

# Sibford Scene

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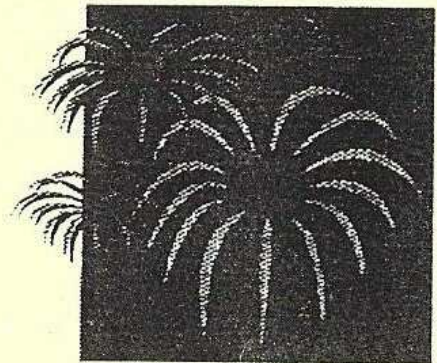
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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 17th November

In the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.

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## Nature Notes

**Oct. 1st** Although the buzzard that was flying over the valley this morning was quite high up some of the local rooks still thought it worthwhile to fly up to see it off. It was not until they got to the same height that I could see how much bigger than the rooks the buzzard was.

**Oct. 6th** There has been a good hatch of red admirals with several in pristine condition warming themselves on the sunny side of a fence this morning and feeding on the sedums this afternoon. There were also two bright chestnut coloured commas with them. I remember that when I was a boy these were the species that came to feed on the fallen pears in the orchard that is now Cotswold Close.

**Oct. 7th** Another song thrush flew against our window at dusk on this windy evening when the light was on inside. It was semi-conscious when I picked it up and put it on the window ledge away from the cats and I was surprised, when I shone a torch on it half an hour later, to see that it was hopping along the ledge towards a pyrantha so I hope it will survive.

**Oct. 11th** Martins are collecting together ready for their journey south. There was quite a flock of them over Tadmarton at midday.

**Oct. 13th** Occasionally, over the last few months I have been hearing nuthatches so it was nice to have two come down to work over the branches of the apple tree just outside our kitchen window for insects. I expect they will be visiting the local bird tables when food gets more difficult to find. Last year they were conspicuous by their absence.

**Oct. 17th** Another window casualty at dawn this morning. his time, unusually a hedge sparrow and this one died.

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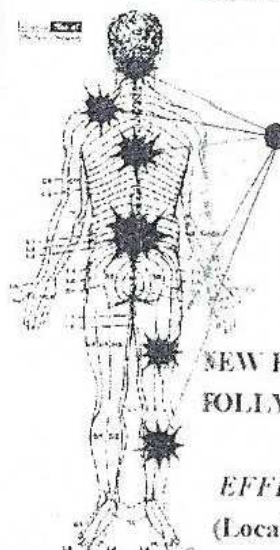
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Those many people who knew Miriam, knew a truly dedicated and devoted person, who spent almost all of her life caring for younger people in need, indeed Miriam was very much at the forefront in changes for improved Children's homes.

Miss Tebbs had a lot of history! Her love of the Sibfords was brought to her after attending The Friends School in the 30's. Once leaving to pursue her career in caring, she returned and after much searching discovered 'Westside Cottage' in Burdrop (which was 2 dilapidated cottages) where in later years she fostered youngsters.

Her greatest loves and fondest pastimes were her garden and all her many cats over the years. She certainly had a gift for nurturing in all areas.

Miriam will be sorely missed by all those who new and loved her.

B.J.

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At our October meeting., the Phoenix Archaeological Society brought along articles that have been found locally and also told us about the aims of the Society, which has been in existence for under two years. They are recording sites and cataloguing finds in the area around Banbury and are excavating a very large Roman villa and a possible Iron Age enclosure in fields near Wigginton. The site was previously excavated in 1965-8, when the villa containing 27 rooms, a bathhouse and a hypocaust was found. At the time of this excavation, the villa still had complete mosaic floors and traces of painted plaster walls but sadly, as the site director died, the site was covered over and it seems that deep ploughing of late, has destroyed the mosaics, as tesserae has been found spread over the area. The Group are concentrating on the Iron Age enclosure at the moment, as this has not been explored before.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, 15 November** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, when the Sealed Knot (in costume) will be talking about the soldiers' life during the Civil War.

On **21 November** at 8 pm in Swalcliffe Village Hall Alison Maldal will be talking about Swalcliffe Common.



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## W.I. NEWS & INFORMATION

Our Secretary and President returning from their holidays were welcomed back. It was decided that we would join with other groups in giving a donation towards a gift to our Group Convener Lee Morgan who is retiring. Lee has done sterling work for us for a number of years and we wish her well. We were delighted to learn that our own Brenda Power has been selected to take over this position.

An almost full membership turned up to hear our speaker Christine Whild, whose subject was 'The Countryside in Music'. We listened to selections from George Butterworth, Schubert, Beethoven and finally Scott Joplin's 'Maple Leaf Rag' which set our feet tapping. Those of us who'd expected a hillbilly afternoon were not at all disappointed with what we got! Christine Whild drew our attention to each instrument, which made very rewarding listening. She was warmly thanked by Gillian Soden.

The competition for 'Longest List of Musical Instruments' was won by Margaret Cox with a staggering 91 !! 2nd Sheila Walsh, 3rd Mary Bristow. The raffle was won by Barbara Crabtree.

Our tea hostesses were Gaynor Harper-Tarr and Glennis Hardman. A lovely flower arrangement by Glennis as usual!

NEXT MEETING. NOV 13th - SPEAKER: Mr N. WALSH

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On Tuesday November 13th we are off to Webbs of Wychbold, a rather nice garden centre, leaving Sibford Gower at 11am. For details please ring Eveline on 263460

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## The Village Hall Quiz

The Village Hall was full as twelve teams took their places to contest this years quiz. As usual the questions were varied and wide ranging as was the scoring. Most teams struggled with a difficult round of general knowledge questions but the scoring improved with a round on radio programs. The last round before the super break was a list of definitions. All the teams worked out that all the words started with 'pat' and all scored between 21 and 25 points. The super break saw the teams trying to sort out trees from drawings of their outlines, their leaves and fruits, and finishing off the sequences that were set at the start of the evening. After the coffee had been finished a final round of pictures to identify was set. All teams scored well and gave the us the final scores and the clear winners - The Neighbours. (pictured below)



Thanks go to everyone who attended the event and helped to raise the £239 which have been put into the Village Hall coffers. Thanks also go to Joanna Gilkes and family, Helen Lamb and Muriel Chandler for providing the

supper and to Sam at the Blaize for providing the wine, to Sheila Walsh for the drawings of the trees and to Adrian and Helen Lamb for setting the rest of the questions.

### The final scores;

The Neighbours	121½	W.I.	99
The Follies	112½	Mobile Training	97
The Gap	110½	Bloxfords	96½
Burdrop Birdbrains	110	Colonists	96
Horticultural Society	106½	West End	92½
Megans Heroes	104	Greens Cabbage Heads	91½



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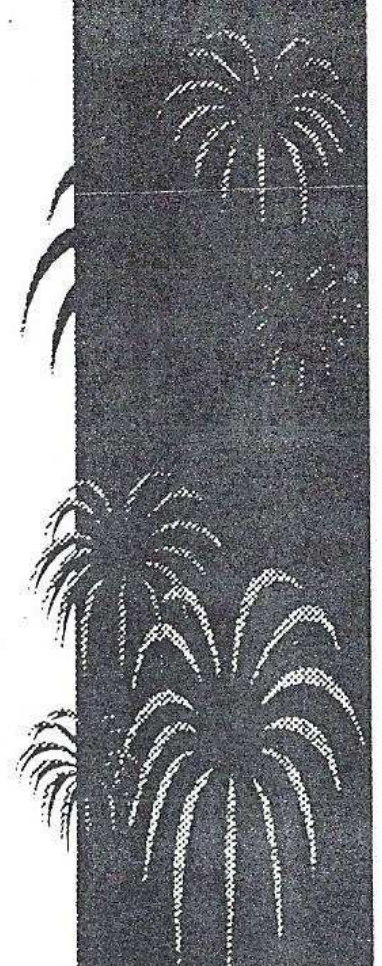
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## TREE PLANTING CEREMONY.

Over 168 people were present on Sunday 23rd September, when Lady McLintock, the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, unveiled a stone plinth, buried a time capsule and ceremoniously planted the Yew tree on the Pageant site.

The time capsule contained a copy of the pageant video, a CD of the original music together with tracks of both schools songs, copies of the pageant accounts, the final production script with notes and cues, a pageant tea towel and the

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If anyone would like a copy of the photograph taken for the Sibford Society archives, these can be obtained from Keith Hicks (01295780 259 email: keith.hicks @btclick.com) and are available at £3.00 each for a print 100mm x250mm.

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## CAPE SPRINGTIME

Before I describe our wonderful Cape spring I would like to say how great it was to visit Sibford again in August. Steve and I spent most of the August Bank Holiday weekend seeing friends and walking the familiar paths made even more special by the lovely hot weather. We even managed the Horticultural Show and enjoyed bumping into so many people, some of whom were a little surprised to see us! Our thanks to Gaynor and Mike Harper-Tarr for putting us up and putting up with us!

Having bought a new raincoat for the trip to the UK anticipating the usual summer mixture of showers and sunshine, I ended up never wearing it. However, on landing back in Cape Town I was glad I had it with me as we were greeted by lashings of rain and wind. It continued in this vein for several more weeks soaking the already extremely wet Cape countryside. In fact we have had the most winter rain for 40 years with the result that the dams are now full and the water restrictions have been lifted. I must say that I thought the summer south-easterly wind was strong but the winter north-wester was something else. In Erinvale where we live, it came over the mountains like an express train, rushing down the valley, up-rooting trees, lifting tiles and driving the rain through every nook and cranny. We had some damp problems but nothing like some people who had windows blown out and flooding. The Cape lived up to its reputation of being the Cape of Storms with one ship driven ashore at Scarborough.

The result of all this rain is that the spring flowers have been an all time best this year. Before our visit to the UK we drove up the west coast to see the first of the flowers. We were advised to drive along a dirt road by an old farmstead called Groote Poste. The fields were covered in flowers and the views looking back towards Table Mountain were magnificent. By a strange co-incidence, while I was in the UK I was given a book by someone who used to live in Somerset West and now lives in Bridgwater, Somerset. The book is by Hilda-gonda Duckitt who was a housekeeper in the Cape round about 1900. She was brought up on the Groote Poste farm and describes the life and the countryside at that time. I can't do better than her description of the Cape spring so here it is:



The best spring months are September and October, when flowers appear everywhere as if by magic; no one can imagine what the wealth of flowers is who has never seen it! Among them, the crimson gladiolus, the proteas of all kinds, the aigretje, or little aigrette, and hundreds more. The hills overlooking Groote Poste are scented of an evening with lovely sprays of avond bloemetjie, or evening flowers; the petals are red outside and stiffly closed by day, and open their white faces as the sun sets. As you rode over those hills, the soft fragrant scent was wafted to you. The lovely view of sky and ocean reached Table Mountain so clearly defined in the distance.....

On the western side of the farm, stretching towards the Atlantic, the veldt is more sandy; gazanias in all their brilliant colours; mesembryanthemums - bright red and orange; nemesias in softer tints; big bushes of cinerarias, delicate masses of blues and mauves and white, in fact every shade and tint meets the eye, and, oh, how one does thank God who has made all things beautiful!

Need I say more! So for those who don't mind taking a chance with the variable spring weather, this is the best time to visit the Cape if you like green fields and an abundance of wild flowers. The whales are here too!

Pat and Steve Bates

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## Market Day Returns to Deddington

Deddington parish, which encompasses the villages of Clifton, Deddington and Hempton is joining the farmers' market movement when it sets out its stalls on September 22, starting at 9am. Subsequent markets in the ancient Market Place will take place on the **fourth Saturday of each month**.

The first markets were held in Deddington in the 14th century and an annual charter fair - the pudding-pie fair, when livestock was bought and sold and servants were hired - was a regular event each October from 1392 right up until the 1930s.

Charles Newey, chairman of a small steering group that was set up to oversee plans for the market said: "We want the market to have a strong community feel, with local people selling home-made produce, including crafts. But, to ensure the market's long-term viability, we also need to have a strong backbone of regular market traders.

"We want Deddington market to become known as the place where people can come to stock up on high quality meat, vegetables, cakes and so on.

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## LEO NEWS

The October meeting was held at the home of Glennis Hardman and was a sort of "Songs of Praise" evening. Members each chose a couple of their favourite hymns and Timothy Wimbush accompanied the singing on the organ, telling little stories about the composers beforehand. There was some lusty singing of many familiar hymns and it was a most enjoyable evening.

The next meeting will be at Jenny Barratt's house - 11 Barley Close - on the **20th November**, when it is hoped there will be a speaker.

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We hope to see as many people there as possible. Prizes for raffle and tombola or unwanted toys and books can be dropped in during playgroup hours.



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committee members, helpers and others. If you were involved with 1st the Sibfords over the past seventy years or have the address or telephone number of anyone that was, we would be grateful for the information. We are also looking for any photographs or other printed material with information on scouting locally.

*The Stag's Head, Swadcliffe*

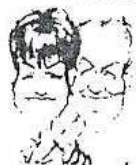
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Roman Catholic Mass	Wroxton	Sunday at 9.00 am
	Brailes	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

### November

Thur	1st	Holy Communion 8 pm
Fri	2nd	Holy Communion 7.30 pm
Sun	4th	Young at Heart at Swalcliffe 10 am
Sun	11th	Remembrance Day Service 10.55 am
Sun	18th	Holy Communion 9.30 am
Sun	25th	Holy Communion 9.30 am

### December

Sun	2nd	Benefice Service at Tadmarton 10 am.
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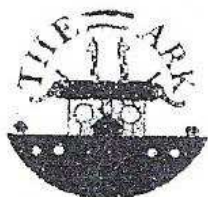
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		NS	S		NS	S	
Shipston			8.45				
S Ferris School	7.15	9.10	9.13	10.57	12.57	13.43	18.27
S Gower Crossroads	7.18	9.13	9.10	11.05	13.05	13.40	18.30
Banbury Bus Station	7.45	9.40	9.40	11.32	13.32	14.10	18.57
		NS	S	NS	S		
Banbury Bus Station	10.30	12.30	12.30	14.40	15.10	18.00	
S Ferris School	10.57	12.57	12.57	15.07	15.37	18.27	
S Gower Crossroads	11.00	13.00	13.00	15.10	15.40	18.30	
Shipston			13.25				

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Wednesdays Only	Outward	Return
Sibford Gower	9.55 am	1.55 pm
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# Calendar of Events

## November

- Sat 3rd Friendship Club Jumble Sale. V. Hall 2 pm. p7  
Sun 4th Collectables and Car Boot Sale 12 - 3 (251339 to book)  
Mon 5th Primary School Bonfire & Fireworks. 6 pm. p10  
Sat 10th Heart of England Jazz Band at the Village Hall  
Tue 13th Friendship Club Outing. p7  
— Tue 13th WI Meeting, 'The Shakespeare Centre'. p6  
Thu 15th Sibfords Society. 'The Sealed Knot'. 7.30. V. Hall p5  
— Sat 17th Church Christmas Bazaar 2.30 pm. V. Hall p18  
Mon 19th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting  
Tue 20th North Oxon Weavers Spinners and Dyers AGM and display  
of work. (251088 for details)  
Tue 20th LEO Club meeting. p17  
Tue 20th Deadline for contributions to the **December and January**  
Sibford Scene p13  
Wed 21st Swalcliffe Society Meeting on Swalcliffe Common. p5  
Sat 24th Scouts 70th Anniversary p19

## December (part)

- Sat/Sun 1st & 2nd Charity Christmas Concert at the Manor House p11  
Sat 8th Playgroup Christmas Bazaar. 2 p.m. Village Hall p19

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