

THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE

Here is an outline of events being arranged for Sibford. Book the dates and watch for further details.

SATURDAY, 4th JUNE: Evening - Disco for young people.

SUNDAY, 5th JUNE: Afternoon - United Church service followed by refreshments and display of work mounted by the Primary School.

MONDAY, 6th JUNE: Evening: Torchlight procession Lighting of beacon, bonfire and Barbecue. Folk dancing and singing.

TUESDAY, 7th JUNE: Afternoon - Fancy dress competition, children's sports, and tea party, distribution of crowns to children.
Evening - Social and entertainment.

THE W.I. are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of village Jubilee funds from 10.30 to 12 noon on Wednesday, 13th April in the Village Hall.

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THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB made £76 at its recent Coffee Morning. The meeting on 19th April is open to all villagers. Admission 10p
Details in the Calendar.

SIBFORD SCENE. Thank you to all who have offered help and made donations. Can anyone help with delivery in Burdrop, High Meadow or Backside lane?

Material for the May issue should be with the editor by Wednesday, 20th April.

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SIBFORD SCENE

WHO WERE THEY?

APRIL 1977

Can anyone help trace a book of great local interest last seen in 1966?

WHO WERE THEY?, by Joshua Lamb, is a black limp-covered exercise book about an inch thick, handwritten in pencil, describing every occupant of the Meeting House graveyard, along with their family history.

The book belongs to the Friends' library and they would be delighted to have it back. Perhaps this is the year that someone's Spring cleaning or Bring and Buy will bring it to light.

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SPORTING LADIES

Having ventured into copper and pewter work during the Winter, the W.I. are now starting golf lessons at Tadmarton for a cost of only 50p. Mrs. Keyser can supply further details.

She would also like to hear if there is any interest in arranging a second outing to the Bliss Mills at Chipping Norton.

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CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the Coffee Morning on March 16th, and to Mrs. Frith and her helpers. Just over £50 was raised.

Half of this sum has been set aside for our present to Niall and Sheila Watson to help them with the air fare when Sheila flies home from Kenya to settle their eldest son, Andrew, at boarding school. This separation of families is all part of the sacrifice missionaries make when they serve overseas. It was Gordon Wright's excellent idea that we should help the Watsons in this way.

The rest of the money has been sent to CMS, earmarked for Niall's work in Kenya, which Sibford and Epwell have been supporting since 1960.

Anne Stephens.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 1977.

This is the week when we share as far as we can the experiences of Jesus in the last few days of his life. There are services in Epwell, Swalcliffe and Tadmarton, as well - a full list will be in the Church porch nearer the time. The services at Sibford are in the Calendar.

Timothy Wimbush.

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SIBFORD YOUNG WIVES

The first meeting was held on 9th March and a committee was formed. The next informal get-together on Monday, 28th March, will be at Ferris House, Sibford Ferris at 7.30 p.m. We hope that women of all ages will come and take this opportunity of getting to know each other better; we're not just limited to mothers with young children. Future Plans: Tuesday, 19th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Friends' Hall (opposite the Wykham Arms).

Erica Wimbush.

IN YOUR GARDEN - TOPICAL TIP FOR APRIL

The weather should be warm enough now to get salad crops underway outside for a continuing supply right up to the Autumn. Try to plant a few seeds of each of your favourite varieties of lettuces, radishes, spring onions every week and you'll always have a hearty lettuce to cut or a few radishes or onions to pull.

Get the children to grow some mustard and cress on the windowsill. They'll enjoy growing it and it can be freshly cut for the salad bowl.

Keith Hicks.

MEETTHE FRIENDS

To the outside world Sibford is probably best known for its Quakers.

The story starts in 1657 when a Meeting House was built in Banbury after followers of George Fox brought Quakerism from the North. Many people from surrounding villages met there on Sundays, including Joseph Harris of Little Sibbard (Sibford Ferris), who almost certainly lived in what is now the Headmaster's house at the Friends' School.

It was with Joseph Harris that George Fox stayed in 1678 and held a meeting in a barn at Broad Sibbard on the last Sunday in March, at which many hundreds assembled.

Soon after this, Friends in Sibford built their first Meeting House, smaller than the present one, but on the same site. This served for some 200 years until, with the growth of the Friends' School, it was found that a larger Meeting House was needed. The old one was pulled down and the present one opened in 1864.

Today, Friends in Sibford are a very small group working hard to stay alive. This year they have organised a calendar of events to help increase the fellowship. Concern for the elderly is shown in sharing in the running of a sheltered housing project at East House, Adderbury. The care of the young is also partly shared with Banbury where some of the families go monthly for a children's class; and on six Sundays Banbury Friends will come to join in the responsibility towards senior pupils from the school who attend several times a term.

The Friends meet each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Meeting House, Sibford Gower.

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The Friends' Hall (Mission Room) is available for hire. Contact Norman Coxon or Ann Spicer for details.