

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Regular Sunday Services

Methodists. Morning Service at 11am
Society of Friends. Meeting at 11am
Parish Church. 1st Sunday 8.30 Holy Communion
2nd & 3rd Sundays 10.30 Holy Communion
4th Sunday United Service at 3.30pm
5th Sunday United Benefice Eucharist 10am
Sunday School. weekly (not 29th) at 11.30am

4th Term starts at school
Upholstery class. 7.30pm Village Hall
6th Epiphany. Holy Communion in Church 7.30pm.

9th Playschool term starts
The Leo Club 7.30pm Mission Hall. Mr Morrell
on "Growing your own Vegetables"
10th Women's Institute 2pm Meeting
2.30 "From Five till
Five Thirty" -
Play open to all.

17th Friendship Club. A.G.M. in the Friends School
with "Sing-Song" afterwards
18th Upholstery Class. 7.30 pm Village Hall

24th The Leo Club Dinner (see earlier note)
Friends. Austerity lunch 12 - 2 pm in the
Meeting House for relief to India
25th Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Communion
7.30pm Church
Upholstery Class. 7.30pm Village Hall

30th C.M.S. Evening. 7.30pm at Epwell Village Hall

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SIBFORD SCENE

CHRISTMAS 1977

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CHRISTMAS CHEER

Christmas is not just the time for the exercising of the right arm in the time-honoured custom of drinking: it is, much more importantly, the time of the year when we recall the events of Bethlehem - when the small defenceless baby, destined to be the Saviour of the world, was born in the stable. The churches of Sibford have made these plans to help you keep the festival in a truly Christian manner:-

The Parish Church

11.30 pm (24th). Midnight Mass of Christmas
10.30am (25th). Family Communion with the children & their parents specially in mind.

The Methodist Church

11.00 am (25th) Christmas Morning Service

The Society of Friends

11.00 am (25th) Christmas Meeting

At the Parish Church there will be a special retiring collection for Christian Aid. We hope to have many of you sharing our joy with us - bring your visitors too.



CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

During 1977, we have, together with Epwell, collected a total of £183 for our friends in Kenya. The Watsons' children have had a happy term at school and are in Kenya for Christmas. We have sent them the Christmas copy of the Illustrated London News.

We plan to hold a special evening on Monday, 30th January at Epwell Village Hall at 7.30pm, when we should be entertained and helped by a group of Oxford undergraduates who have worked in Kenya with Niall Watson.

WHEN IT'S ALL OVER

Don't just throw those cards away. Take the front pictures off and bundle them together and let Mrs Flinn have them. Also broken dolls, odd bits of lace and material, bead necklaces and even buttons and dinky cars. A disabled lady in Chipping Norton turns them into new toys for Children's homes in England and India. She also makes quilts, cushions and Christmas tree decorations. She spends the whole of the year on her work for these underprivileged children, so Mrs Flinn (209) would love to hear from you.

SIBFORD SCHOOL

A few members of the school community meet on Wednesday evenings in term-time in the school workshops to do woodwork, metalwork or upholstery under the guidance of the craft teachers. People from the villages will be made most welcome, but if you are interested, would you contact the Headmaster.

CHRISTMAS FIVE

There's a breathless rush in the house tonight,
Beds to be made and boys to bring in.
Four small cots in the nursery light
Await in silence the joyous din.
Blankets to bind with satin pink -
Pots and pans in the kitchen sink.
Parcels and holly, turkey and wine -
Christmas tree with silvery twine.
Puddings boil and mince pies bake -
Open the door for goodness' sake;
All the children, bright and merry
Are coming today to keep us cheery.

Here and there with concentration
Grandma prepares for the great invasion.
Grandpa, hiding a bulky bundle,
Goes to his usual study huddle,
There to gloat over tiny toys
Chosen with love for girls and boys.
Bring out the dog's bed, find a rug,
Make that corner look cosy and snug -
Tess will be here to guard us all
And frighten the postman out of the hall!
Open the door! out of the way!
All the children, happy and gay,
Are coming to cheer us on Christmas Day.

E.G.

POPPY DAY APPEAL

Mrs Phillips, our local organiser, asks us to thank all who contributed to the splendid sum of over £100, the result of the Poppy Day Appeal this year.

THE L O CLUB

The Who?? This is the newest Society in Sibford, though it has until recently been called the Young Wives. The name stands for Ladies Evening Out & the change is to make sure that all Ladies feel invited to all the events. The Leo Club meets on a regular basis at the Mission Hall opposite the Wykham Arms. The Leo Club dates for January:-

9th Mr Morrell speaking on growing your own vegetables.

24th The Dinner. The venue will depend on how many ladies would like to go. Please let Erica Wimbush (555) know as soon as you can.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At 2.30 pm on Tuesday, 10th January, the Institute is putting on a comedy "From Five to Five-Thirty" they would welcome anyone to the performance.

Details of Upholstery classes can be found in the calendar.

ARCHDEACON'S VISIT

The Archdeacon is one of the more important clergymen in the Diocese of Oxford, and we are very lucky that he has found time to come out to Sibford to preach at the United Benefice Eucharist on 29th January at 10.00am. Our neighbours from Epwell, Swalcliffe & Tadmarton will also be there, so please support us

SIBFORD'S OWN ASTRONAUT

But we're only joking. We refer to Guy Woolfenden who, in that other local paper, said he was "over the moon" at winning his recent television award for the Musical of the Year. Some of us saw him receive his trophy.

May we, albeit belatedly, offer our congratulations too and to give good warning of his forthcoming talk to the Leo Club on his work as the Musical Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company. The talk will be on 27th February - and anyone will be welcome to hear him.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Each year throughout the world in the week of 18th - 25th January, Christians combine in a specially concerted effort of prayer. In Sibford last year we had the first United Service for a very long time, and we shall have another this year as well.

The service will be on Sunday, 22nd January at 3.30pm in the Parish Church. The preacher will be the Rev. Richard Austing, and the new Methodist minister of our circuit will read one of the lessons. The Society of Friends will provide light refreshments in the Village Hall after the service - I do hope many of you will come.

Small Ads. circulate Sibford for a penny a word.

GIRL 12 years old with free week-end time, wishes to exercise horse or pony, Sibford area. 3 yrs riding experience. Phone Swalcliffe 601

MAXIHIRE. Self-drive Austin Maxi hire at Mini rates Swalcliffe 522

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

You may just have time to join us for our Carol Singing expedition on Wednesday, 21st December. We shall set off from Barley Close at 6.30pm and we hope to cover as much of the village as possible. Proceeds from our efforts will go towards the School Parent-Teachers' Association. Mrs Barlow has very kindly offered some warming beverage afterwards.

PERSONAL NOTICES

If you have anything to tell the village - like Weddings, Births, Engagements, etc. then please let us know. We want this to be your magazine, and while we may think that we know everything that goes on in the Sibfords, perhaps we don't?

SIBFORD PTA

The Committee would like to express its thanks for the generous way in which the village supported the recent Christmas Disco-Dance in the Village Hall. We believe the final profit from the venture to be in excess of £117, which is a very satisfying result - and all that money will go towards the provision of amenities for the children at our local Primary School.

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Timothy Wimbush.

Material for February Scene by 20th January please to the Editor (Jenny Austing, 6 Barley Close)

JANUARY PROJECT

Sibford Friends Meeting will be making a special collection during January to help in relief work in S.E. India, following the devastating cyclones of November. Donations may be given to Judith Pye (Meeting House Cottage) or Margaret Le Mare (Shepherds Knoll, Burdrop).

In addition, on Tuesday 24th January at the Meeting House, from 12 till 2pm, an Austerity Lunch will be held. Please support this if you possibly can.

Margaret Le Mare

CAN YOU HELP

Various unforeseen circumstances have forced both Maurice Warren and John Molan, our Youth Club leaders, to resign. Sadly, therefore, the Club has had to be closed, temporarily we hope. We would wish to thank both Maurice and John for the dedicated way they have worked together over the past year in this direction. Not only have they given up Monday evenings, they have also made many extra trips, ice-skating, swimming, etc.

This is where we hope you will be able to help. We would like a group of 3 or 4 who might together form a team to run our Youth Club. We should surely have one in this village. They would have the backing of the Management Committee and of the County Youth Office. The Rector, John Kinnish or myself would be pleased to have offers.

Joan Shields (571)