



April
2001

SIBFORD SCENE

No. 232

JUMBLE
SALES

Grand Jumble Sale
In aid of Holy Trinity Church
In the Village Hall at 2pm
On Saturday April 7th

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Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 23rd April at Sibford School

Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 2nd May at the Primary School
Come and let the Parish Councils know
your views on village affairs

Sibford Gower Litter Blitz
Saturday April 28th. 2pm at the Village Hall

Nature Notes

March 3rd We are having quite a cold spell of weather but nowhere near as cold as it is in northern Scotland where snow is lying. Last night the temperature at Altnaharra fell to -21°C (-6°F) which, as far as I know, is lower than anything ever recorded here.

March 12th The mistle thrush with the unusual song is still around but while he was singing his tyew-tyew-tyew song in the distance today another one with a normal song was singing close by. I recorded the unusual song and played it over the phone to an expert and found that he had never heard one like it either. It is said that birds that vary their song from what is normal for the species have less chance of attracting a mate, which I suppose helps to keep the song pure, so I think that this one with what is largely a new song has no chance. It will be interesting to see whether the musically correct thrush takes over its territory.

March 13th It is only a few days since the ice melted on our garden pond but already there is a lot of frogs spawn to be seen and a great rippling of the pond as frogs heads disappear whenever I go near.

March 17th A small flock of fieldfares flew over this morning which reminded me that I have seen very few of them this winter and hardly any redwings. There seem to be fewer coming here with each winter that passes. Whether climatic change is making it possible for them to winter in Scandinavia or whether their numbers are actually dropping I don't know.

March 19th It is sad that the nuthatches that have been coming to our bird table for the last few years have not put in an appearance at all this winter. We had a winter without any a few years ago so we live in the hope that we shall see some again next year.

The Deadline for contributions to the
May Sibford Scene will be
Tuesday April 17th
Contributions to the Editor or Village Shop please

The
Sibfords
Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on the 22 March, with a short business session reviewing the past year and electing the Committee. We have had a busy year, as we mounted the exhibition in the Manor, of memorabilia of past pageants and eight Society Meetings. Our project for the coming year is to compile an Oral History of the village and we hope to record on tape, for future generations, the memories of people born in the village.

Arnold Lamb brought along the map marking the whereabouts of the trades carried on in the village around 1865, showing that the Sibfords were self-sufficient for their basic needs. A quarter of the houses in the Sibfords carried on some sort of trade, which was very necessary, as the trip into Banbury on the carrier's cart took three hours each way, along the Shipston to Banbury turnpike road.

Arnold also played a tape his grandfather made with Leslie Bailey for the BBC Scrapbook, remembering life in the second half of the 1800's, mentioning that when the reaping machines came in, corn-crake and quail disappeared from the fields. The first modern form of transport, a motorbike, came into the village in 1900. Our thanks

to Arnold for a fascinating evening, which highlighted the amazing changes that have taken place over the last 150 years.

We have a full programme for the coming year, with interesting speakers, so do come along and join us on the third Thursdays in the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The next meeting is on Thursday, **19 April** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, when Christine Bloxham will speak on the Traditions and Legends of Wychwood Forest. Those of you who heard her speak on Christmas customs will know you are in for a lively and informative talk.

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We all had a lovely day out at Cadbury World in March and went back to our childhood when we went on a 'Magical Cadbury Journey'. It was a really fantastic ride after hearing the history of how it all began and also sampling a small taste of chocolate.

By the time this goes to print we shall have heard a little about how the dogs are trained to help the disabled.

Dates for the Diary;

Tuesday 3rd April. Easter tea in the Village Hall. Plates of food would be welcome.

Tuesday 17th April. Lunch at the Bishop Blaize. 1.00pm Sit Down.

Tuesday 1st May. Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall
2.00pm. Please attend if possible.

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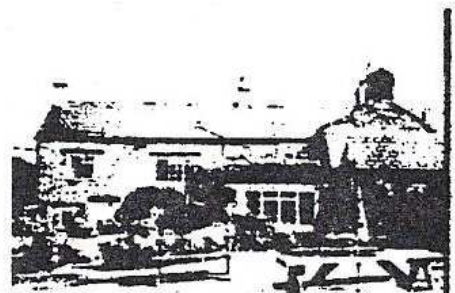
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'THE 2001 SIBFORD LOTTERY GAME' - still a few more players needed to get this under way and for the first draw to take place on Sunday, 1st April. Contact either Muriel (780025) or Ginny (780373).

The next Collectables and Car Boot Sale is on Sunday 1st April from 12 noon to 3 p.m. with refreshments available. To book a table please ring 01295 251339. The May Sale will be on Sunday, 6th.

The Annual Village Fayre will take place on Saturday, 23rd June, 2001, hopefully followed by an evening entertainment. We will run the old favourites, including the fun dog show, the childrens fancy-dress, bottle stall, tombola and games,. With teas, barbeque and the usual stalls. We are having monthly meetings in the Bishops Blaize to organise this, when all are welcome to come and give us their ideas or an offer of help before or on the day. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 28th March at 8 p.m. and the April one will probably be on Wednesday, 25th.

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee is at the Hall on Wednesday, 16th May at 7 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting.

We recently attended a "Focus on Arts in Rural Cherwell" evening, to discuss the theatre evenings in rural halls with Cherwell DC and other village hall committee members. We now await their next touring programme, when we hope further events can be held in our Hall.

Please note to book the Hall please ring our Booking Secretary, Mrs Kathleen Winter on 01295 780461.

The next Dunns Auction will take place in the Hall on Sunday, 15th April. Viewing from 12 noon, auction commencing at 2.30 p.m. Details from 01608 662587.

Our thanks again go to local residents who provide items to sell at the monthly Collectables and Car Boot Sale.

Extension Project. Our application is still with the National Lottery Charities Board - hopefully no news is good news! In the meantime, Cherwell DC has made available a grant of £10,000, provided the Lottery fund the project too. This is for capital spending and would be in addition to Cherwell's current grant of around £8,000 towards professional fees. More news as soon as we have any.

LEO NEWS



On the evening of the March meeting, snow had begun to fall and a lot more was threatened. Consequently, only a handful of members managed to turn up. However they were made very welcome by Glynis and had the promised "chatty" evening.

The April meeting, on the 17th, will be at Maureen Warden's (9 Barley Close). Following on from the February one when we took our wedding photographs and talked about how we had met our husbands, this time we shall go a stage further and bring a photo of our first house when we set up home together. There should be lots of interesting stories to tell there.

We meet at 8 o'clock, so please try and come.

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I hope that the last couple of issues have shown an improvement in appearance and print quality, mainly due to the editor finally mastering his new computer program! The content, however relies totally on the contributions received. I am always looking for interesting items beyond the usual club and society reports and announcements, so next time you hear a good talk or enjoy the theatre visits to the Village Hall please send me a review for the Scene. It may mean that the next event is better attended as a result.

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If you wish to follow his ideas, he will be using both scripture and contemporary parables to give us a fresh sensitivity to God's voice. His aim is to leave us more receptive to God as Holy Week unfolds.

You are welcome to arrive any time from 9.30am. The first meditation will begin at 10 am, and the day will end with prayers at 3-3.30pm. Coffee, soft drinks and biscuits are provided, but a contribution to a 'bring and share' lunch would be appreciated. You may like to consider bringing warm clothes and a rug if it is cold; if it is wet, everyone will be found a private place to sit indoors.

As usual we welcome those of all denominations and none, and people are not obliged to join in the communal parts of the day. There are always books available to read, and Handywater is open to anyone who would like to find peace and the opportunity for constructive reflection, for any part of this day.

For any further information, do ring Sue on 01295 788770.

Sibford Gower Litter Blitz
Saturday April 28th
Meet at the Village Hall at 2pm
Sacks, Gloves and Aprons will be provided.

W.I. NEWS & INFORMATION

Our March meeting was surely the exception to prove the rule - that A.G.Ms are always dull!

A detailed agenda (one for each member) ensured an interested audience.

Several forthcoming activities were in Jeopardy due to the agricultural restrictions, but It is hoped that the Broughton Castle Spectacular will be able to take place as planned. DO LOOK OUT for posters EVERYONE.

Treasurer Barbara Crabtree confirmed that our heads were well above water, whilst secretary Lynda Conway reminded us of the busy and interesting past year which president Brenda Powers claimed to have thoroughly enjoyed!

The annual Bring & Buy Stall was well supported, and as ever we were refreshed with tea & tempting cakes, thanks to Rosalind Pearlman and Mary Bristow.

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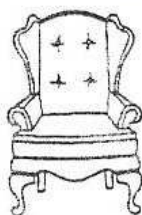
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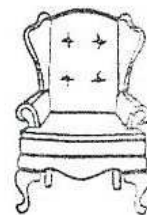
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Sibford Ferris PC - Meeting 6.3.01

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1. It was agreed to share the cost of the refurbishment of the War Memorial with the Gower PC and the Town Estates Charity.
2. The comments arising from the audit of the PCs accounts were discussed and minor amendments made.
3. The notification of a diversion to part of Footpath No. 7 at Sibford School was discussed and no objections to the change made.
4. It was noted that the street light at Evans Corner was still out of sequence this fault will be reported again.
5. The date for the May meeting was amended to 21st May 2001.
6. It was noted that the next meeting on the **23rd April 2001** will be the **Annual Parish Meeting** at which members of the public can put forward any proposals they may have.

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 Friday 13th 1.30 pm 'At the Cross'
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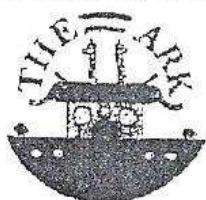
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Sibford Ferris School	7.32	9.02	9.48	(11.38)	(12.38)
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	M~S	SO	NS	M~S	M~S
Banbury Bus Station	11.15	12.15	12.15	2.15	6.00
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April

- Sun 1st Collectables and Car Boot Sale. 12-3pm V.Hall p6
Tue 3rd Friendship Club Easter Tea p4
Sat 7th Grand Jumble Sale. Village Hall at 2 pm p14
Tue 10th Quiet Garden at Handywater. p10
Tue 10th W.I. Meeting 'Let me entertain you' p11
Wed 11th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Sun 15th Dunns Auctions. Village at 2.30pm p6
Tue 17th Friendship Club Luch at the Bishop Blaize p4
Tue 17th LEO Club Meeting at 9 Barley Close p7
Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the May Scene p2
Thur 19th Sibfords Society Talk. 7.30 Village Hall p3
Mon 23rd Ferris Annual Parish Meeting p15
Tue 24th North Oxon Weavers, Spinners & Dyers. Talk - "Art of textile dyeing" Hook Norton at 7.30pm. Contact Joan Sprittlehouse on 251088 for details.
Wed 25th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Sat 28th Gower Litter Blitz 2pm Village Hall p10

May

- Tue 1st Friendship Club AGM p4
Wed 2nd Gower Annual Parish Meeting.
Sun 6th Collectables and Car Boot Sale. V.Hall 12-3pm p6
Wed 16th Village Hall AGM. p6

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