

IN YOUR GARDEN

TOPICAL TIP FOR MARCH

Lawns are already showing signs of growth and, if we don't get the New York weather in the next ten days or so, will need their first cut later in the month. Now is the time to get the mower out of winter store and make sure all is in working order. There is probably just time to have it serviced and sharpened before the spring rush starts.

Keith Hicks

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FOR PLAYGOERS

The W.I. has some seats left on its shopping and theatre trip to Cheltenham to see Ben Levy's comedy, Mr. Clutterbuck. The coach will leave at 1.00 p.m. on Saturday, 19th March, returning at about 9.30 p.m. Details from Mrs. Wood (386) or Mrs. Keyser (634).

BLUSH PINK is the intriguing title of the play that the Phoenix Players will present in the Village Hall on Friday, 18th March. The Players need more members of both sexes and all ages and interests.

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ROYAL SILVER JUBILEE

After the public meeting in January, a small committee is now planning an exciting series of events for the Jubilee weekend (4th June - 8th June). Keep the dates free and watch these pages for details.

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HELP WANTED

A typist with a wide carriage typewriter. Help with delivery. - Please contact the Editor.

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SIBFORD SCENE - Edited by Mrs. J. Austing,
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Mrs. M. Molan

SIBFORD SCENE

MARCH 1977

We all stir into action with the Spring, and SIBFORD SCENE hopes to keep everyone in Burdrop, Ferris and the Gower up-to-date with all the many village activities. The paper will appear monthly so please let us know what your organisation is doing. We shall also be glad to receive brief letters, articles, news, ideas and small ads. Contributions should reach the editor or the Rector by the 20th of each month.

Production costs will be about £20 a year. We want to circulate Sibford Scene free so that it reaches every household so we invite donations from organisations or individuals who think the project worth supporting.

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BACK FROM THE BUSH

While Sibford scorched at home last year, Doctor Sidney Agnew was working as a flying doctor in the Australian Bush, visiting remote villages and towns where the nearest medical help may be as much as three hundred miles away.

During his stay he widened his experience not only of human medicine but with animals too, treating dogs, cats, cattle and even kangaroos (a new assistant if Mrs. Spiers were caught on the hop ?).

In one mining town, Mary Kathleen, a lot of his work was patching up miners who had been in fights. On one occasion a very drunk and belligerent patient struggled so much that the syringe, that was meant to anaesthetise his cut, ended up anaesthetising the doctor's foot.

While flying over a particularly inhospitable area in the north, the plane developed engine trouble. Fortunately Dr. Agnew managed to keep going to Burtetown in the remote Bush, otherwise he would have had to choose to come down either in a bay full of sharks or a mangrove swamp full of crocodiles. In his own words, 'It was interesting'.

You can hear and see more of Dr. Agnew's experiences after the Village Hall A.G.M. on 6th May. An evening not to be missed.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 4TH MARCH

For many years now the first Friday of March has been kept as a special day for prayer by women the world over. In this village there is going to be just such a special service at 10.30 a.m. in the Methodist Church: the service this year has been compiled by Christians in East Germany, with the theme 'Love in Action'. Coffee will be served after the service.

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SIBFORD YOUNG WIVES GROUP

It doesn't exist at the moment, but several young wives feel it's time to do something about that. To test the general temperature, there will be a coffee evening at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th March at 3, Barley Close. If you can't come that day, but are interested, perhaps you would ring Erica Wimbush (555) telling her. Perhaps there will be a new name chosen too.

MOTHERING SUNDAY - 20TH MARCH

There will be a slightly different look to the service at 10.30 a.m.: the children who usually go to the Sunday School will be taking part in the worship on that day. Mothers will be presented with a small gift by their children - and we hope that as many as possible will be with their children in church.

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MEET SIBFORD YOUTH CLUB

Have you ever passed the Village Hall between 7.30 and 9.30 on a Monday evening and wondered at the noise? Then you have probably heard the Youth Club in action.

But although the Top Twenty plays a large part in the proceedings, it's not the whole story. Morris Warren and John Molan, who were appointed leaders in December following the retirement of Alan Coughtrey, report that regular weekly activities include table-tennis, darts, board and table games, or for those who prefer it, just a chance to sit and chat over refreshments.

Then there are occasional special evenings: quizzes, film shows and outings which recently have included ice-skating and rifle-shooting. Visits to Bicester Sports Centre provide squash, badminton, trampolining, swimming, table-tennis and a sauna - all for ten pence. With summer coming, outdoor activities are planned too.

Who can join?

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 21.

What does it cost?

First evening free. Then 7p for students, 10p for those at work.

How can I find out more? Telephone John Molan (503) or Morris Warren (231) or pay the club a visit.

Can I help?

Transport for trips is needed. The leaders would like to hear from any volunteers who could bear the noise and possibly a little expense.

WHAT'S ON

FEB. 27 Banbury Friends to visit Sibford Meeting.

MARCH

1st Coffee Morning in aid of Friendship Club.
10.30-12.30. Village Hall. Stalls. Adm. 10p.

3rd Lenten Communion service with very short
address. 7.30 p.m. in Church.

4th Women's World Day of Prayer. 10.30. Methodist
Church Royal British Legion Whist Drive
7.30. Village Hall.

5th Warriner School Choral Society - St. John
Passion in Bloxham Church.

6th Sunday services : 8.30 H.C. (Church), 11 am
Friends & Methodists, 11.30 Sunday School.

7th Youth Club 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Village Hall.

8th W.I. Talk on Florentine Embroidery, followed
by tea. 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Village Hall.

9th Horticultural Society. A talk on Weeds by
Mr. Chancellor. 8.00 p.m. Village Hall.

10th Lenten Communion Service. 7.30 p.m.

13th Sunday services : 10.30 H.C. (Church), 11 am
Friends (and Friends Children's Class in
Banbury), 11 am Methodists, 11.30 Sunday School.

14th Youth Club 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Village Hall.

15th Friendship Club, Mrs. Sheila Stewart.

16th CMS Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy, 10.30-12.
Barn Close, Burdrop (Mrs. Frith).

17th Lenten Communion Service. 7.30 p.m.

18th Blush Pink - Phoenix Players - Village Hall.

19th W.I. Theatre visit to Cheltenham.

20th Mothering Sunday. Special Service 10.30
(Church) 11 am Friends, Methodists.

21st Youth Club 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Village Hall.

22nd Playgroup Spring Fair. 10.15 Village Hall.
PTA Pub Evening at Gate Hangs High. Tickets
from school or Mrs. J. Morris (414).

24th Lenten Communion Service. 7.30 p.m.

25th Lady Day Communion Service. 7.30 p.m.

27th Sunday Services : 11 am Friends, Methodists,
11.30 Sunday School, 6 pm Evensong and H.C.
followed by AGM for all on the electoral roll.

28th Youth Club 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Village Hall.