

## SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

On **Saturday, 16th October, 2004**, we have a performance by The Bruce Boardman's New York Café Band at 7.30 for 8 p.m. with tickets at £7, £5 concessions, plus a licensed bar. This is in partnership with Cherwell District Council's Art @ Large Scheme. Numerous well-known names have guested with Bruce, and his all female Band of a tenor saxist, vocalist, bass player and drummer who perform a melodic, bluesy jazz with a hint of Latin thrown in. They gave a wonderful evening of combined talent, humour and skilful playing to a full house at Shutford last year and we hope you will support this evening now at Sibford. Tickets will be available early September at Sibford Ferris Village Shop or telephone 780025.

The next Monthly Market is **Sunday 1st August** in the Village Hall from 12 noon with refreshments served in our small hall. In September we hope to have two markets on Sundays **5th and 19th September**, with the next on **Sunday 3rd October**. To book a table please ring Josie on 01295 251339 - a great way to sell your unwanted items!

The Annual Village Fayre despite the weather proved to be as successful as last year, making £1,533.37 for Hall funds, almost identical to last year's figure. Well done and many thanks to all who supported and helped. We have already started discussing next year's Fayre which will be on SATURDAY, 25th JUNE, 2005 and we are already booking the entertainments. We were sorry not to have the horizontal bungee this year but will try again for next year. Our local artist, Nigel Fletcher, has offered to design the programme and posters and help with the signs, which is very much appreciated and we will try and get the programme out a month before the event. Nigel has suggested the theme for next year's art competition, which is a drawing or painting, of "mum and dad" and we will have four sections for next year to include an 'over 14 year olds' so everyone can enter! We would also like to do "Sports for All" on the day and would appreciate some helpers to organise this - please telephone either Ginny on 780373 or Muriel on 780025. David Bennett has very kindly offered to organise a Fun Run next year, possibly on the Sunday morning following the

Fayre and sharing proceeds between the Hall and say Katherine House Hospice. We have lots of ideas for races in the "Sports for All" - so start that training!!

Results from this year's Fayre:

Children's Art Competition, kindly judged by Nigel Fletcher:

Under 5' s:

1st) Megan Watts, Hook Norton, with a very colourful picture of "Fizz"

2nd) Tom Lovegrove, Epwell.

3rd) Iona Bomphray, Burdrop.

5-8 years :

1st) Genevieve Heron, with an exceptional likeness of Avril Lavigne.

2nd) Isabelle Childs (1st & 2nd from Sibford Gower)

3rd) Naomi Spencer, Sibford Ferris.

9 - 14 yrs:

1st) India Seely, with a great picture of Beyonce

2nd) Alice Balloch both from Sibford Gower.

Winning pictures will be returned shortly.

The Fun Dog Show, kindly judged by Rita Johnson in the heaviest rain of the day, and with a generous sponsorship of £50 from Countrywide Farmers plus a large bag of dog food for the Champion from Croft Pet Stores still raised £25.74 after expenses:

Best Young Handler:

1st) Rory Cremin, 11 from the Gower, with Charlotte Bird's Sprout (last year's Reserve Champion), who received The Harry Challenge Trophy given by Ginny and David Bennett in memory of their dog Harry who in 1999 was Sibford Top Dog. Sprout went on to have a walk-over in the Best Trick class keeping us all amused with her 'trick' but refusing to do an encore!

2nd) India Seeley, 12 from the Gower with Sybil

3rd) Zosha Skowronska, 9 from Burdrop with Inca.

Best Pedigree:

1st) India Seeley & Sybil;

2nd) Tim Freeman & Barney;

3rd) Erica Wimbush & Meg.

Handsome Dog:

1st) Tim Freeman & Barney;



2nd) Charles Smith & Flynn;

3rd) Ida Tengvall & Oscar who was last year's Sibford's Top Dog but because being so close to the ground got so wet he went home in disgust with a very curly coat before this year's Championship class!

Prettiest Bitch:

1st) Rory Cremin & Sprout;

2nd) Emily Darvill & Daisy;

3rd) Zosha Skowronska & Inca;

4th) Anne Batchelor & Milo from Churchill, who was Reserve Champion in 1999.

Best Cross Breed:

1st) Zosha & Inca;

2nd) Rory & Sprout.

SIBFORD TOP DOG CHAMPION this year was Sybil, a red and white Setter, handled by 12 year old India Seely from the Gower, who received the lovely Challenge Cup originally presented to the Village by the now ex-resident Mrs Vera Jones. Sybil was also Champion in 2002.

RESERVE CHAMPION was Inca handled by 9 year old Zosha Skowronska, from Burdrop, who received the Challenge Trophy, and also won the award for the Best Behaved Dog in the Show. Zosha was Reserve Champion with her dog Murphy in 2002. Well done to everyone in the worst weather of the day.

The Fancy Dress competition was kindly and bravely judged by Liz Breyley. In the Under 3 years of age we had just two entries but it was a very difficult decision for Liz as both were expertly dressed. 2 ½ year old Harry Brown of Burdrop, dressed as a cowboy on his hobby horse, eventually won who with his age experience played to the crowd! 2nd was 27 month old Tom Lovegrove from Epwell, dressed as a 'Mini Cooper'. The winner received the lovely Debenham Teddy Bear. The 3 years & over class had 8 entries and was even more of a challenge for Liz.

1st) Alex Childs dressed as a Knight; 2nd) Joel Smith as a Rabbit (both from the Gower); 3rd) Megan Brown (Harry's 4 yo sister) as a Butterfly; 4th) Jack Lovegrove (Tom's 5 yo brother) as another Mini Cooper.



The winner won vouchers from Funtasia in Banbury. Well done to everyone and a big thank you for all the work involved.

The Highest Score in the Golf Game, kindly manned by David Bennett, went to Harry Smith, who won beating the nearest adult by a large margin, receiving a large box of sweets (his favourites he said!). Becky More from the Gower won the Spot the Ball competition kindly run by Sibford Tots & Babies and Mrs Maureen Hicks won the Wordsearch and £10 kindly donated by residents. Our thanks also go to Judith and Terry from our Village Shop for loaning their 1962 Commer Cob Van for another competition making another £32.40 (= 162 entries @ 20p each!) and for supplying the lovely prizes. Guy Grasby from the Gower won the presentation wine box and 9 year old Amy Harrison from Chipping Norton won the big Fluffy Dog. The £100 top raffle prize, kindly donated by Roger Brown of RJB Contract Services, Tadmarton, was won by Julie Carpenter (just in time for daughter Tilly's 2nd birthday!). We hope the winners of the dinner and lunch vouchers kindly presented by The Inn at Sibford Gower, The Gate Hangs High and The Pear Tree all enjoyed their meals. Our thanks go to everyone who supplied the many raffle prizes. An amount of £337.74 was made on the entry fees/raffle tickets. We will wait another couple of weeks to see if any more labels are returned from the Balloon Race - at the moment the farthest has been returned from Withybrook nearly in Lutterworth. The £20 prize has been kindly donated by The Inn at Sibford Gower. We really should have had an award for the helper who most got into the spirit of the Fayre - Henry Tengvall - who was almost unrecognisable in his clown's outfit! BUT the Stall who made the most profit was the Bottle Stall kindly run by Sheila and Chris Job again - £192.95. Our thanks go to everyone who supplied the many wonderful bottles.

We are thinking of putting on, on a Saturday possibly in November, a "Vicars & Tarts" evening, dancing to live music in the Village Hall, with a licensed Bar - would anyone be interested in such an evening?? Please ring 780025.

Booking Secretary for the Village Hall is Mrs Kathleen Winter on 780461.