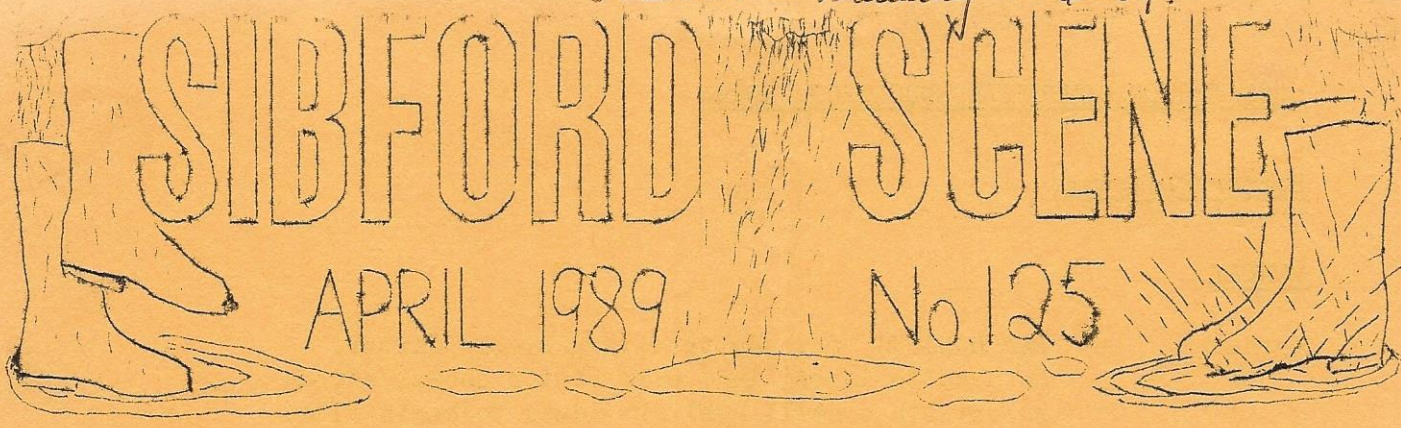


Sunday - Saturday 1-4-89.



SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

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Will be held on Thursday  
20th April  
in Sibford Village Hall  
at 8.00p.m.

MAY FAYRE

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MONDAY 1st MAY

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The Scene is pleased to give advanced notice that Mabel Payne has volunteered to share with us her memories of Sibford many years ago.

There will be a number of articles spread over several issues - So don't miss our future editions!!

Mabel is licking her pencil and thinking- the rest of us hold our breath!

SIBFORD YOUTH CLUB

COFFEE EVENING

on

TUESDAY 11th APRIL

7.00-9.00

at

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(All funds SIBFORD YOUTH CLUB).

PLEASE COME

LEO CLUB

The April Meeting will take place one week later than usual on the fourth Tuesday, 25th April. An evening of embroidery and tapestry, when, over coffee, you can try your hand at both skills on small samplers and order kits of your choice.

8.00p.m. at The Court House.

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- Afternoon - PAINTING with Ken Spring. Weather permitting it is hoped to include some outdoor sketching.  
1.00 - 3.00 p.m. 6 weeks £7.00
- Evening - MEN'S KEEP FIT with Scott Orchard.  
7.30 - 9.00 p.m. 7 weeks £7.50
- FRENCH CONVERSATION with Denise Ream.  
This course is best suited to the intermediate.  
8.00 - 9.30 p.m. 7 weeks £7.50

TUESDAY

- Morning - KINDERGYM with Jane Orchard. For the pre-school child to explore and enjoy gym equipment with an adult.  
9.15 - 9.45 a.m. 8 weeks £6.00  
10.00 - 10.30 a.m. 8 weeks £6.00

COFFEE SHOP Open 9.45 - 11.15 a.m.

- Evening - LADIES WORK OUT with Wendy Murphy.  
7.45 - 8.45 p.m. 12 weeks £11.50
- FLOWER ARRANGING with Ann Anson  
7.30 - 9.30 p.m. 6 weeks from 2nd May. £7.00
- HOW TO TAKE BETTER PHOTOGRAPHS with John Schuler.  
How the camera works, which film to choose, tips on using colour and black and white, processing and developing.  
7.30 - 9.30 p.m. 4 weeks from 2nd May. £5.00

(CLASSES are held at the Primary School and start week commencing 3rd April, unless otherwise stated. Half term is 29th May - 2nd June.

RE-ENROLMENTS may be made on the first day of class. For NEW ENROLMENTS, enquiries and handouts, please contact the Community Education Organiser : Linda Buchanan, The Primary School, The Bourne, Hook Norton.  
Tel. Hook Norton (0608) 730052.

The office is usually manned Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings and an ansaphone is in operation at other times.  
Cheques should be made payable to HNCEC. )

WEDNESDAY

Afternoon - GYMNASTICS with Ruth Wade. This course is for primary children who will be working towards their BAGA badges.

3.15 - 4.00 p.m. 12 weeks £7.00

4.00 - 4.45 p.m. 12 weeks £7.00

Evening - HOLIDAY FRENCH with Denise Ream - to help with useful phrases (beginners welcome)

7.30 - 9.00 p.m. 8 weeks £8.50

HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP with May Gleed.

Bring your basket and moss with you. Potting compost and plants may be purchased at the class to complete your own basket. Handout available.

7.30 - 9.00 p.m. 24th MAY £2.00

THURSDAY

Morning - YOGA with Sue Thomlinson.

9.45 - 11.15 a.m. 7 weeks £7.50

Evening - YOGA with Sue Thomlinson.

7.30 - 9.00 p.m. 14 weeks £15.00

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The W.E.A. hope to arrange a short course of musical appreciation planned around a concert visit - details to be announced.

DAY SCHOOLS

THE ART OF STORY TELLING OR HOW TO SURVIVE WITHOUT SATELLITE TV with Peter and Margaret Whittle. Exploring traditional forms of story telling with practical sessions of sharing experiences, making and telling stories. Handout available.

Saturday, 22nd April. 10 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. £5.50

A DAY OR ORIENTEERING with Clive Wrench. Short explanatory talk followed by a visit to an orienteering course at Shotover Hill, Oxford. Handout available.

Sunday, 7th May. 10 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Families £4.50. Adults £1.50 (To include transport by minibus)

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NATURE NOTES

March 5th - It came as no surprise to hear the weatherman say that this is the mildest winter in the south of England for 120 years.

March 7th - While helping in a bird count this morning, I was pleased to see two Long-tailed tits and one Goldcrest near the village, but when we got home, we were shown a Great spotted woodpecker that could not fly. We caught it without much difficulty and could see no obvious damage, so we took it to Cliff Christie, to see if he could effect a cure.

March 16th - Today's snow brought a big increase in the number of birds looking for food at our bird-table. At one time I counted 28 on or near the table, mostly Greenfinches, Chaffinches and Tits.

March 18th - A few rooks are nesting in the beech trees in the middle of the Ferris. Not an ideal site for a rookery! Jackdaws are also busy looking for suitable chimneys in which to nest. I expect central heating helps to free chimneys for their use.

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## A.G.M. NOTICE

### Sibford Ferris Parish Council - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The AGM for the electors of Sibford Ferris will be held in Room 23 of the Friends School on Monday 24th April 1989 at 8 pm. It would be helpful if the Clerk to the Parish Council (A J. Skeath Swa 494) were advised of any matters which electors might wish to be placed on the Agenda for discussion, before 20th April, if possible.

## SWIMMING CLUB

The swimming club re-started in March with a great flourish. Subscriptions only £5 per family or £2 per person. Sessions will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 - 7 pm. All newcomers who are interested should contact Carole Moir. Tel. Swa. 3241.

## Notes for Friendship Club for April

- Tuesday April 4th 2 pm. in the Village Hall, Annual Meeting followed by Tea and Biscuits.
- Saturday April 15th Car Boot Sale and Jumble Sale at Village Hall from 10 am - 1 pm in aid of Club Funds.
- Tuesday April 18th 2 pm in the Village Hall. Mrs. Hutchinson Slide Show on Japan. Open Meeting All Welcome
- May Meetings  
May 2nd to be arranged.  
May 10th Outing to N.T. House.

## WELCOME TO SIBFORD

TO NEWCOMERS - If you have just moved into our Village and have not received a copy of the leaflet 'Welcome to Sibford', please ring Petra Berry on 462 and she will deliver a copy to you. This information sheet is designed to help you feel at home as soon as you move into your new house, by acquainting you with the services, schools, churches, clubs & societies currently active in the village. So let us know you've arrived!

A MESSAGE TO NEWCOMERS - The Sibford Villages are not a duvet for snoozing. Much interest & activity for the villagers is available. Everyone has a talent of some sort, so after reading Petra's booklet, please decide how best your experience and ability could be used - then offer to help & do rather than just join. By doing & helping, new friendships are soon formed - please do it now, not next year. What's your line? Ring Petra and tell her. She will point you towards the Club or Society that needs the assistance that you can give.

## WELCOME TO SIBFORD

Welcome to Robert and Penny Walton, who have moved into the Stone House, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower, with their two Spaniels Monty and William, leaving behind their two pet pigs in Cambridge where they lived for a short period before moving to Sibford.

Robert works for BOCM Silcock at Enstone and Penny is an accountant at General Foods. Robert enjoys gardening (he has a collection of over 200 cacti plants) and they both look forward to joining in the various activities in the village.

## Litter Blitz 1989 - Sibford Gower Parish Council

The Parish Council are once again supporting this campaign and are planning a village 'clean-up' on Saturday April 22nd. If you can help us with this community effort please meet us at the Village Hall at 2 pm. The more helpers we have the more thorough we can be. Youngsters will be accompanied but should have stout footwear and gloves. There is a lot of debris around the village, please help us to care for our lovely village. Litter Blitz sacks can be obtained from John Berry, 2 Barley Close and filled sacks will be collected by the Council at the end of the campaign. Tied, filled sacks should be left neatly stacked at the Village cross-roads or Acre Ditch (opposite the Rectory).

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## FIRST AGM ! MANY HAPPY RETURNS

The North Oxon Conservative Association, Sibfords and Epwell Group - held its first AGM on March 11 1989, since being reactivated in October 1987. The Chairman Mr. Monty Pearlman gave a brief resumé of the branch's first and most successful year. On the outset it was decided that as well as supporting the Conservative Party the social activities should also have a charitable objective. To this end donations were made to two charities, Kathering House and Opportunities for the Disabled, between them received a total of almost £1,500 and a considerable amount was contributed to party funds.

Mr. Pearlman also outlined plans for functions in the coming year. The first of these will be a Pimms, Pate and "Meet your MP" evening at Burdrup House. This will be on Saturday May 13th at 8.00p.m. and Tony Baldry and his wife have agreed to attend, it will offer a great opportunity to informally discuss the events of the day. A small entry charge will be made. The main event of the year will be a CARIBBEAN EVENING at The Manor House, Sibford Gower, with the renowned OCHOS RIO Steel Band from Rugby. Further details will be available in due course. There is also the possibility of another Musical Evening in October which may include Kate Risdon, the young blind pianist for whom the money raised last year, has paid a scholarship.

Following the treasurers report, the next item on the agenda was the election of Officers and Committee. Mr. Monty Pearlman was re-elected chairman and the committee was re-elected "en bloc", with the addition of two new members, Mr. Robert Tompkins and Mr Peter Conway. The committee members now are : Mr. Michael Edwards, Mrs Toonie Law, Miss Biddy Bennett, Mr. Buffy Hardman, Mr. David Bennett, Mrs. Bobby Harbour, Mr Peter Baseby, Mrs Mo Rivers and Mrs Sheila Baseby, with Mr. David Green as the District Councillor.

Finally Mr. David Green spoke briefly on the scope of the work of Cherwell District Council, followed by Mr. David Turner County Councillor who also outlined the situation in Cherwell County Council as well as encouraging "would be" canvassers to help with the forthcoming elections!

After the formalities supper of baked potatoes with various fillings was served with a glass of wine, by committee members and wives. The evening was deemed a success, and the Chairman was delighted to welcome some new members.

Sheila Baseby

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The first "Horti" of the year was held on March 8th and it was a pleasure to greet some new faces. The speaker Dr. A.G. Walkey from Tysoe gave a most interesting talk on flowers of the Southern Rockies photographed during a trip he and his wife made across America from Las Vegas to Denver in 1986.

The next Horti meeting will be on April 12th and Mr. John Mattock of Mattocks Roses will be the speaker. This will be an OPEN MEETING and visitors will be welcome for a small fee of 50p. Members are admitted free. Refreshments will be available.

DOCTOR AGNEW'S RETIREMENT

I am slowly recovering from the shocks and surprises of 17th March 1989. I am greatly touched and humbled by the great generosity of those who contributed to the present of a very sophisticated video camera, and a cheque.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks, not only for Friday but for the support, loyalty and affection which has been shown to me in Sibford over all the years. I sincerely hope that those who came enjoyed the Festivity as much as I did. I was not able to speak to all those who came on Friday but I hope I will make up for that by visiting those who were left out. Special thanks to all who contributed food, flowers, etc. and to the choir and Bridget Barlow who sang so beautifully. Very special thanks to the Team who researched and organised the Evening, and I must congratulate everybody on their ability to keep a secret. It has been a great privilege to live and work here. I do not intend to sever my connections with local Sibford organisations.

Thank you all again.

S.A.A.

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SIBFORD W.I.

Mrs Joyce Millward gave a most professional and interesting slide-talk on Yorkshire which was enjoyed by most of the members of the Institute. Coming from the North herself, she was able to transmit her enthusiasm to the audience. She also gave very helpful comment on a large entry of Treacle Tarts which were submitted for the competition. They may not all have looked exactly right but they all tasted good. Mrs. Cox had the best entry and Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Soden came second and third. Teas were supplied by Mrs Law, Mrs Bristow and Mrs Cooper.

The next meeting will be on April 11th when Mrs Crabtree and Mrs Conway will talk about their activities on Sub-committees and as V.C.O.

The competition will be "A plate of Easter Biscuits."

Usual time - 2.00p.m. in the Village Hall.

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HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

Sibford Scene would like to extend our Congratulations to Dr. C. Hill on the W.H. Smith Literary Award for his biography of John Bunyan.

A.L.B.

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A.G.M. NOTICE

21st April - Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30p.m. in the Primary School Hall.

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SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA

Sibford Ferris Playarea Group have organised a Grand Raffle in aid to buy a slide and provide safety surfacing for the playarea.

Tickets are available throughout this month, from the group and also from the Wykham Arms and Green's Store.

There are many varied prizes and the draw will take place at the Wykham Arms, May 1st at 8.00 p.m.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Bernie Jones.

Chairman/Sec. S.F.P.G

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MUMS AND TODDLERS

Mums and Toddlers are looking for new premises from September. Ideally we need somewhere with a floor suitable for crawling and be quick to warm up, also having room to store toys and a slide. If anyone has any suggestions as to where it could be held could they contact any group member or Joanna Gilkes, Swa 8190.

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WANTED A lift into Banbury Technical College, arriving around 8.45 on WEDNESDAY'S only for a teenager living in Burdröp. Please ring SWA 544.



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Friday,	April 14	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	April 19	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	April 28	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	May 3	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	May 12	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	May 17	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	May 26	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	May 31	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00

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High Meadow	Cross Roads
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Vera Jones, Treasurer.

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EXTRACT FROM THE DEANERY MAGAZINE TO WHOM THE SCENE IS ENDEBTED.

FAREWELL

Winnie Barnes is shortly to leave Sibford, to be nearer other members of her family - but only as far as Bloxham. She was born here and has been a lifelong member of the church, rarely not to be found in her seat in Sibford Church. She has played a full part, having been a member of the P.C.C. for several years, as well as doing her bit in the cleaning rotas and flower lists, despite not being in the best health at times. We shall miss her greatly, but wish her well, and will surely see her from time to time back here.

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends		Sundays at 10.30 am
Methodist		Sundays at 11 am
Roman Catholic Mass	Hook Norton	Sundays at 11 am
	Brailes	Sundays at 11.30 am

Church of England Services April 1989.

2nd	10 am	United Service at Epwell
9th	10 am	Holy Communion
16th	10 am	Family Service
23rd	10 am	Holy Communion
30th	10 am	United Service at Sibford

The Senior Residents "Easter" Party will be on Saturday, April 8th at 5 - 7.30 pm in the Village Hall  
Anyone over the age of 60 who has not received an invitation and who would like to come, please let the Rector know by 2nd April

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 6.30 - 8.11-14yrs 7.30 - 9.30 pm 14+
Swimming Club	Friends School	Monday & Wednesday 6 - 7 pm Friday 5 - 6 pm (Toddlers)
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday 5.15 - 6.45 pm
Folk Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday 8pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday 8pm
Guides	Village Hall	Thursday 7pm
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday 4.30 - 5.45pm
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday 6pm
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon., Wed., Fri (term time) 9.30
Mums & Toddlers	Friends School	Wednesday 10 - 12 noon (term time)

APRIL CALENDAR

1st April	APRIL FOOLS DAY! - Paper Collection Scouts
3rd April	Hook Norton Community Education begins
4th April	Friendship Club AGM
8th April	Senior Residents "Easter" Party
11th April	WI Meeting 2pm Village Hall
11th April	Coffee evening Youth Club
15th April	Carboot Sale at Village Hall - Friendship Club
18th April	Friendship Club - Slide Show on Japan
21st April	Sibford Gower Parish Council Annual Meeting - Primary School
22nd April	Sibford Gower LITTER BLITZ.
22nd April	Sibford Ferris LITTER BLITZ.
24th April	Sibford Ferris Parish Council Annual Meeting - Friends School
25th April	Leo Club - The Court House

May 1st MAY FAYRE - Village Hall

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