

# Sibford Scene

December 2003 & January 2004

No. 259

# Chapel Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th December 10 - 12 noon

## Soul Commotion

Saturday 6th December 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

# Playgroup Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 13th December 2 pm in the Village Hall

# "A Christmas Carol"

Saturday 17th January
Children's Theatre at the Village Hall 6.30pm

# Sibfords Society Old Fashioned Social

Thursday 22nd January at the Village Hall

#### Nature Notes

Oct. 28th. Our winter visitors have arrived. A few days ago I saw some redwings on Sibford Heath and this morning about 100 fieldfares flew over. They were going South West and evenly spread out which made me think that they were just arriving from Scandinavia. Nov. 3rd. It is noticeable this year that the female trees or the female branches of the ash trees that are carrying keys have shed their leaves very much earlier than the male ones without the keys. I expect the drought could have caused this to happen as most plants seem to give priority to producing seed when under stress. Nov. 7th The autumn colours are still quite remarkable. Probably as good as I have ever seen them. Even some of our little rockery plants are showing exceptionally good colour.

Nov. 9th A big flock of jackdaws came over and as they went towards Burdrop I got a rough count on them of about 100 which is a huge number compared to my schooldays when we saw very few except around Swalcliffe Church. Then to my surprise another flock almost as big got up from the Holly House area and went to join them. I doubt whether the whole of the population increase can be put down to the extra nesting sites provided by disused chimneys and am wondering whether they are nesting in the old rooks' nests or perhaps under ones that rooks are still using in the beeches over Holly House Drive.

Nov. 10th I hear that alot of small fish have been taken from a goldfish pond in Sibford Gower. It was netted to stop herons getting at them from the side but a kingfisher was using the netting support as a perch from which to dive on to the fish through the gap in the netting.

Nov. 13th Tonight's T.V. programme Horizon puts a fresh view of the effect of climate change. Apparently the seas around Northern Europe are becoming much less saline due to melting ice and a much increased flow of fresh water from the big rivers that flow north from the Siberia. Scientists think that if this desalination continues it will shorten the gulf stream current depriving Northern Europe of its enormous warming effect leaving us with a climate more in keeping with our latitude which means more like Labrador.

Nov. 17th. Our holly tree which had its usual heavy crop of berries will, in a few days be plain green again, stripped mainly by redwings that are spending most of the day there. Some have just flown in as I write. Whether our holly has more palatable berries than most, I don't know, but it always receives early attention.

Nov.20th. The big flock of field fares that were feeding in the hedges round the Hawkes Lane / Tyne Hill area this afternoon were talking to each other in softer tones than their usual chack-chack there are, or were as many haws on the hedges in that area as anywhere in the district.

#### WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are a new resident of Sibford and have not yet received a copy of the "Welcome to Sibford" booklet, please telephone Maureen Warden on 788252 (Gower or Burdrop) or Ann Bishop on 788188 (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, clubs and societies that are currently active in the villages.



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#### LEO EVENING.

On the 18th October, lots of Leo ladies gathered at the home of Greta Baadsgaard in Bonds End Lane. This was for the usual Christmas meeting, when people were asked to bring a poem or a reading, not necessarily to do with Christmas. We had two of Pam Ayres' poems. which are always humorous, and several other equally funny ones, but the reading to top them all had us all in stitches. So much so, that the reader had to stop several times to wipe the tears out of her eyes. This really got the evening going with a swing. (I should add that poor husband Peter was ensconced in his study with plugs in his ears). Then followed some really good food - bought from M. & S. (which speaks for itself) -and we all tucked into it. This guietened us down for a time, while we concentrated on eating! There were some beautiful puddings to follow and everyone forgot their waistlines while these were sampled too. It was very late when we finally tumbled out of Quince Cottage, feeling very replete. They say that laughter is the best medicine and there could have been no better example of this than our happy evening.

Thank you Greta for being such a fantastic host.

MW



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We were delighted to welcome back Hugh Hinde to our November meeting. He talked to us about military strategy from 1600 to 1850 using his lovely collection of old musket guns to illustrate his talk. We are now underway with our current project when we hope to produce a survey of Who is Who and

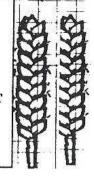
Where in the church graveyard. So, if you see members of the Society lying or kneeling in the churchyard they are trying to discern lettering on the stones - nothing more! We do still have some Christmas cards for sale. They show a winter scene in Burdrop and were illustrated by our own Sheila Walsh. Ivor Hopkyns (788367), Maureen Hicks (780259) or the Surgery have supplies at £1 for 5 cards. We do not meet during December so we wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope to see members and their friends at our Old Fashioned Social evening on **Thursday 22 January 2004.** Book the date in your new diary.



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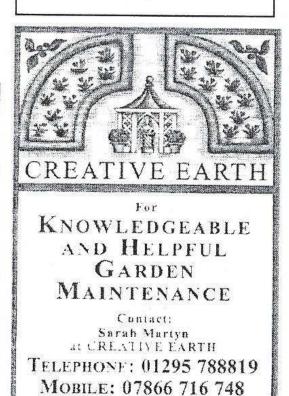
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#### W.I. Meeting - November 11th. Armistice Day and our 75th Birthday.

Glennis presided over our top table. Sadly, Barbara's mother had died and so we were without our treasurer. Gaynor read the minutes, as Lynda was still in Florida, but she sent a card, which Glennis read out, together with some others. There was an especially nice one from Barbara Gray, who had been our guest at the Birthday Lunch, which was our main celebration on the 23 October at the Manor House, Long Compton. This had been much enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Barbara Crabtree for making all the arrangements.

Greta gave a brief resume of the Group Meeting at Hook Norton. She said we shall have to look to our laurels when it is our turn to be hosts, as their food and table flowers were excellent. The competition for a card was narrowly lost by Maureen's computer design, in favour of a

Bloxham hand-painted one. Well done Maureen, anyway!

Glennis reminded us about something we all tend to forget now and again. That is, car passengers to Oxford should pay £1 to their driver

and 50p for local journeys.

Mrs. P. Chalmers gave us a very lively talk, based upon Colin Dexter's 'Inspector Morse'. Her slides illustrated all the Oxford Colleges and pubs used in the T.V.series. She is one of the guides on the 'Morse Trail', visited by so many from around the world. Greta thanked her for a most enjoyable talk.

About our Christmas meeting. We were unable to form a committee, so this year we are all asked to contribute to make it a special occasion. Tapes (see Kathleen Winter) or readings, poetry or other. Also, a small plate of food and, of course, the usual small wrapped gift for the

lucky dip. Thank you all.

Kathleen Reid and Brenda made tea, served with our handsome Birthday Cake, complete with the green and white W.I. logo. - shame to have cut

it!!

Mrs. Chalmers kindly photographed us with the cake, to be added to our collection of photographs, showing our 60th and 70th birthdays, plus events which have taken place during the current year. These Glennis had arranged for display. The competition for a photograph of Oxford was won by Mary Bristow, 2nd Greta, 3rd Glennis.

See you all on December 9th.

RP.

#### Friendship Club

We had quite an entertaining afternoon with Keith Hicks, he was not able to bring many slides of Sibford during the 40's and 50's due to cameras not being so popular just after the war but he had organised a quiz identifying parts of Sibford which we found quite difficult. It ended in a draw between Alice Fowler and Sandra Tustain so the winner was decided in the good old fashioned way of tossing a coin and Sandra won. A lovely tea was then provided by Phyllis who was helped by Joan.

Dates for December and January

Tuesday 2nd Dec. Christmas Tea in the Village Hall at 3.00 pm. The

tea will be provided by the committee and the raffle will be for charity. Any prizes or things for the hamper would be very welcome.

**Tuesday 16th Dec.** Christmas Lunch at the Coach and Horses, Shipston on Stour. sit down 12.30pm

**Tuesday 6th Jan** Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00 pm.



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Looking ahead to the Annual Show in August 2004, the handicraft classes are as follows:

- 1 A Cushion
- 2 A piece of Tapestry
- 3 An item of Patchwork
- 4 A Hand Knitted article
- 5 An example of Embroidery
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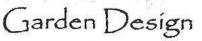
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The Councillors extend their thanks to those residents who responded to a previous article in the Sibford Scene where thoughts were sought as to the way forward with the land bequeathed by the late Miriam Tebbs when she expressed the wish that it be used for the enjoyment of residents. The few views received were quite divergent and the Councillors decided to take a middle path and leave some of the land as a wildlife sanctuary but the rest cleared so that the bench with the commemorative plaque will be accessible to those who wish to use it. Attention will be given to the bordering hedge and replacement of a damson tree. The work will be put in hand as soon as practicably possible.

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New faces always welcome, so do come along, even if only for half and hour, to have a chat, a cup of tea or coffee, and an opportunity for the tots and babes to get together too!

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The next event in The Cherwell Arts @ Large programme is the live performance of "Soul Commotion" on SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. This eight piece band bring to life such classic soul numbers as Mustang Sally, Knock on Wood, Chain of Fools, etc., in a dynamic and vibrant two hour performance which will draw you from your seat and get everyone, young and not-so-young, dancing. A GREAT NIGHT OUT! Brought to our village venue in partnership with Cherwell DC. There will be a licensed bar open from 7.30 to 11 p.m. Tickets £8, concessions £6, available from the Village Shop or ring 01295 780025. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENING - we have to raise £381 to pay towards the event before any profit for the Village Hall. If we do not get the support for these events, we will not be able to continue in the Arts @ Large programme.

Then on SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY, 2004, at 6.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, we have a children's theatre - 'A Christmas Carol' performed by the Booster Cushion Theatre suitable for children 5 to adult! A comical version of Dickens' classic tale using a large pop-up book, audience participation, humbugs and snow - performance length 45 minutes, soft drinks and snacks available at the end of the show. Tickets £6 adults/children and concessions £4, and family tickets. Again on sale at the Village Shop or ring 780025.

The last of this year's Sunday Markets takes place on Sunday 7th December in the Village Hall. Although we advertise this from 1 p.m., buyers do arrive from midday! To book a table for £5 (to Hall funds) please ring Mrs Josie Marshall on 01295 251339 who kindly takes the bookings for us. While we continue to get support, the Markets will go on in 2004 on the first Sunday of every month. We are always grateful for any small items to sell at these Markets in aid of the Hall, please ring 780025.

The Village Lottery Game will have the 8th draw on the 7th December. The October draw was won by Mr David Bennett (£11.50); 2nd Mrs Sheila Job (£6); 3rd Mr Mike Clarke (£4). The November draw was won by the Mulley family; 2nd Mrs Christine Bell; 3rd Mr & Mrs Brian and Jenny Barratt. Half the proceeds of this Game go to the Hall, half back in monthly prizes. Would you like to continue this from May, 2004, onwards? Please contact either Ginny on 780373 or Muriel on 780025.

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The Computer Courses nearly came to an end last month, as ORLP had had such a lack of interest all over the county. However we had renewed interest in Sibford for the one course in November and they decided to carry on until June if there is sufficient interest. To find out what courses are on offer, please ring Bancec in Banbury on 01295 266763, leaving a message for Mr Peter Titman, the course tutor.

As you may have seen, we have replaced the one set of fire doors in the main hall, the roof on the old kitchen has been repaired and the next phase of the refurbishment sees work commence on Monday 8th December with the renewal of the toilets in the front lobby of the main hall. This has been made possible with a Grant from SITA/TOE, to whom we are very grateful, plus the drawing down of the small balance from the Community Fund, a 3rd party payment of £517.75 for whom we thank the Jubilee Committee and the balance will be from Hall funds (helped by the proceeds of the last Annual Fayre). We apologise in advance for any inconvenience the work may cause but hopefully it will take not much more than one week.

The side entrance will have to be used during this time and will be unlocked for each booking for those who do not have a key for this door. We may be able to use some of the toilets in the front lobby at different stages but there is also the new toilet at the rear of the 'old' kitchen, the toilet for the disabled in the new hall, plus the small toilets for children's use in the new hall.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THE DATE OF NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL FAYRE -SAT-URDAY 19th JUNE, 2004 -we will start our planning meetings in early March for this. Any new ideas or requests for the Fayre gratefully received! We have lots of ideas for further ways to make the Hall an even more inviting venue but do ask for your support at all our fund raising events and perhaps book your parties, meetings, events at the Hall. We thank you all for your past support.

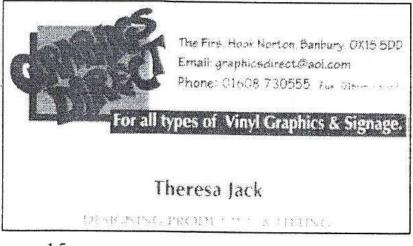
We warmly welcome our new Treasurer, Mrs Nicki Kitchen from the Ferris (780633) and thank Mr Peter Stolwood for all his excellent work over the years he was our Treasurer and wish him well for the future. Our present Chairman is Mr Mark Darvill (780052) and Secretary Muriel Chandler (780025). Hall bookings can be made to our Booking Secretary Mrs Kathleen Winter on 01295 780461.

Please note that Terry, our fishman who brings us fresh fish from Grimsby Docks on a Monday, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Village Hall car park, will be here every Monday until and including Monday, 15th December but then not for the following three weeks, returning after that as usual.

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#### Friday 9 January 2004 7pm

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#### Friday 13 February 2004 7pm

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## The Bucks Fizz Catering Company

Re: Small Commercial Property

I write to enquire if you or any of your councilor colleagues could assist my company in finding a suitable property from which to operate an outside catering company kitchen. We have made enquiries to local agents but all that is being offered is unsuitable regard both size and location.

Listed below is a brief guide to the type of property that would be of interest:

Location:

Semi - Rural within 5 to 10 miles of Banbury Centre

Size:

600 to 1200 sq ft

Facilities:

Main services (we could use propane gas if mains is not availa-

ble) with access for small vehicles during normal business hours.

Operations:

Our main function is event catering and business lunches therefore we would not create noise or any other disturbance such as cooking smells.

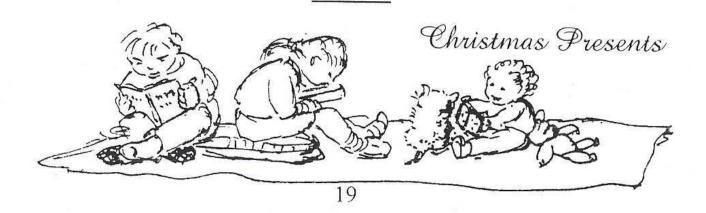
We would be willing to undertake some structural and refurbishment work at our cost to ensure the property meets with Environmental Health regulations. A short-term lease or flexible arrangements would be considered to suit both parties.

I do understand that this is not a normal route to locate property but small one off units or outbuildings are considered by some owners not to have a wide commercial appeal. It could be that local knowledge of a suitable building may be with a body such as your own hence this letter of enquiry.

So as not to inconvenience you we have enclosed a stamp address envelope should you feel it appropriate to reply.

Thank you for considering this request and we look for to your reply, should you wish to speak to the undersigned regarding this matter please do not hesitate to make contact.

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#### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The church was well attended for the Remembrance Service, which was jointly conducted by Pastor Henry Edwards and the Rev. John Whitwell. Bob Lamb (older brother of Arnold) laid the first wreath. Having been born in the village and later moved away, he and his wife have returned to live in Sibford. Bob served in the army during WW2. The second wreath was laid by a Brownie and a Cub. All the youth organisations looked very smart and carried out their duties with great reverence.

The Christmas Bazaar, which took place on the 15th, was very successful and raised the sum of £1,005.18 - an extremely good effort by all concerned.

Family Service.

The next Family Service will be in the form of a Christingle, which will be held on Sunday, 14th December at 5.30.

For those who are not familiar with the Christingle service, it derives from a Moravian custom of distributing lighted candles to children on Christmas Eve to celebrate Christ, the Light of the world. The Christingle is an orange, decorated with a red ribbon, sweets and nuts, on which is placed a small candle. The orange represents the world, the ribbon Christ's'blood, and the sweets and nuts the fruits of the earth. People of all ages will be very welcome.

The Christmas Bingo, advertised to be in the Village Hall on the 20th December, will **NOT** now take place on the date advertised, but it is hopeful that something can be arranged in the new year.

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Sunday at 10.30 am

Sunday at 11.00 am

Sunday at 8.30 am

Church of the Firstborn (Bridleways S.Gower) Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

#### December

**Baptist** 

Sun 7th Confirmation renewal 10am Swalcliffe Sun 14th Holy Communion 8am and Christingle 5.30pm Fri 19th Traditional Carol Service 7pm Sun 21st Holy Communion 9.30 am Wed 24th Midnight Mass 11.30pm (also at Tadmarton) Thu 25th Holy Communion 10am Sun 28th Benefice service 10am Epwell

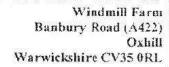
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#### January

Sun 4th Benefice service at Shutford 10 am Sun 11 Family Service 10am Sun 18 Holy Communion 9.30 am and Unity Service 3.30pm Sun 25 Holy Communion 9.30 am Feb 1st Young at Heart 10am at Swalcliffe

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#### Service 480 Shipston - Sibford - Banbury

Not Sat (NS) Sat Onl	y (S)						
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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
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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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Sibford Gower	9.55 am	1.55 pm
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#### Calendar of Events

#### December

Sun 2nd Village Hall Market 1 pm.

Tue 2nd Friendship Club Christmas Tea. 3 pm Village Hall p8

Wed 3rd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)

Sat 6th Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon p9

Sat 6th Soul Commotion at the Village Hall p14

Sun 7th Village Hall Market p14

Tue 9th W.I. Christmas Meeting p7

Wed 10th Horticultural Society Christmas Meeting p11

Fri 12th Talking Science Lecture p16

Sat 13th Playgroup Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall p13

Sat 13th Warriner Choral Society Christmas Concert p17

Sat 13th Bridewell Gardens Concert p18

Sun 14th Christingle Church Service 5.30 pm p21

Tue 16th Friendship Club Christmas Lunch 12.30 Sit Down p8

Wed 17th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)

Sun 21st Methodist Chapel Carol Service 11am p9

#### January

Tue 6th Friendship Club Meeting p8

Fri 9th Playgroup Quiz Entry Deadline p4

Fri 9th Talking Science Lecture p16

Mon 12th Ferris Parish Council Meeting. (Friends School Sports Hall)

Fri 16th Gower Parish Council Meeting p4

Sat 17th Childrens Theatre 'A Christmas Carol' 6.30pm p14

Sun 18th Churches Unity Service. 3.30pm in the Church

Tue 20th Deadline for contributions to the February Sibford Scene p6

Thu 22nd Sibfords Society Old Fashioned Social p6

Wed 28th Open Day at CCLRC p16

Cover picture - The Church did have it's own Christmas Card.

#### Sibford Scene

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