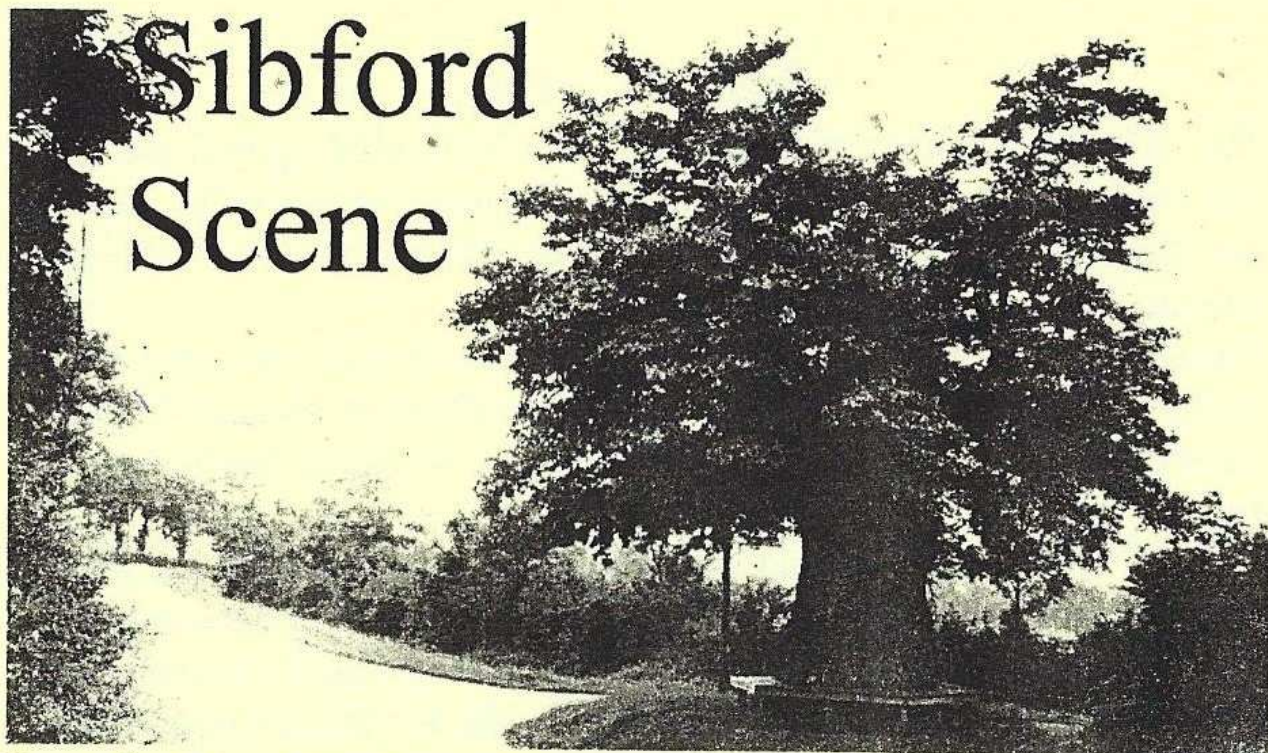


# Sibford Scene



November 2002

No. 248

Sibford Gower Primary School  
Firework Display and Bonfire  
Tuesday 5th November 6.30 pm

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Sibford School Christmas Fair  
Friday 22nd November 5 - 7.30 pm

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Holy Trinity Church  
Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday 23rd November 2.30pm  
In the Village Hall

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John Mills Guitar Concert  
Saturday 23rd November 8 pm  
In the Village Hall

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The Toy Theatre  
Thursday 5th December 7 pm  
In the Village Hall



## Nature Notes

**Oct. 10th** The leaves of many trees have shriveled up and are falling prematurely. Whether it is caused by fungus diseases or by this very dry spell of weather, there will be fewer of them to colour later in the month.

**Oct. 16th** After 4 weeks in which we have only had one tenth of an inch of rain, which did little more than lay the dust, the last 4 days have produced 3.44 inches culminating in 1.84 inches in the last 24 hours.

**Oct. 17th** As I was walking up the village in the dark this evening I stopped to listen to the calls of birds flying over. They seemed to be going from north east to south west and were not ducks or geese but probably some sort of waders making for the Severn estuary. It was unfortunate that a car came by just as they were passing overhead making it difficult to hear them but living up here I am not very familiar with the calls of waders anyway.

**Oct. 23rd** I have now measured 4.98 inches of rain in the last 11 days which is more than two months average rainfall, but the ground must have absorbed most of it as I have not seen a dramatic rise in stream levels although there was a bit more water in the Sib yesterday.

### Warriner Choral Society Concert

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## Sibford Horticultural Society

The AGM of the Horticultural Society was well attended, the committee was re-elected and prepared to serve again but we have two spaces, one for general committee and one for flower show committee. If anyone feels they are able to help please let us know, also please let us know if there are any special topics you would like and we will try to find speakers for them.

We had an interesting talk by Guy Barker from Wellesbourne Research Centre. He certainly gave us a science lesson!

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13th November** at 8 pm in the Village Hall when Anne Chambers is coming to talk and show slides of Kiftsgate, this is where we are going for our evening outing next year so we hope to see lots of you at the meeting - new, existing members and friends.

### The Village Hall Quiz

Unfortunately your regular quiz organisers are unable to set up a quiz this year. I hope that there is a willing volunteer somewhere in the Villages to take over. It would be a great pity if a well attended and much enjoyed (or so I am told) fund raiser for the Village Hall were to be abandoned.

Adrian Lamb



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# The Sibfords Society

At our October meeting Alun T Jones gave us a most interesting talk on the history of the garden and its design. We had our own 'Grand Tour' of the many designers whose ideas have influenced garden design over the centuries. It was good to hear that many designs are

still preserved in gardens and sites throughout Oxfordshire today.

Our November meeting will be held on **Thursday 21 November** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Trevor Rowley will be coming to talk to us about 'Oxfordshire Landscapes'. New members or visitors are always welcome so we look forward to your company on that evening.

We take a break during December which is always a busy time for everyone but are currently preparing for our Old Fashioned Social in January - details of this evening not to be missed, next month!

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Unfortunately the day we went to Bourton -on-the-Water was the day that the rains came down, but in spite of the weather we all donned our waterproofs & faced the elements. Admittedly the rain was badly needed but it could have chosen another day to fall. However I think most of us enjoyed ourselves.

At our October meeting in the Village Hall we were entertained by Mr. Keith Hicks who told us all about 'Old Sibford' and showed many slides which kept us guessing, but not all. Afterwards we enjoyed a lovely tea provided by Mrs. Bea Tanner who was celebrating her birthday.

Dates for the Diary are as follows;

**Tuesday 5th November.** Meet in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm.

**Tuesday 19th November.** Christmas Lunch at the Red Lion, Little Compton. Transport will be arranged at our meeting on 5th Nov.

**Tuesday 3rd December.** We are going to Turners at Northampton to see their Christmas Show. Lunch will be included. If non-members would like to come please contact Mrs Boughton (Tel; 263460) for availability.

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*SIBFORD*  
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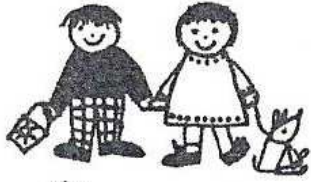


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Playgroup

News from Playgroup.

Playgroup continues as a popular place to be on a weekday morning with an average of 18 children per session. A rousing rendition of 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' started our current topic of learning about our bodies and faces, some lovely self portraits are now on display. Another popular activity has been decorating (and eating!) gingerbread people.

The Committee is beavering away in the background planning the mega, magical Christmas Bazaar, bigger and better than ever! This year it is on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Full details in next month's Scene, mark it on the calendar and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like further information about Playgroup, please contact Michelle on 780998

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To do it all by 96.  
If still on earth and not in heaven,  
There's always time at 97,  
But leaving it a little late,  
To try again at 98.  
The perfect number 99  
Will be a chance I can't decline,  
And prospects of a hundred's score  
Attracts me onward more and more.  
I'd like to be, before I'm done  
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Sheila Walsh.



## Could you be an Independent Parental Supporter?

The Oxfordshire Parent Partnership Service runs a very successful volunteer scheme called the Independent Parental Supporter Scheme.

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We moved house last week and anyone who has done it recently will know that it's exhausting. However as moves go it wasn't too bad. I felt sorry for the removal people as it was a beautiful sunny day with a temperature of 28 degrees so they really sweated!

We are still in Erinvale and have moved further up the hill right to the top of the estate. In fact I think we are the highest house. We have the most magnificent views over the rest of Erinvale to the farm on the other side which has recently been planted with vines. From our back garden we look straight up the Helderberg Mountains which is quite breathtaking. The fynbos behind our garden is pink with watsonias at the moment. We also have some beautiful Spring flowers to enjoy in our own garden.

The house is owned by an Englishman who came to South Africa in 1975, the same year that we arrived in Johannesburg on our first stay. He has now sold his business and is busy sailing his yacht around the world. He built this house as his retirement home. He hasn't lived in it yet so that pleasure is still to come. It is quite a splendid place and we feel very lucky to borrow it for a while.

The house we were renting has been sold to a German couple. Houses in the Cape are still increasing in price because of the demand for property, mainly from foreign buyers. One Estate Agent reckons that at least 60% of their sales are from overseas buyers and many Agents regularly make trips abroad to sell their property. Although many people are buying houses to use as holiday homes, there is also a growing number who are choosing to retire here. Since 11 September last year, the Cape is seen as a 'safe' destination; how times have changed!

So the last few weeks have been rather occupied with our move. However, on 15 September, Steve and I celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We decided to have 'a bit of a do' and invited twenty three guests to dinner at our favourite restaurant at a wine farm outside Stellenbosch. It was a wonderful evening, lovely food and a great atmosphere made really special by the performance of an African choir who sang and danced for us. We weren't sure if they were going to turn up as they all have regular jobs and when they get paid on a Friday, they sometimes have a few drinks too many and disappear for the weekend! Anyway, they all came and gave us a wonderful exhibition of their unique talent.

We're off to Port Elizabeth next week for a long weekend, driving back along the Garden Route, so I'll have more to report about that next time.

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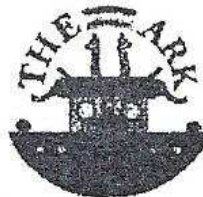
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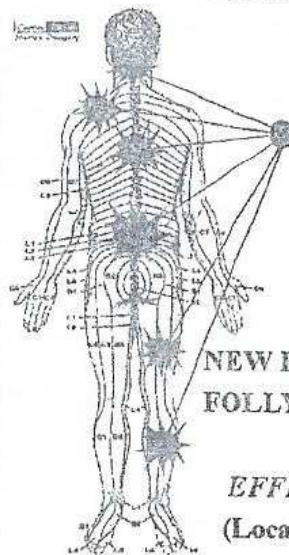
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## W.I. Meeting - October 8th.

Our top table had a new look. Gaynor Harper-Tarr stood in for Lynda Conway and Glennis Hardman for Barbara Crabtree. Only Greta Baadsgaard was in her usual place and welcomed us to the meeting at the unusual time of 2.30 p.m. However, future meetings will revert to 2.00 p.m.

Greta read out a very nice letter from May and Allan Jarvis, who have now moved to Calgary in Alberta and had received our gift of an antique map of Oxfordshire, together with a cheque for a frame.

Our Speaker Dr. Nigel Reid, a partner in a Banbury surgery, had taken time off from his practice to visit Somaliland where the Halo Trust organises the clearance of minefields and where doctors are in short supply. He stayed in a lovely house 4,000 ft. up and above the town. We saw from his excellent slides how beautiful it looked. However, close-ups showed that there was hardly a dwelling that hadn't been wrecked and the rubbish in the streets was simply appalling. A lot of money is needed for restoration work and even more for minefield clearance.

The local Somalies are very laid back about all this, probably due to taking the drug Khat. It arrives daily by 'plane from Russia and even Somalies in London are allowed to take it!

Greta thanked Dr. Reid for his most illuminating talk - watched over by one of our committee, his mother Kathleen.

Mary Bristow won the raffle prize, most appropriately as it was her birthday.

Teas with ever-more delicious cakes were served by Margaret Baines and Jane Martin.

The competition for 'A Pot of Chutney' had only two entries. Oh dear, we shall have to pull our socks up!

Our next meeting will be on November 12th at 2 p.m.

Mr & Mrs Perks : 'The National Trust'.

Competition: A National Trust Property photograph.

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On Saturday 23rd November at 8 pm we have an evening with one of Britain's finest concert guitarists - John Mills. He is now a professor at the Royal Academy of Music in London. There will be two 45 minute performances with an interval. A member of Duns Tew Village Hall, where he played last year, said "We felt privileged to share such an intimate evening with an internationally known artist of such brilliance. A truly memorable evening." Tickets £6 & £4 from the Village Shop or ring 780025

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## LEO NEWS

The October Leo meeting was held on the worst day we have had this year. We battled our way through the puddles and the pouring rain and arrived on Sheila Job's doorstep like a lot of drowned rats. Sheila had a very warm fire, however, and we were soon cosy and dry.

Most of us, if not all, knew almost nothing about homoeopathy and so were fascinated to hear Sheila's story of how she first became interested in the subject about 10/12 years ago. Since then, she has been training hard so that she will eventually be able to practise this very beneficial part of healing. We all came away much enlightened on the subject.

The next meeting, on **November 19th**, will be at Jenny Barratt's house. Please bring one of your favourite ghost stories to relate.

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Brailes Sunday at 11.30 am  
Baptist Hook Norton Sunday at 10.30 am  
Church of the Firstborn (Bridleways S.Gower) Sunday at 10.30 am  
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

## November

Sun 3rd Young at Heart Service 10 am  
Sun 10th Service of Remembrance 10.55 am  
Sun 17th Holy Communion 9.30 am  
Sun 24th Holy Communion 9.30 am

## December

Sun 1st Holy Communion 8.00 am  
Sun 1st Christingle Service 4.00 pm  
Sun 8th Confirmation Service at  
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# Calendar of Events

## November

- Sun 3rd Collectables and Car Boot sale. V.Hall 2.00 pm p20  
Tue 5th Friendship Club meeting. Village Hall 2pm p7  
Tue 5th Primary School Fireworks. 6.30 pm. p8  
Wed 6th Guide Dogs for the Blind Coffee Morning. p4  
Wed 6th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)  
Tue 12th W.I. Talk. 'The National Trust'. p19  
Wed 13th Horticultural Society talk 'Kiftsgate' p3  
Fri 15th Gower Parish Council Meeting. 8 pm p4  
Sun 17th Collectables and Car Boot sale. V.Hall 2.00 pm p20  
Tue 19th Friendship Club Christmas Lunch p7  
Tue 19th LEO Meeting. 'Ghost Stories' p21  
Tue 19th Deadline for contributions for the December and January Sibford Scene. P16  
Wed 20th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)  
Thu 21st Sibfords Society talk. 'Oxfordshire Landscapes' p6  
Fri 22nd Sibford School Christmas Fair. 5 - 7.30 pm p9  
Sat 23rd Church Christmas Bazaar. Village Hall 2.30 pm p17  
Sat 23rd John Mills Guitar Concert 8 pm Village Hall. p20  
Thu 28th Candle Drop In. 2 - 8 pm. p10  
Sat 30th Warriner Choral Society Concert in Bloxham p2

## December (part)

- Sun 1st Collectables and Car Boot sale. V.Hall 2.00 pm p20  
Tue 3rd Friendship Club trip to Northampton. P7  
Wed 4th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)  
Thu 5th 'The Toy Theatre'. Village Hall 7 pm. p20  
Sat 7th Playgroup Christmas Bazaar 2 pm p11  
Sun 15th Collectables and Car Boot sale. V.Hall 2.00 pm p20

Cover picture. The Elm (c 1915) after the top was blown out in 1893

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