

CALENDAR FOR MAY - (Cont'd)

- 2nd. Youth Club - Village Hall 7.30 pm.  
3rd. Friendship Club  
4th. Red Cross collection.  
5th. Holy Communion 7.30 pm.  
6th. Village Hall A.G.M. 7.30 pm.  
7th. Cricket - v. Kinton (away)  
Horticultural Society - Jumble Sale  
2.30 pm Village Hall.  
8th. Holy Communion 10.30 am., Friends and  
Methodists 11 am., Sunday School 11.30am.  
9th. Youth Club - Village Hall 7.30 pm.  
10th. W.I. - A.G.M. Village Hall 2 pm.  
11th. Horticultural Society - Gardening for  
the Birds - Village Hall 8 pm.  
14th. Cricket - v. Warnington (home).  
15th. Holy Communion 10.30 am., Friends and  
Methodists 11 am., Sunday School 11.30am.  
16th. Christian Aid - Hunger Lunch 12 noon  
until 2 p.m.  
Young Wives - "24 Square Miles,"  
Friends Hall 7.30 pm.  
Youth Club - Village Hall 7.30 pm.  
17th. Friendship Club.  
19th. Ascension Day. Holy Communion 7.30 pm.,  
and PCC meeting.  
21st. Swalcliffe Jubilee Fete - 3 pm.  
Cricket - v. Alcan Sports (away).  
22nd. Friends and Methodists 11 a.m., Sunday  
School 11.30 a.m., Evensong and Holy  
Communion 6 pm.  
23rd. Youth Club - Village Hall 7.30 pm.  
24th. Young Wives - Accidents in the Home -  
Friends Hall 7.30 pm.  
28th. Cricket - v. Cropredy (home).  
29th. Whitsunday - United Eucharist at Swal-  
cliffe 10 am, Friends & Methodists  
11 am., Sunday School 11.30 a m.  
30th. Whit Monday Holy Communion 7.30 pm.

# SIBFORD SCENE

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Several items this month are concerned literally with the scene around Sibford. A reminder perhaps that villages don't stay attractive without some human help.

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Sibford has been entered for the annual Best-kept Village Competition which we won in 1975. Judging will take place at some unspecified time in the early summer, so there's just time for a little tidying up.

## "JUST GOING TO FEED THE DUCKS"

The ducks on the Gower pond have been sadly missed by many devoted bread-throwers. Some of the residents in the pond area plan to replace them, but have come across problems. If anyone knows where half a dozen three-month old ducks can be obtained, Mrs. Mabel Payne at the Post Office would be delighted to hear.

## TWENTY-FOUR SQUARE MILES

This is the title of a film made just after the war, depicting life in the countryside of North Oxfordshire. It gives a fascinating and eye-opening picture of this area and plenty of opportunities to spot familiar landmarks.

The Young Wives have arranged to show the film on Monday, 16th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Friends' Hall and invite everyone, regardless of age or sex, to come along. Admission will be 20 pence, including coffee.

## VILLAGE HALL

Doctor Sidney Agnew will be showing the film of his Australian experiences at the Village Hall A.G.M. on Friday, 6th May at 7.30. Everyone is urged to be there.

## MEET.....THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This Club for men and women over 60 was first sponsored by the Oxfordshire Association for the Care of Old People, now under Age Concern. W.R.V.S. members were asked to organise it, so with as many drivers and helpers as we could get, the Club was started in 1966, and at Christmas last year, we had a 10th Anniversary Party.

We meet from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, in either the Friends School or the Village Hall. We often have a speaker, perhaps with slides, sometimes an entertainment and sometimes cards and dominoes. We have a thrift club as a way of saving for a long outing or for Christmas shopping, and each meeting we run a stall of food and drink at Cash and Carry prices (Ovaltine, Horlicks, Ribena, honey, coffee, etc.).

From March to November we have at least six half-day outings and one longer one. There is usually a summer tea party in July and a Christmas party in December. If we have a very special speaker or entertainment, we invite non-members and make a small entrance charge or have a collection.

The annual subscription is 30 pence. Anyone over 60 who thinks they would like to join can come as a visitor and we hope they will like us enough to become members.

Mrs. M. B. Flinn.

### SWALCLIFFE JUBILEE FETE

This will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 21st May. Visitors from Sibford will be very welcome. Watch for further details.

## WHERE THERE'S LIFE LET THERE BE HOPE

For many years now, Christian Aid has been granted one of the weeks of May as a major fund-raising opportunity. Over the next two years, the Government will be spending less on overseas aid, so unless charities like Christian Aid do more for the world's poor, it is the poor themselves who will suffer most from our own economic hard times.

The theme for this year's week is "WHERE THERE'S LIFE LET THERE BE HOPE." In Sibford this year we are making one big effort and we hope it will receive maximum possible support. On Monday, 16th May, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. there will be a hunger lunch at Mrs. Law's house ("Hillside," Sycamore Close). To remind us of the desperate plight of millions of people the menu will consist of a bowl of soup and a roll - and will cost 40p. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy cake stall. Please come and make the hunger lunch a great success.

For those unable to come on the day, donations may be delivered to the Rectory or either Post Office in a sealed envelope suitably marked, at some time during the week.

### CHURCH NOTES

The SUNDAY SCHOOL re-opens on Sunday, 1st May, after the Easter break; it meets each Sunday in the Church from 11.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. Children between the ages of four (roughly) and twelve will be welcomed.

SERVICES FOR MAY are in the Calendar, but please note especially that on WHITSUNDAY, 29th May, there will be no service at Sibford. There is a United Eucharist at Swalcliffe at 10 a.m. Transport will be arranged - details in the church porch.

## CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Lent boxes realised £26.71. - many thanks to all who contributed. This sum, together with donations made at the CMS evening in January, and half the proceeds of the Coffee Morning, makes a total of £65 towards Sheila Watson's air fare when she comes home to settle Rebecca into boarding school.

Anne Stephens

## THE FRIENDS

Friends would like to correct a sentence in last month's Sibford Scene that perhaps gave a wrong impression.

There are, as was stated, few in number but would like to feel there is more value in their work than merely keeping themselves alive, especially as the question of numbers has never been of first importance to Friends

On the Wednesday in Easter week, Banbury and Sibford Friends joined for a walk from Sibford Meeting House to Traitors Ford and Temple Mill, returning to the Meeting House for tea. Thirty-one Friends took part, ranging in age from 2 years to 75.

M. Le Mare.

## SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB

Now that Summer is here again, or nearly so, we are glad to be able to set out for you in the Calendar the fixtures that we shall fulfill during May.

New players would be most welcome; Please contact W. Barton (Captain - Tysoe 204) or the Vice-captain, B. Holliday (Hook Norton 643). Home matches are played on the ground behind the Village Hall, and supporters would always be welcomed.

Arthur Robinson.

## THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL

Between 9th May and 14th May there will be a knock on your door and you will find a collector for the Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund. The national collection will be carried out by the Royal British Legion because they have the necessary organisation, but they emphasise that the money is not for their own funds.

The purpose of the appeal, led by Prince Charles, is to give the whole nation the opportunity of expressing its affection for the Queen and gratitude for her 25 years of devoted service to us all.

What will the money be used for? The appeal is to be dedicated to youth, to support all kinds of projects now and in the future by which young people can be helped to live more fully by helping others.

Half the money raised in the county will be made available locally at once, but the rest will be kept in trust to deal with changing needs over the years.

There won't be another such appeal this century, so it is a rare chance to give generously.

..... AND SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

W A N T E D - By the village Jubilee Committee - TIMBER for the bonfire. If you have any scrap, could you let David Stewart (Tel. 219) know, please?

## RED CROSS

Earthquake, flood, famine, war - wherever there is disaster and suffering, the international Red Cross is ready to bring help and relief.

In Banbury the job of the Red Cross is less dramatic but the same - to help and serve the community. The Detachments of adults and Cadets are trained in First Aid and nursing and often give their services at public events. Voluntary helpers provide staff for the Out-patients' Canteen at the Horton Hospital, trolley-shops, in the hospitals and Cheshire Home, the toy library for handicapped children, help at baby and therapy Clinics, offer beauty care for severely disabled people at the Cheshire Home and do many other jobs. They also maintain medical loan stores where wheelchairs, commodes etc. can be borrowed for home nursing. (The nearest is at Mrs. David Clarke's house, Scotland End, Hook Norton).

NOW FOR THE PUNCH LINE - On Wednesday, 4th May, the Sibford Youth Club, supervised by their leaders, will be making the annual Red Cross house-to-house collection. Please encourage the young people and support the work of the Red Cross at home and overseas.

Anne Stephens.

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE CAKE RECIPE

For those of you who plan to enter Section C, class 17 - "Cut and Come Again Cake" - please note that 4 oz. of caster sugar should be added to this recipe.

## JUMBLE SALE, VILLAGE HALL 2.30 p.m. SATURDAY, 7TH MAY

Please telephone Keith Hicks (259) if you have any jumble for collection, including anything for the Good-as-New Rail.

## MAY MEETING - VILLAGE HALL 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY

A welcome return of Cliff Christie who this time will combine his two great loves in his talk "Gardening for the Birds."

### TOPICAL TIP FOR MAY

Why not try growing at least one pepper plant (Capsicum) this year? Cultivation is very easy even without a greenhouse. They make an attractive house plant which flowers and gives a tasty fruit. Plant one seed in each 5" pot and place on a sunny window ledge. Water freely through the growing and fruiting period. Fertilise the flowers with a paint brush or put the plant outside during flowering. Feed every ten days when fruits appear until they show colour. Each plant should be restricted to four fruits.

Keith Hicks.

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### CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 1st. SS Philip and James. 8.30 am Holy Communion. 11 am Friends and Methodists. 11.30 am Sunday School.
- 2nd. Young Wives - Friends Hall 7.30 pm.