

## CALENDAR FOR APRIL

### Weekly events:

Methodist Church: Morning Service 11am.  
Friends - Sunday meeting 11am.  
Parish Church - 1st Sunday 8.30am (Communion)  
2nd & 3rd Sundays 10.30am ( " )  
4th Sunday 6pm Evensong & Communion  
5th Sunday (see below).

3rd First Aid Course: enrolment Epwell 7.30  
4th Friendship Club entertainment  
Leo Club: Samaritan speaker 7.30 in  
Mission Hall

11th W.I. Teapots and Teacups through five  
centuries.

12th Horticultural Society: Mr. Alcock,  
chairman of Banbury H.S. on 'Growing  
Vegetables'.

14th Leo Club at Shipston

18th BIRDLAND AT THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB:-  
2.15pm in Village Hall.

25th Friendship Club Mystery Tour.

28th Save the Children Fund: Coffee Morning  
at Park Farm House, Burdrop 10.30am  
Village Hall A.G.M. 7.30pm

30th United Benefice Eucharist at 10.00am  
at Swalcliffe Church. Canon Rees  
Phillips (son of a former Vicar) will  
preach.

Sibford Scene: edited by Jenny Austing, 6,  
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Production: Keith Hicks, Timothy Winbush.  
The May issue to be edited by the Rector.  
Contributions to him by 20th April, please.

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### FIRST AID

Home is the most dangerous place to be!  
Statistics have proved it. And the ROADS  
and FARMS are dangerous places too.

We all ought to know what to do and  
what not to do when an accident happens.  
Firms employing more than 50 people must,  
by law, have a certified first aider.

You too can learn to cope. Classes are  
to be held on Mondays and Thursdays in April  
and May at Epwell Village Hall at 7.30pm.  
Enrolment date - Monday 3rd April. Minimum  
age is 15 years. The instructors will be  
Dr. Agnew, Mrs Elsley and Mrs Gilchrist.  
Red Cross certificates will be awarded to  
those who successfully complete the course.

### BIRDLAND

Many of us will have visited the famous  
Birdland at Bourton on the Water. This  
month the Friendship Club has been most  
fortunate in getting Mr. Hill, the founder  
of the project, to come and give a talk with  
illustrations. As well as running Birdland,  
he spends half the year in the Falkland  
Islands, so he has plenty of material for a  
most fascinating talk.

The meeting is open to everyone from  
the villages, and a collection will be taken

for Mr. Hill's special charity work.

WHEN: Tuesday 18th April  
2.15 (visitors)

WHERE: The Village Hall.

Other Friendship Club activities this month are an entertainment by the Senior Citizens from the Banbury Salvation Army Club on 4th April, and a Mystery Tour on the 25th.

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There will be greater emphasis than usual on tea at the April meeting. The speaker on 11th April will be Mrs Ploughman on "Teapots and Teacups through five centuries." That will add some interest to one of the activities we most take for granted - drinking tea!

Advance notice: The Jubilee Bazaar will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th May at 2.30pm.

#### WANTED - RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS

The Red Cross provides helpers at some Baby clinics. At present help is needed at the West Par Surgery in Banbury every Thursday from 1.30 to 3.45 approx. Four Sibford volunteers who could work in pairs on alternate weeks would be ideal, but any help would be welcome.

Qualifications: common sense; liking for babies. Duties: weighing, recording, selling baby foods etc.

This is a busy and worthwhile job which enables the doctors and nurses to give more time to their professional work. If you are able to offer help, please contact Dame Anne Stephens (Swalcliffe 452) or Mrs Merry (263).

#### The LEO CLUB

At the recent AGM it was decided, from May, to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Mrs. Foster kindly offered her playroom as a meeting place and her offer was gratefully received. The new Chairman/Secretary will be Anne Spicer.

Coming events: 4th April (at Mission Hall) at 7.30pm - a speaker from the Samaritans: 14th April: Dinner at the White Bear in Shipston, leaving Sibford by coach, we hope, at 7.45pm. Please contact Erica Wimbush (555) if you would like to go, but have not as yet reserved a place.

#### Church Missionary Society

The recent coffee morning at Barn Close Burdrip raised £53.70, which has been sent to C.M.S. to support the work of Niall Watson in Kenya. Our thanks to our friends who so generously supported us on this occasion.

#### Village Hall Committee

The Annual General Meeting of this Committee will be held on 28th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall itself. We hope that the film "24 Square Miles" will be shown.



## SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

150,000 HOT MEALS A DAY - that is the staggering number supplied by the Save the Children Fund to school children in Lesotho in Southern Africa. Few Basuto children would bother to go to school at all were it not for the bonus of a midday meal. This is just one of the projects that the Fund organises all over the world, including Great Britain.

The problems are different in each country. In Britain, for instance, the problems are not so much physical but emotional and psychological. Some 40% of mothers in our cities suffer from dreaded depression. We need to help THEM if we want to save THEIR children.

In Bangladesh the problems are illness and malnutrition. "In Britain, when measles gets you, you have time off school, and a few days later you're OK. But if you lived in Bangladesh things would be different. If measles gets you when you're already thin and hungry, you don't get better." Operation Jab is the only answer.

New health centres in the Bush: blankets being supplied: clothing and shelter in disaster areas - Save the Children Fund saves children world-wide.

They need your support. With world inflation, they are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain existing commitments, let alone take on any new ones. So give the matter your careful thought.

How can the Sibfords help?

1. Children's clothing has been collected at the Primary school. Our thanks for this magnificent effort.
2. House to house collections during Save the Children week - 23rd-29th April.
3. Coffee morning on Friday 28th April at Park Farm House, Burdrop (next to the church) from 10.30am till 12 noon. There will be a S.C.F. gift stall, a cake stall run by the Playgroup, a bring & buy and a raffle. Please come and support us.

## THE GARDEN IN APRIL

Lettuce come to mind first. Sutton's Fortune does well in these parts. Sow now. If you can cover the row with cloches or frame lights it will speed up growth by at least a week. Follow with Little Gem, surely the sweetest and crispest of all Cos lettuce. Plan to sow at 2-3 week intervals cabbage lettuce, Avon Defiance (bred at Wellesbourne), Suzan, All Year Round, Webb's Wonder. Cos: more Little Gem, Lobjoit's Green Cos.

If you missed sowing Broad Beans in the Autumn, you can catch up by sowing Longpod Express or, in small gardens, the dwarf, the Sutton. All beans like soaking overnight in lukewarm water before sowing. Don't hurry to sow runner beans except in boxes to plant out in May: but you can get the ground ready. Dig a trench 20" wide, to



a spade's depth, half fill with manure, back fill, rake in some Growmore fertiliser, and the ground will settle for planting out later. Beans and peas like moisture underground, so if you lack manure, line a shallow trench with newspapers and soak well before replacing soil.

An interesting plant for the flower border and the table is the globe artichoke, Vert de Laon. It takes two years from seed and is grown best from offsets planted in April. There is a local grower at Long Compton. If you don't eat the young 'chokes, let them flower, cut them down and dry them for flower arranging.

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### Council Jottings

Having been persuaded to write a few lines from time to time about my years as a District Councillor, I start, not at the beginning (1946), but at April 1978. This is the month when the rate demand comes in and we look with trepidation to see "What do they want this time!" This year for the first time the water and sewerage rates will be demanded and payable to the Water Authority direct, and not to Cherwell council.

Local government today is very big business, illustrated by the fact that the annual turnover of the Cherwell council is more than £60million, and Cherwell is not large. For the first time since reorganisation we are able to reduce our rate demand from 10.02p to 9.60p for this coming year, but unfortunately the county council are increasing their demand by 5p which after deducting

the domestic relief allowance of 18.5p in the pound, leaves a total new domestic rate of 65.10 p in £.

May I draw the attention of ratepayers, whether they live in Council or private property, to the fact that they may well qualify for rebates: oddly, Cherwell has the lowest percentage (8.8%) of householders receiving rebate in England. If your income falls below the following 'needs' allowances, then you should apply to the treasurer for more information:-

- a. Single person: £25.25 weekly 'needs' allowance.
  - b. Married couple/  
single parent family: £36.25 w .n.a.
  - c. For each dependent  
child: £ 6.10 w .n.a.
  - d. married couple, one of  
whom handicapped: £38.85 w.n.a.
- There are other categories of need.

Information about rates and how they are used is included with the rate demand. Many I feel do not study these; for instance the highest expenditure of the county is over £69million on education (out of a total £107m),

If I can be of any help, please contact me: my phone number is Swalcliffe 361.

Lewis Poulton.

### SMALL ADS - A PENNY A WORD

For all your heating and plumbing requirements contact DAVID BUTLER, Swalcliffe 668: 1, The Cross, Sibford Gower.