windows on the opposite sides of a room, but this one hit the window before 7 am. when the light was on in the room and another one recently hit a bedroom window with no view through. Prior to these deaths we had a spell that led me to think that those that were going to kill themselves in this way had already done so and a strain of less reckless thrushes was evolving but it may just be that the younger generation is more accident prone.

Oct 15th. I hear that birds in Cotswold Close are suffering from the attention of a sparrowhawk particularly while they are using a bird-

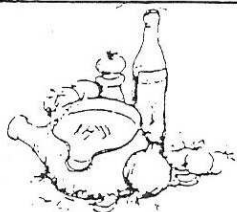
bath when their wet feathers would make them easy prey.
Oct 17th. Went with my sister-in-law in search of a wild service tree which is marked on a plan we were shown, as growing to the north of Lower Tadmarton and although we failed to find one in the area we were searching, we did find a mature tree of about 30 feet nearer Shutford. I must have passed this tree many times without recognising it but probably never when it was displaying its full autumn glory.

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L.E.O. Club News

On Tuesday 19th October we spent an interesting and fascinating evening at the home of Jean Evans when she gave us an insight into the healing properties of crystals and mineral stones. We look forward to another evening with Jean some time in the future, if she will have us again.

For our next meeting, Tuesday 16th November at 8 p.m. we hope to visit Mary Bristows home, now in Back Lane, Sibford Ferris, for a slide show and talk on her recent travels in Australia and South Africa. Should Marys slides not be back in time, we will go to Maureen Wardens home for an evening of fun and games in the shape of 'Call my Bluff' - teams to be arranged. Members will be phoned if this change of venue takes place.

M.H.

Methodist Church

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in the Methodist Chapel on Saturday 4th December 10-12 noon.

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Report from Sibford Village Hall Committee

The two October Collectibles and Car Boot sales made a combined total of £237.50 for Hall funds with good support both from buyers and from people kindly donating items to the Hall for sale. Many thanks to all. The next sale will be on Sunday **7th November**, with an additional one on the **21st November** from 1 to 3pm. refreshments available and hopefully some homemade cakes for sale. For bookings (tables/pitches £5) please ring 01295 251339

Dunns Auctions will be holding another Saturday afternoon auction on the **6th November at 2.30pm**. For further details contact 01608 662587. Refreshments available.

On **Saturday 13th November at 7.30 pm**. in the Village Hall, The Heart of England Jazz Band will play an entertaining mix of Trad and Not-so-Trad jazz. This sextet is guaranteed to entertain with their upbeat traditional jazz and most of them have been playing together for over 10 years as members of the Arthur Brown Jazz Band. This is suitable for Adults and tickets will be only £3.50 and concessions just £1.75 and should have the joint jumping, the length of the show being approximately 2½ hours, with 2 intervals. Provided we get good support, a glass of wine will be included in the interval. Tickets will be available in the Village Shop or from Muriel Chandler (780025). Again held in conjunction with the Cherwell District Council, which is the only way ticket prices can be kept so low.

On wednesday afternoon 23rd February, 2000 we will have a performance of Alice in Wonderland during the Half Term, and on March 2nd The Oxford Touring Theatre Company will be back with their performance of 'Rehearsing Brief Encounter' which is suitable for adults.

Deadline for contributions for the December and January Sibford Scene will be **Tuesday 16th November**. Contributions to the Shop, the Editor or Treasurer. Thankyou.

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.

This month we welcome;

Mary and Nasser Memarzia have moved to Mulberry House, (formerly Yew Tree Cottage) Sibford Ferris with their 3 children, Emily who is 12, Jessica 10 and Kristian 5. Emily goes to school in Chipping Norton and Jessica and Kristian are at Sibford Gower primary school.

Mary and Nasser both lecture at North Oxfordshire College and Nasser is also a writer and actor.

The family say 'thankyou' for the warm welcome they have already received and look forward to making new friends and sharing the community life of this beautiful village.

David, Anne, Tom, Will and Amy Spackman have moved from the Gower to Bishops Lodge in Folly Court, Sibford Ferris.

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Housing Needs Survey

Cherwell District Council is about to start a comprehensive study of housing need within the District which will involve a postal survey of approx. 5,500 households and a further 500 personal interviews. The aim of the survey is to identify the extent, geographical distribution and types of housing need within the District.

The information obtained from the survey will help the Council develop an effective housing strategy to be incorporated into the Local Plan and which will form the basis of Housing Investment Programme submissions to the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

Households to be included in the survey will be randomly selected and it is likely that some parishioners will either receive a postal questionnaire to complete and return or will be contacted by an interviewer calling at their home, all of whom will carry identification and a letter of authority from the Council.

It is very important that as many people as possible complete and return their questionnaire forms. The level of response can affect the accuracy of the survey and to avoid the possibility of bias it is just as important that people living in satisfactory housing return their form as people living in unsuitable accommodation.

All information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and as soon as the data has been collected all the forms will be destroyed.. The information will only be used for planning purposes and no individual names or addresses will be published.

The latest definitive maps of footpaths and bridleways of Sibford Gower is available for inspection. They are copyright material and cannot be photocopied for display in the Council's noticeboard but may be seen by arrangement with the Parish Clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting **November 26 at 8pm** in the Primary School.

Petra Berry, Clerk (780462)

Friendship Club

Everyone enjoyed their lunch at Inkberrow in spite of the delay to our journey which made us late in arriving at the Wheelbarrow & Castle.

This afternoon we have been 'entertained' by Ms Karen Turner giving a talk and demonstration on acupuncture. The afternoon concluded with tea and cakes.

Diary Dates for November

Tuesday 2nd Nov. Meet in the Village Hall at 2.00pm. Jumble sale and bring and buy for Club funds.

Tuesday 16th Nov. Meet in the Village Hall at 2.00pm when a representative from the Banbury Fire Service will give a talk.

Tuesday 30th Nov. Lunch at the Red Lion, Little Compton and then to Moreton Market for an hours browsing - coach will be provided. Details from Mrs Boughton.

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Sibford Horticultural Society

At our next meeting on **November 10th** Mr. Hirons will be our speaker. His subject is going to be 'Where have all the wild flowers gone'.

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Equipment Supervisor - Judith Gulbis
Registration and Rotas - Dorothy Bull
Village Hall Representative - Christine Bell

Thank you to the retiring committee for their achievements and hard work!

The children have been very busy at playgroup so far this term. Our topics have recently been 'Farms' and 'Harvest'. Thank you to Mr Wimbush who welcomed the children into the Church. The children brought tins of food and fruit and vegetables to be given to the Katherine House Hospice and sang a 'harvest' song. The Church looked so beautiful inside and this was enhanced by the sun shining through the colourful windows. We are currently discussing 'Autumn'.

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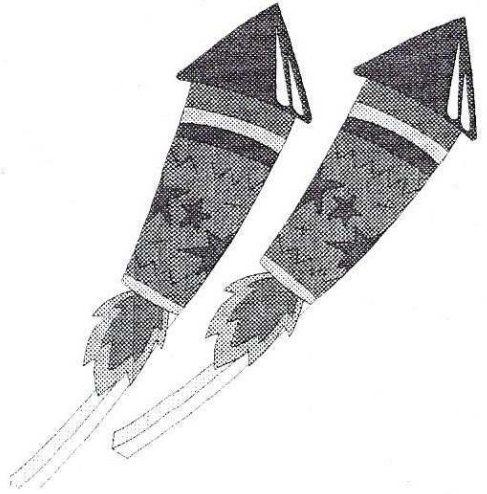
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One of four sisters, Mrs Anne Higgins' mother's fortitude was put to the Test in coping with three daughters' weddings in nine months, whilst her own ability was proved by nursing her third son while presiding over her local W.I. meetings. She was appropriately thanked by Maureen Warden.

There was a good attendance despite one member being in America, one in Australia, a third in Canada and a fourth recuperating after surgery. Cards had been received from the three globe-trotters, and a get well card was sent to Rosalind Fearlman.

The competition for a picture of one's own house was won by Glennis Hutchinson, Mary Mills and Greta Baadsgaard.

Helpers were enlisted for our annual money raising Moreton morning when we take over the W.I. Hall, serve coffee to thirsty market shoppers and hopefully sell them home-made cakes, etc. This should present no problem if they are as attractive and appetising as those served with our cuppa by Kathleen Reid and Olga Saito.

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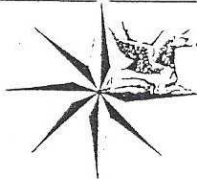
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After a re-mark due to the high scoring of all the teams, the winning team of the cycle section was Austin Grounds, with a close Honton Duo coming second.

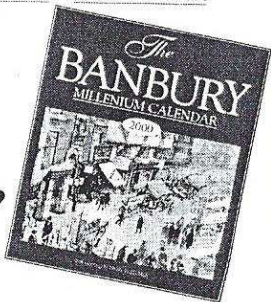
In the car section for the second year running, first place went to The Return of the Cellulite's followed by Sabin's Solution.

We would like to thank Ian O'Hare for planning the route, and Simon Chard for his assistance on the Day and another thank you to all who took part.

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exhibits in the time available.

On 11 November at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Mike Finch is holding a Workshop in an attempt to identify people and places appearing in old photographs taken in the Sibfords and we would like to invite anyone who thinks they might be able to help. If you would like to join us and need transport, please ring Jenny Barratt on 780336, who will be happy to arrange it for you

Our next scheduled meeting will be on 17 November at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, when Christine Bloxham will talk on Oxfordshire Christmas customs.

John Simms is preparing a pictorial map of the Sibfords, showing all the houses and asks if he could borrow photos of the front elevation of your house, together with the date it was built, if known. Please put your name and address on the back of the photos and give it to John or any other member of the committee. John can be contacted on 780655.

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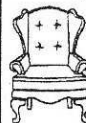
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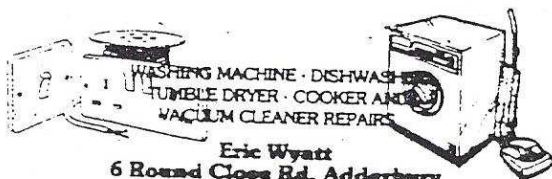
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Sibford Village Hall - Proposed Extension

The Village Hall Committee held an open meeting on 29th September in the Hall to enable villagers to look at the draft plans and give their views.

Following this meeting and further consultations with groups who use the Hall, the general consensus was in favour of the proposal to extend the Village Hall.

It is envisaged that the Hall be extended to the side away from the road, to have a room with facilities primarily for children to use. The kitchen would be doubled in size and have access from a lobby running from the side of the Hall alongside the extension, to provide shelter for prams etc. A small meeting room with storage will replace the existing kitchen. A room for the Village Archives would be provided. Improved storage for tables underneath the stage is being considered. Hard standing near the garages (which will be re-sited) will facilitate access for those groups who store equipment there.

Funding for the proposed scheme would be applied for to the lottery and various charities. Further information will be provided in regular updates in the Sibford Scene.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The last Council meeting of the Millennium was held on October 12th. Amongst numerous items discussed was the question as to whether services of Matins and/or evensong should be included in our pattern of services which for sometime have centred around the Eucharist, except for the once per month Family Services. Council members were requested to discuss the matter with others in the community and any having views on this are asked to contact the Rector or Council members.

The Annual Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 27th November. Would you please make a note in your diaries. Maureen and Ian Warden who organised this event so successfully last year have kindly agreed to do so again and they would be grateful for offers of help and of gifts. Please do contact them at 9 Barley Close, telephone 788252.

By the time this article is printed, the Sibford Antiques Roadshow will have been held in the Primary School, so as not to clash with the Village Quiz already booked that evening in the Village Hall. It is hoped that there will have been plenty of items of antique interest produced for our visiting valuer to look at and will have helped to swell the Roof Repair Fund.

Church Services

Society of Friends	Sunday at 10.30 am
Methodist	Sunday at 11.00 am
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	
Tue 2nd Nov. Communion for All Souls' Day	7.30 pm
7th Nov. Benefice Eucharist at Sibford	10.00 am
14th Nov. 8.00 Holy Communion.	
	10.50 am Remembrance Service
21st Nov. 9.30am Holy Communion	
28th Nov. Confirmation	10.00am at Epwell
5th Dec Young at Heart Service.	10.00am Swalcliffe

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	High Meadow	Crossroads
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	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	-	-	-

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Calendar of Events

November

- Tue 2nd Friendship Club meeting in the Village Hall 2.00 pm p9
Wed 3rd Coffee Morning for Guide Dogs for the Blind 10-12 noon p10
Fri 5th Fireworks Display and Bonfire. Primary School field 6.00pm p12
Sat 6th Playarea Jumble Sale Mission Room 12 - 2 pm p4
Sat 6th Dunn Auctions. Village Hall 2.30 pm p6
Sun 7th Collectables and Car Boot Sale, Village Hall 2 - 4 pm p6
Wed 10th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Wed 10th Horticultural Society talk by Mr. Hirons on wild flowers. p10
Thu 11th Workshop to identify people and places on old village photo's
7.30pm Village Hall p17
Sat 13th The Heart of England Jazz Band. Live at the Village Hall p6
Tue 16th Friendship Club talk by the Fire Service in the Village Hall 2 pm p9
Tue 16th L.E.O. Club meeting at 8 pm p5
Tue 16th Deadline for contributions to the December/January Sibford Scene p6
Wed 17th Sibfords Society meeting. Talk on Oxfordshire Christmas Customs.
Village Hall 7.30pm p17
Sat 20th Skip in Barley Close.
Wed 24th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm).
Fri 26th Gower Parish Council Meeting 8 pm, Primary School p8
Sat 27th Church Christmas Bazaar. p22
Sat 27th Recycling units in Acre Ditch
Tue 30th Friendship Club Lunch outing and Moreton Market. p9

December (part)

- Sat 4th Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning and Christmas Stalls 10-12noon.p5

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