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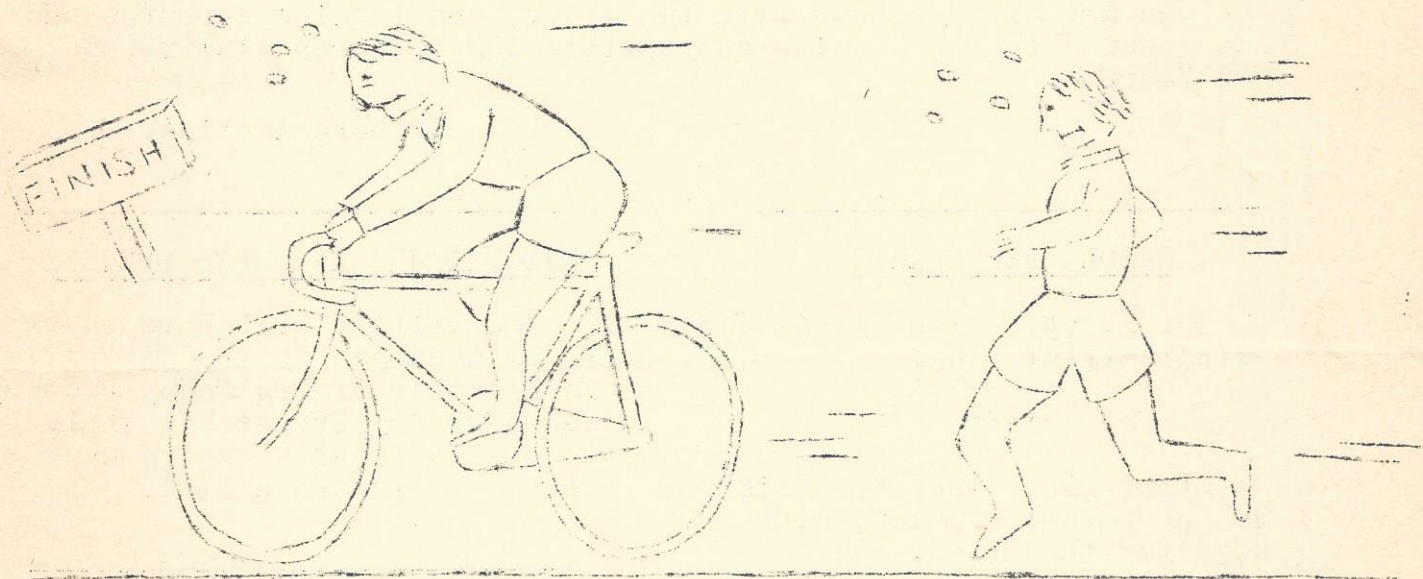
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CONGRATULATIONS

Iain Spiers, aged 16, recently went to London to meet Esther Rantzen and receive his prize of a four-day cycling holiday in Hungary. With his partner, Eric Smith, Iain completed 209 miles in a twelve-hour tandem ride, raising £164 for the British Heart Foundation.

A ride home in a chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce was nine-year-old Anthony Baker's reward for raising £112 for Help The Aged, breaking all records. Anthony led the field for the second year running, this time walking thirty laps of the People's Park. He would like, through Scene, to thank everyone who sponsored him.



WELCOME TO SIBFORD

Invitations to the Welcome to Sibford Party will shortly be going out to those who have moved into the village since January 1977. We hope to miss no-one out: if you fit into this category, and no invitation is forthcoming, then please contact Dame Anne Stephens (452).

JANUARY: A TWO FACED MONTH

Do you relish the arrival of January with its snow and ice? If you are a Sibford motorist, probably not, although, for the ornithologists among us, it has its compensations. Winter visitors normally shy of human company seem less anxious to hide away when the snow is on the ground. Redwings and Fieldfares do not fly from our path as they normally would; they stay in the trees and watch while we pass, although the latter sometimes rise and settle again a little farther on.

I was surprised to discover that January was formally adopted by all European nations as the first month of the year only in the eighteenth century, although 1st January had been regarded as the first day of the year in Scotland since 1600. Our forefathers, the Angles and Saxons, called the month Wulfonmath because cold and hunger induced the wolves to enter the villages at that season. Anyone for a walk to the village shop?

The name, January, comes from one of the principal ancient Roman gods, Janus, always the first to be mentioned in prayer and to receive a portion of a sacrifice. Janus, it seems, had a strong connexion with doors: he was the opener and fastener of all things and so developed into the god of beginnings. Traditionally the doors of his temple were opened during time of war and closed in peace.

He was always shown with two faces, one looking forwards and one looking behind - quite appropriate for a representative of New Year.

Richard Austing.

CAROLS FOR CHARITY

The P.T.A. raised about £18 with their singing.

Eight girls from the Primary School raised £10 for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

MRS PADBURY AND MISS EVERETT

The village will have cause to be saddened by the deaths in December of Mrs Fanny Padbury and Miss May Everett. Their loss will leave a gap in many areas of Sibford's life.

MAKING HISTORY

Did you know that your doings are going down in history? Sibford Scene, like other village magazines, is preserved in the Local History Collection held at the City Library in Oxford, to give a picture of rural life in the 70's to students in years to come.

STAR OVER SIBFORD

The crib in Barley Close has been delighting passers-by again this Christmas. It was made by Keith Hicks some five years ago and, after the ravages of recent years' storms, now sports a new, brilliantly shining star and a re-thatched roof. It is seen at its best when lit up in the evenings.

W.I.

SENIOR RESIDENTS PARTY

The W.I. would like to express their gratitude to the following organisations who generously gave donations towards the Senior Residents' Party:

The Red Cross
The Village Hall
Leo
Town Charities Trust
Youth Club
P.T.A.
and the Sibford Folk Dance Club
who provided the entertainment.

May Jarvis.

JANUARY MEETING

'Birds' by Mr Walton
Tuesday 9th January,
2.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.
Upholstery Classes begin again
on Wednesday January 10th.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

January 2nd No Club
January 16th Members Meeting
at the Friends
School followed
by sing-song
January 30th Mr Wager (we hope)

A winter reminder - all club
meetings are automatically
cancelled in the event of snow.

SIBFORD CONSERVATIVE
ASSOCIATION

Our most sincere thanks to
everyone who gave so generously
to our Grocery Stall at the
Bazaar held at the Old People's
Club in Banbury on 25th
November, which enabled us to
make £35 towards the grand
total of £400.

Mary Malloy.

THE GARDEN IN JANUARY

The Weather Men forecast a mild January, to be followed by a wintry February, no doubt, following a warm October last Autumn. It is usually cold as the days lengthen but, if the ground is prepared, whenever conditions are suitable you can get away to a quick start in early Spring.

If you haven't sown early broad beans in the Autumn, or if you did sow them and lost them in the frosty weather, sow Aqua Dulce now in boxes under glass to plant out when frost has gone, similarly, shallots for replacement can be sprouted in trays. A sowing of lettuce Fortune or Windermere under cloches or frames will give a cutting in April - May. Onion Ailsa Craig sown this month in boxes, on the window sill if necessary, will have a good start in life and should mature by September. If you can sow cabbage May Express or Hispi this month under glass to transplant in March, they should be ready to cut in May - June.

I hope you have spent an enjoyable hour or two armchair gardening these dark evenings, reading the seedsmen's catalogues and have ordered the seeds for the February sowing of flowers and vegetables.

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THE LOGGINS

'The Reverend John Loggin of Swalcliffe, natus 1660, Rector of Marston Sicca, who died 1731, aet. 71 (A.M.M. E.Col. Nov. Oxon.)

By his will 'did bequeathe unto the Poor in Charitable Uses for to be laid out and distributed in Bread on Sundays for such as Come to Church, Setting out of Apprentices, Combing the Indigent and otherwise as to my Executors shall seem meet the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds: for the poor of Swalcliffe, Sibfords, Burdrope, Clifford Chambers, Quinton and Longmarston that the money may be distributed yearly.'

Thus runs the tablet just inside the door of Sibford Church, in the Baptistery. The family of Loggin was long connected with this neighbourhood. The great-grandfather of the Rev. John was Robert Loggin of Little Tew(1524). William, his grandfather and John, his father, were Rectors or Parsons of Swalcliffe before him. His son, grandson and great-grandson were Rectors of Marston Sicca after him. He was connected by marriage with the family of Wykeham and among the descendants of his family was the Rev. Robert Loggin, Chancellor of Sarum (Salisbury) and Vicar of Adderbury 1665.

In 1889 the Charity was placed under the Charity Commissioners. The records are in the possession of the Trustees.

Each year the Trustees meet and allocate the funds which to this day accrue from the wisdom of our forebears. The custom in the Sibfords is for a gift of money to be distributed at around Christmas time: this year 36 homes have received a small amount of money in time for the festive season.

THE NEW YEAR 1979

There have been New Year Resolutions since the year dot, I wouldn't be surprised; and mostly, no doubt, of a personal nature, like giving up smoking, or not eating cakes and biscuits - something of that ilk. And they are quite possibly a good thing to do, for yourself.

But how about a New Year Resolution which concerns the community? There are quite a few old people, living on their own, in our villages - indeed you may be one reading this. If you aren't one, how many of them do you know? Have you befriended any lately, or been to see any for a long time? Perhaps 1979 could be the Year of Befriending. In this way the whole community will become a stronger unit.

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR OF YE OLDE FAMILIES

I stole a few lines last month to put the result down. Space prevented me from saying what I really wanted to: and that was to thank particularly Robin Spicer and Mabel Payne who were the guiding lights behind the whole enterprise, together with those who were coerced into helping and the very many who came and spent so liberally. The total was close to £300 which represents a considerable bonus to the funds of the Church.

Thank you all very much.

Timothy Wimbush.

CHURCH NOTES

The United Service on 21st January is our contribution to the world-wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This week runs from 18th-25th January each year; and for the past two years we have had this special service in the Church. I do hope that many of you will be able to come and join us. The Rev. Leslie Hann, the Methodist minister with responsibility for this village, has kindly agreed to preach for us, and other denominations will be represented. Light refreshments will be available in the Village Hall after the service.

The Time - 3.30 p.m.

The Date - Sunday 21st January

The Place - The Parish Church

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PLAYGROUP NEWS

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Playgroup Bazaar by helping, giving goods or spending their money. Father Christmas was very popular - the queue for him was half way down the hall at one stage! We made approximately £145 which is very pleasing and will certainly help towards covering the expenses of the Playgroup.

Some may not realise that the Playgroup is becoming so popular that, to ease the waiting list, we now have an extra session on Monday afternoons.

A new committee was elected at the recent A.G.M. and the new officers are:-

Chairman	Mrs Jean White
Treasurer	Mrs Erica Wimbush
Correspondence Secretary	Mrs June Couch
Registration Secretary	Mrs Glynis Morbey
	22 High Meadow, Sibford Gower
	(Swalcliffe 754)

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HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

The Centre re-opens on Monday 8th January

Monday	Afternoon Evening	Bridge Upholstery Crochet
Tuesday	Afternoon Evening	Soft Furnishing Ladies' Keep Fit Lettering
Wednesday	Evening	Painting The Faiths Men Live By
Thursday	Afternoon Evening	Pewterwork Yoga Painting

There are some vacancies. Enquiries to Mr Alan Sibson
(Hook Norton 737737)

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FRIENDS

Meeting for Worship

Sunday 11.00 a.m.

Morning Service

Sunday 11.00 a.m.

7th Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.

14th & 28th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

21st United Service 3.30 p.m.

Sunday School 11.30 a.m. in Church each week.

MONDAY 8th

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE - Term Begins

W.I. 'Birds' Village Hall 2.00 p.m.

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TUESDAY 16th

FRIENDSHIP CLUB Members Meeting Friends School

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SUNDAY 21st

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Service 3.30 p.m.
St. Paul

THURSDAY 25th

HOLY COMMUNION 7.30 p.m. Conversion of St Paul

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TUESDAY 30th

FRIENDSHIP CLUB Mr Wager

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