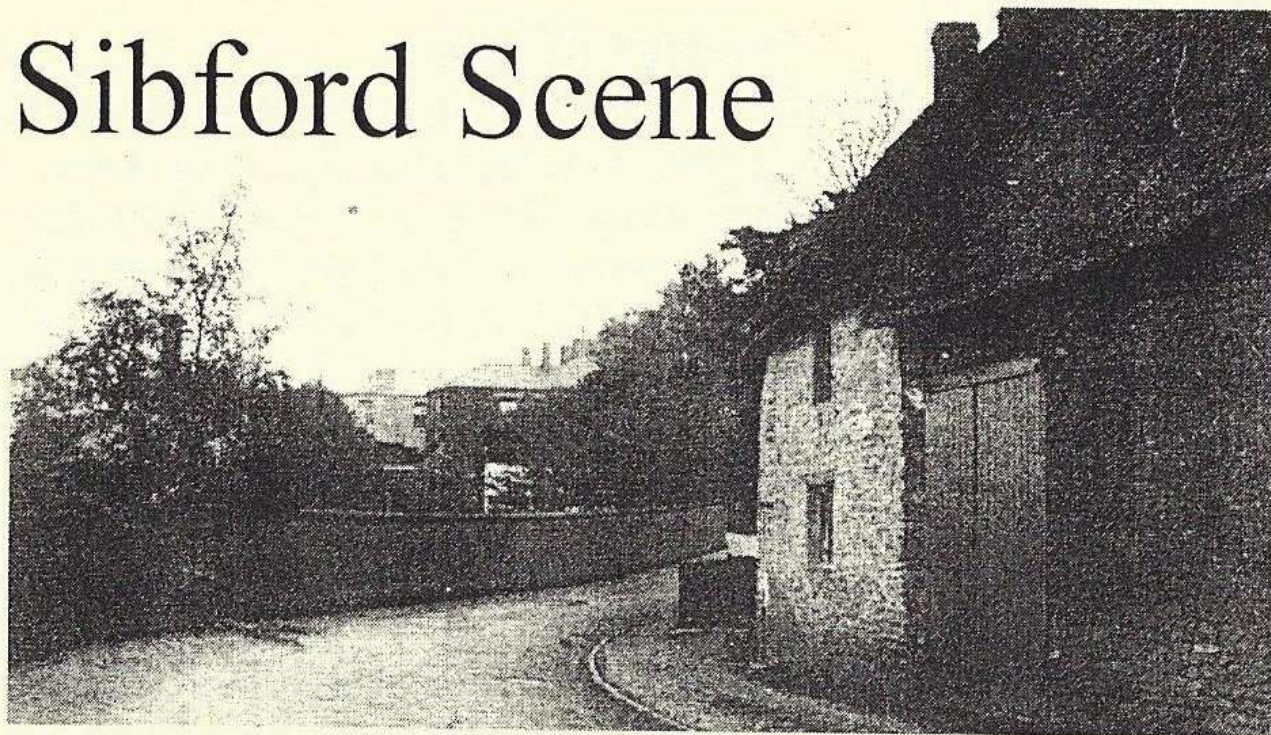


Sibford Scene



August & September 2001

No. 236

Senior Citizen's Tea Party

At Temple Close, S. Gower

August 5th 3 - 5 pm

Sibford Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show

Saturday 18th August

in the marquee at the Village Hall. See page 12

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride or Stride

Saturday 8th September p10

Commemorative Tree Planting Sunday 23rd September p18

Nature Notes

July 9th A neighbour tells me that when his son came home late last night he heard a snuffling noise coming from behind his house. It became more of a disturbance which caused the old hawthorn hedge to shake. His investigation this morning revealed that a nest of young blackbirds had been taken probably by a badger that had climbed a few feet up into the hedge to reach it.

July 10th There is a flattened grass snake on the road at the bottom of Mannings Hill. It looks as though it has been there for some days.

July 11th Late nesting birds are having a rough time. I have been keeping an eye on a song thrush's nest in our garden to see that it was not disturbed as it was by a path. It was in a very accessible position, which is often the way with their nests, and today I found it tipped sideways with only one of the four eggs that she was sitting on left in it. A fox or badger could easily have got to the nest but as an egg was left I am inclined to think that a cat was responsible. I wonder whether it pounced on the sitting bird tipping the nest in the process. This is their second or third attempt at nesting this year and as I have not seen any young birds I presume without any success. I only hope that the old bird escaped to try again next year.

July 13th Some of the new green cones on our alder tree have some growths coming from between the tightly packed segments. They appear as little red tongues which gradually turn green as they grow. The longest ones are now about two inches long and would be half an inch wide if the curl was flattened out. I am thinking that they must be galls caused by an insect laying its eggs in the flowers. Perhaps someone could tell me what they are.

July 15th My son, who lives in Culworth, has some strange things happen at his house. Last year it was a scraping noise in the gutter above his bedroom window and when he shone a torch up there was a mole peeping over the edge of the gutter. At three o'clock this morning there was a noise in his bedroom and when he switched on the light he found that the cat had brought its latest kill to show him. It was a long eared bat. It is a job to know how a cat would make such a catch although I believe that long eared bats return to the same spot to eat the moths etc that they catch so it is possible that a clever cat could be waiting for it to come back.

July 18th A friend tells us that he came across a small, probably a young, bat on the ground under a tree so he put it on the trunk of the tree where it would not get trodden on. To his surprise it set off at a goodly pace to climb up into the branches where I expect they had a summer roosting place. Some of you may remember Phil Drabbles television programme about badgers filmed by infra-red light. While they were filming that, a young owl which was not yet able to fly, fell from its nest in the tree above the sett right into the mouth of a hole and he was just saying that he would not give much for its chance of survival when it walked to the trunk of the tree and using its beak and claws climbed back up to the safety of its nest. Bats seem to have a similar survival instinct

W.I. NEWS & INFORMATION.

We were not let down by the weather for our Summer meeting, that is to say, it was the same as usual, dodging the showers. A few of the faint-hearted went to the Village Hall but realising their mistake, found everyone else having a nice time in our Presidents spacious sitting room. Business was brief so we welcomed Suzy Straw who had kindly come to give us a chat about Circle Dancing. Little did we know that we were to take part in this. The sun came out and ten brave souls, to a bemused audience, were shown how to dance, first in a Greek and then an Isralie Wedding Dance. It

was great fun and we do hope the Baadsgaard terrace has not sunk too much under our weight.

A lovely tea followed our efforts and those not in a hurry to leave were able to wander round in Greta's beautiful garden. Our thanks were given to Grea for her hospitality and to Suzy Straw for the fun she provided. For those interested in Circle Dancing [after noon] phone S.S. On 788398.

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Dance and Theatre

Sept 28 West End to Broadway
Oct 5 Anjali- Triple Bill of Dance
11 The Weird Sisters. Cheap Day Return
17 Code Breakers
19 Oubliette. Biserk Dance Comp.
Nov 6 Shakespeare. The Tempest
13 Theatre Sans Frontieres L'enfant Peu
Dec 5 to 8 Banbury Cross Players. The Miser.

Children's Theatre & Events

Oct 6 Flea Circus - Garlic Puppets.
Nov 3 Cinderella
17 Funny Business - Strawberry the Clown
24 Snow Queen
Dec 17 & 18 Rumpelstiltskin

(I also have the Music events listing .
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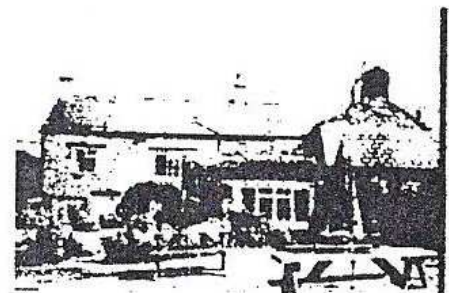
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AN APPEAL FOR DOUGLAS HOUSE

(Following on from Helen House ...)

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Advances in medicine and feeding techniques mean that many of these children are now living longer than they might have done a few years ago. For some in their late teens and early twenties the environment of a children's hospice is no longer suitable or appropriate to meet their varied and special needs. Sister Frances Dominica, the founder of Helen House, therefore intends to build Douglas House, a purpose-built hospice/respite care centre (a respite) for young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions who are beyond the age of using a children's hospice, but for whom there is presently no other suitable provision.

Douglas House will be built across the garden from Helen House within the confines of the convent walls. So, we have the land and we have the planning permission. The task now is to raise the £4 million needed to build and equip Douglas House. Sir Trevor McDonald, already a supporter of Helen House, has very kindly become Patron of our fund-raising appeal and over

DOUGLAS HOUSE APPEAL

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recent months we have received considerable national and local media coverage, all of which is helping daily to bring us closer to our target figure. There is, however, an urgency to the situation in which so many young people find themselves. Sadly, for some, Douglas House will come too late: for others you could make a significant difference. If you can help in any way, or if you know of an organisation willing to raise funds for Douglas House, please complete and return the form below to: Valerie Mather, Douglas House Office, 110 St. Mary's Road, Oxford, OX4 1QD

The Sibfords Society

The first meeting of the Autumn season will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 20th September at 7.30 p.m. Keith Hicks will be talking about the progress of the Oral History and playing some tapes of the memories of villagers who have lived most of their lives in the village, so do join us to see how we have progressed with this project.

Help Needed in Sibford Gower Primary School Kitchen.

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Police warning. There has been an increase in burglaries in this area.

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Don't wait until it is too late. You may have a vital clue. You may save another's distress.

Please don't take chances, don't leave your house or shed doors or windows open, don't allow anyone into your house without identification. Please be vigilant. Keep an eye on your neighbours property.

Unwanted visitors also pose as official workers, offer to help in the garden or do odd jobs, may request information, they may work as a team and may use children.

Under no circumstances give any personal details to anyone phoning you. Earlier this year we were approached by a person claiming to work for a bank requesting personal information. Recently we have had a warning from the police.

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Cherwell Summer Programme for Young People 2001

The fun-packed summer programme for the school holidays has been launched by the Sports Development Unit of Cherwell District Council. The programme this year includes the traditional Sports Mobile Roadshow touring the District which involves 2 hours of non-stop sporting fun for 5-12 year olds. Morning sessions are 10.00am-12.00noon and afternoons between 1.00pm-3.00pm. Activities include kwik cricket, rounders, relays, parachute games and fun activities. For details of dates, times and venues please make sure you see the Sports Development brochure - OUT NOW ! Sporting Extras are taking the form of specialist Roadshows, including tennis, basketball and girls football at venues around the District. Just turn up and pay and try some new sports, some of which are full days and others only 2 hours.

Sports Camps this year are running for Star Track Athletics, Hockey, Tennis and Mini Olympics Week. All the Sports Camps are running at Drayton School, Banbury and Cooper School, Bicester with the exception of Star Track Athletics, which will be held at Bicester Community College (in conjunction with Bicester Athletics Club) and Drayton Athletics Track.

Tennis Camp Monday 23rd-27th July 10.00am-3.00pm

Mini Olympics Monday 6th-10th August 10.00am-3.00pm

Star Track Athletics Monday 13th-17th August 10.00am-3.00pm Bicester Community College Playing Fields

Star Track Athletics Monday 20th-24th August 10.00am-3.00pm Drayton Athletics Track

Hockey Camp Tuesday 28th-31st August 10.00am-3.00pm

Sports Camps must be pre-booked with payment made to Cherwell District Council.

New this year is World Cup Football. This is an ideal opportunity for all-keen footballers, girls and boys, to play in a fun but competitive 7-a-side tournament. Dates for your diary.... Thursday 16th August is for 8-11 year olds and Friday 17th August is for 11-14 year olds at two venues, Drayton School, Banbury and Cooper School, Bicester. This is your chance to play with your friends and prove you are the best! Each player must enter individually before the day.

Finally, the Sports Development Team is organising trips to Alton Towers and Drayton Manor over the summer, so call the hotline number to receive more information.

To receive your copy of the summer brochure with a booking form, please call the summer hotline on 01295 221722 or e-mail ally.jarvis@cherwell-dc.gov.uk straight away !

Ride or Stride

Saturday 8th September

A sponsored event to raise money for the church of your choice and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

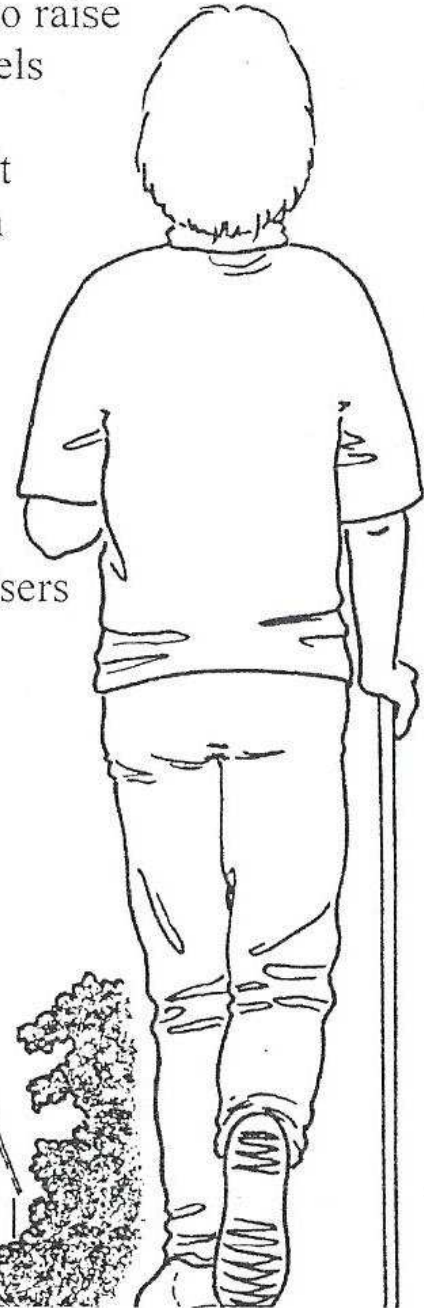
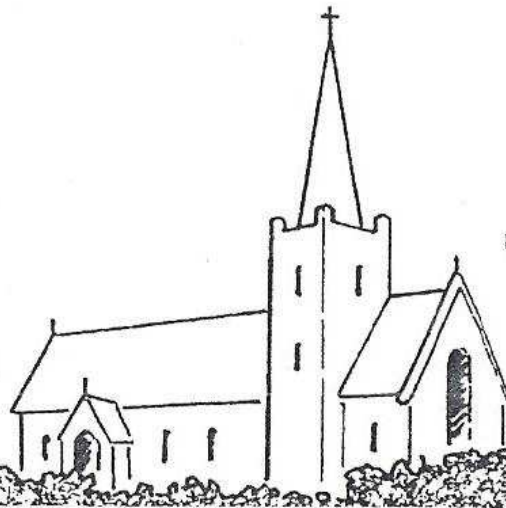
This annual event is held across 31 counties to raise funds for essential repairs to Churches, Chapels and Meeting Houses of all denominations.

To take part you have to cycle or walk to visit as many churches as you feel able to between 10 am and 6 pm on Sept. 8th and hopefully raise sponsorship money for the cause.

If you would like to take part but don't like the idea of getting sponsors, just sponsor yourself and come along. (10 people raising £5 is as good as one raising £50) If you would like someone to cycle with contact the organisers who will put you in touch with other riders.

Arnold Lamb 780357

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SENIOR CITIZEN'S GARDEN TEA PARTY

5th August - 3 pm to 5 pm

Come and listen to the band!

and join Vera Jones for afternoon tea at Temple Close.

A missionary who risked his life working in New Zealand is being commemorated with an Open Gardens afternoon in the tranquil Oxfordshire village where he was born.

The pretty gardens of Swerford will be open on Sunday 9 September to mark the publication of a book about this eighteenth century resident. John King, who was born in Swerford in 1787, and worked at Nether Worton as a shoemaker, sailed to New Zealand as a missionary when he was just 22. His 40-year career amongst the native Maoris was in stark contrast to the rural life in Oxfordshire which he left behind for ever.

At least three gardens, including the Yews and The Old Post Office, will be open between 2.30 and 5.30pm and there will be teas, books, tombola, a cake stall, plant stall and children's play area. Admission is £2 and proceeds will be shared between the Church Mission Society, St Mary's Church and Swerford village hall. There will also be a small local history exhibition.

The official launch of *John King of Swerford, 1787-1854: Soles and Souls* will be held in Swerford village hall at 7.30pm on Friday September 7 with a talk by the author, Hook Norton resident Tony Higgins. Entrance is £3, to include a glass of wine. John King's great-great-grand daughter and family historian Pamela Berry will be travelling from New Zealand for the launch. The book, published by Stonesfield Press, will be on sale for £5.

The events coincide with the Historic Churches Sponsored Bike ride on Saturday 8 September, which is also the Patronal Festival of St Mary's, Swerford. A special service of Evensong will be held in the church on Saturday at 7.30pm when the preacher will be Canon Tim Dakin, General Secretary of the Church Mission Society.

Further information from:
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Sibford Horticultural Society

Flower Show Saturday August 18th

Entries; Wednesday 15th August 7 - 9 pm at the Surgery
Show Schedule Correction

Recipe for Fruit Cake (section D class 17)

Please add to ingredients; 1 lb Fruit - to include

8 oz Sultanas

(Helps no end in a fruit cake) 2 oz Pineapple

2 oz Mixed peel

2 oz Cherries

2 oz Apricots

Everybody will have received their Show Schedule but if you have miss-placed it then there are spare copies at the Surgery and the Village Shop. The pictures for the under 5's to colour are also at the Surgery and Shop.

We really would like to see a lot more people entering and if everyone entered one class we have a great show! If you haven't got any flowers or vegetables how about the cookery or photography sections. (Men, have a go at making a plate of flapjack). Many parents will remember 'helping' their children create a garden in a seed tray, well now you can have a go yourself. (section C, 9) Water Features, Gazebos, models of Charlie Dimmock, let your imagination run riot!

There is plenty for the children to enter and it would be great to see a lot of scarecrows in the under 17 section.

We want it to be an enjoyable show for everyone so please

HAVE A GO!

There will also be a raffle, stalls and games. Donations of cakes (to Jane Thomas), bottles (to Helen Lamb), plants (to Roger Powell) and raffle prizes to a committee member would be appreciated.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday September 12th** when Mrs Key-Davis will be coming to talk to us on Pelargoniums - we welcome everyone to our meetings.

OUT OF AFRICA!

A recent trip to the lowveld inspired me to write about what many people think of the true Africa or at least the Africa we see on the wild life programmes. I started off in Johannesburg which is where Steve and I lived for thirteen years before returning to the UK in 1989. We still have many friends there so I took the opportunity to see a few of them and take up an invitation to spend a week with my one friend at her cottage near the Kruger Park.

The cottage is in a unique area called Marloth Park where people can buy a plot and build a house but not fence the property or make a garden. The area borders the Kruger Park with the Crocodile River as its northern boundary. The animals can wander freely from the Kruger Park into Marloth and back again. This makes it a wonderful experience to stay there as you can literally sit on the terrace or the lookout and watch the animals walk by.

Our friends had built two water holes near the cottage and regularly put out food for the game. This is the dry season and both food and water are scarce. We saw wildebeest, zebra, kudu and impala on a regular basis. A family of warthogs would come every morning to see what there was to eat. They are very funny to watch as they get down on their knees to feed and when they run away the tails go up vertically in the air. We did have some unwanted visitors one afternoon when a troop of baboons broke into the cottage and ate most of the fruit. They tried a lot of other food but decided it wasn't to their taste but of course we had to throw it away! The mess was unbelievable!

On two occasions we went into the Kruger Park itself which is still a wonderful place. The total area is about the size of Wales. The rest camps are well organised and offer good basic accommodation. We saw what is known as the Big Five which is lion, leopard, rhino, Cape buffalo and elephant. In fact we saw three big male lions at a kill which was a few days old and a bit whiffy. The elephant were also in abundance. We saw one big herd cross the road in front of us. There was a tiny baby who played and danced while his mom ate branches off the trees.

The best experience was back in Marloth Park where we stood by the river one evening waiting for the sunset. We saw a herd of about sixty elephant cross over the river from the Kruger to graze in the reeds just below where we were standing. It was one of those moments when you have to pinch yourself to realise that you were really there and not watching a wild life programme on the TV.

It was so good to be back in the bush, to hear the sounds of lions roaring at night and see an African sunset. This was an experience that is truly one to be treasured. I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys nature.

Pat and Steve Bates

LETTER FROM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

The Annual Village Fayre in June raised £1,200 well done to everyone.

Fancy Dress for under 3's was won by 2yo Sophie Knowles from the Ferris, dressed as an autumn fairy; 2nd 14 month old Megan Brown from the Ferris, as Maid Marian. The 3's & over was won by 4yo Clinton Brown as Robin Hood (with his sister Megan); 2nd 6 yo Michael Bell & his sister 3yo Katy as a tow plane & glider; 3rd 4yo Bethany Knowles as Little Bo Peep; 4th 6yo Calum Adams as Darth Maul.

29 dogs competed in the Fun Dog Show, making it a very hard task for the judge. Best Puppy was Puffin, whose family had come from Temple Guiting; Best Young Handler was llyo Katie Bouchier from Epwell, showing Max a 9yo Dalmatian at his first ever show; Best Pedigree went to Mulberry, a 12 week old Border Terrier also on his first outing, shown by 15yo Edward Lovatt from the Gower; Handsomest Dog was again Max with Katie; Prettiest Bitch was Pippa, shown by Helen Marshall from Burmington; Dog Agility was won by Barney and Emma Jones from the Ferris; Best Cross Breed went to Chippy, shown by Tricia Knapton from Banbury; Best Veteran was again Max and Katie; Dog with the Waggiest Tail went to Millie, also shown by Edward Lovatt; The Sibford Top Dog title went to Max and Katie Bouchier ending a wonderful competition for them. They received the lovely Challenge Trophy, Championship rosette and a large bag of dog food. Closely followed by young Mulberry as Reserve Champion, with Edward Lovatt, who was delighted how well this puppy had behaved at his first outing. The Children's Obstacle Course was in good demand and again hotly contested. The Boys Over 10 was won by Tom Spackman, 2nd Adam Shawyer, 3rd Ollie Edmunds. Boys Under 10 was won by Ben Shawyer, 2nd Will Spackman, 3rd Ben Layer. The Girls was won by Rebecca Shawyer, 2nd Timna Freeman (please phone 780025 for your medal!), = 3rd Charlotte Mair & Louise Tanner. Winner of the 'Aunt Sally' Junior competition was Ross Gilkes from the Ferris.

The Children's Art competition again had some lovely paintings. The Under 5's was won by Katy Bell from Burdrop, 2nd Sophie Owen from ,Epwell, 3rd Abigail Cook. 5 - 9 years was won by Caiti Pyne from the Gower; 2nd Cleo Jones from the Ferris, 3rd Laura Gulbis from Tadmarton. 10 - 14 years was won by Emily Memarzia from the Ferris, 2nd Megan Gilkes from the Ferris, 3rd Tom Spackman from the Ferris.

The 'Moody Cow' Pat competition was won by Mrs Ann Box, who immediately gave half her prize money back to the funds, as she'd had such a lovely day! Winner of the £100 in the Grand Raffle was Mrs Jill Owen from Epwell and the £50 "Moody Cow" Voucher went to Mrs Wyn Johnstone from the Gower.

The July Collectables & Car Boot Sale raised £74.30 (less advertising costs) for Hall funds. The next Sale is on Sunday, 5th August; then 2nd September & 7th October. To book a table/pitch please telephone 01295 251339.

Winners of the 4th draw of the Village Lottery Game were: £12.50 to Terry Byrne of Sibford Stores & PO; £8.50 to Mr & Mrs K Manning of the Gower; £6 to the Wimbush family. To join in the Game please ring either 780025 or 780373.

We have confirmation of four theatre bookings, 3 in conjunction with Cherwell DC. On Saturday, 22nd September at 7.30 p.m. we are trying something new and hope as many as possible will support us. Moveable Feast will perform traditional tunes and songs and their music covers styles from Latin to Cajun, folk to pop, swing to barn, Irish to reggae and more - so hopefully something for everyone! They have played at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the National Theatre, etc. Should be great fun. Tickets £6 / £4 with a free glass of wine / soft drink. Phone 780025 for tickets or from shop nearer the date.

In November we are again having The Heart of England Jàzz Band - a great night out.

On Saturday, 22nd December at 6 p.m. we are having Professor Popup's Theatre "Festival of the Dragon Moon", featuring incredible acrobats and the hilarious lion dance and an ornately decorated travelling Pagoda Theatre. A 55 minute performance which will enthral and entertain 4 to 11 year olds - and the child within us all! Tickets £4 / £2. Please keep a note of the date in your diary.

In February we have the Oxfordshire Touring Theatre Company back again, performing "Arthur, the Sword and the Legend". during 1/2-term.

We hope to have another Puppetcraft performance in March - their 'Mousehole Cat' was a great success here last season.

Our very popular Annual Quiz will be on
Saturday, 20th OCTOBER.

Free Electric Blanket Check

Annual electric blanket testing is a project run jointly by the Cherwell District Council Health Promotion Team, the Fire Service and Trading Standards and each year many potentially dangerous electric blankets have been taken out of service or repaired and made safe to use.

This years session of Free Safety Checks will take place in Banbury on **18th September**. You are encouraged to phone early (01865 815400) for an appointment as bookings are taken on a first come first served basis and the popularity of this free service increases annually.

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In June we were entertained by Canon Palmer who showed slides and told us about his trip on the river from Moscow to Petersburg. We had not realised how beautiful parts of Russia are because the impression we had was of a very barren cold country before seeing the slides.

We had a lovely trip on the river in July and we were very lucky to go when we had our 'mini summer'. The following week Mrs. Bea Turner invited us to a garden party but unfortunately the weather had changed so we had an 'at home' indoors which was very enjoyable. We would like to thank her and Sandra and Lil for providing such a lovely tea. We made £100 which will go towards club funds.

Dates for the diary;

Tuesday 7th August. Coach trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park at Burford.

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Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10.30 am

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August.

Sun 5th Benefice Eucharist. Sibford 10 am.
 Sun 12th Holy Communion 10 am.
 Sun 19th Holy Communion 9.30 am.
 Sun 26th Holy Communion 9.30 am.

September

Sun 2nd Benefice Eucharist. Swalcliffe 10 am.
 Sun 9th Holy Communion 10 am.
 Sun 16th Holy Communion 9.30 am.
 Sun 23rd Holy Communion 9.30 am.

October

Sat 6th Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper. 6pm.

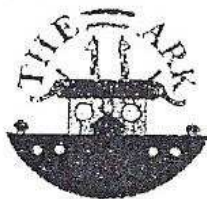
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Calendar of Events

August

Wed	1st	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Sun	5th	Collectables and Car Boot Sale. 12-3pm V.Hall p15
Sun	5th	Garage Sale at 2 Sycamore Close 11 am p7
Sun	5th	Senior Citizens Tea Party. p10
Tue	7th	Friendship Club Wildlife park Trip. p19
Sat	11th	South Newington Flower Show
Tue	14th	W.I. Gloucester Dock Outing p3
Wed	15th	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Wed	15th	Horticultural Show Entries. Surgery, 7pm p12
Sat	18th	Horticultural Society Flower Show. p12
Mon	20th	S. Ferris Parish Council Meeting
Wed	29th	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)

September

Sun	2nd	Collectables and Car Boot Sale. 12-3pm V.Hall p15
Tue	4th	Friendship Club. Severn Valley Railway trip. p19
Sat	8th	Ride and Stride. p10
Tue	11th	W.I. 'Land of the Midnight Sun' p3
Wed	12th	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Wed	12th	Horticultural Society talk. 'Pelargoniums' p12
Sun	16th	Epwell Fete. 2 pm p19
Tue	18th	Friendship Club Meeting in the Village Hall p19
Tue	18th	Electric Blanket Checks p16
Tue	18th	North Oxon Guild of Weavers Spinners & Dyers talk on 'Cotswold Sheep and Shepherds' Details on 251088
Tue	18th	Deadline for contributions for the October Scene. p17
Thu	20th	Sibfords Society. 'Oral History' p7
Sat	22nd	'Moveable Feast' Village Hall 7.30pm p15
Sun	23rd	Tree Planting Ceremony at Greenacres. p18
Wed	26th	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Sat	29th	Recycling Units in Acre Ditch.

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