

CALENDAR FOR MAY

Sundays: Parish Church:-

- 1st - Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m.
2nd & 4th - Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.
3rd - Evensong (no Communion) at 6 p.m.
Every Sunday: Sunday School at 9.30 a.m.
Methodists: Morning Service at 11 a.m.
Friends : Sunday Meeting at 11 a.m.

- 1st - 7th: Red Cross Week - house-to-house collection.
14th - 21st: Christian Aid Week - Coffee Morning (below).

- 2nd. Friendship Club. Mrs. Gaffery on Dancing, at the Friends' School.
4th. Ascension Day: Holy Communion in Church at 7.30 p.m.
9th. Women's Institute. Annual Meeting 2 p.m. Village Hall.
11th. Parochial Church Council. 4 Sycamore Close 8 p.m.
13th. Women's Institute JUBILEE BAZAAR Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
Sibford Cricket Club v. Warmington (Home) 2.30 p.m.
16th. Friendship Club. Mrs. Coles on "Running a Bookshop," at the Friends' School.
17th. CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING at 2 Sycamore Close, with bring and buy & raffle - 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
Annual Parish Meeting Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
20th. Sibford Cricket Club v. Brailes (Away) 2.30 p.m.
23rd. Leo Club. Recipe Evening at Temple Lodge at 8 p.m.
25th. Corpus Christi. Holy Communion in church 7.30 p.m.
27th. Sibford Cricket Club v. Cropedy (Away) 2.30.
The June issue will be edited by Jenny Austing, 5 Barley Close (358); material to her by 20th May, please.

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RED CROSS WEEK

There are two thousand people in Oxfordshire, six of them from our own village, who work for the Red Cross voluntarily. The work they do, however, needs money if it is to be effectively maintained.

For many years now there has been one week officially designated as Red Cross Week. This year it is the week between 1st and 7th of May. A house-to-house collection has been arranged for Sibford; it will be carried out by senior boys and girls from the Friends' School. Out of the generosity for which Sibford is noted in these parts, please give as liberally as you can to this most worthwhile cause.

JAPANESE IN SIBFORD

The visitor's book at the Friends' Meeting House now contains one very unusual signature - that of the Rev. Chiwaki Nakamuza, from Japan. He recently visited the grave of Elizabeth R. Gillett in the burial ground here, while on a two-day visit to this country.

Mr. Nakamuza had been greatly influenced by the life of Elizabeth Gillett when she was

a missionary in Japan. She went there in 1896 and for the next forty years worked among the poor employees of the government steam trains founding several missions from them. She lived a very simple life, teaching the love of Jesus wherever she went.

Although Elizabeth Gillett knew no Japanese, her influence was widespread, particularly on Chiwaki Nakamuza, who helped her in her work for seven years. He desired to visit and photograph her grave in order to show his gratitude for all the help he had received.

As the clouds of war gathered in the Far East, she made her way to Canada in 1940 and spent the next few years with friends and relatives. When she returned to England, she made her home in Banbury, continuing to refresh and strengthen all who visited her by the atmosphere of serenity and peacefulness which she radiated to the end.

TREES

15 trees have been planted in Pound Lane, by Sibford Gower Parish Council. The trees are a mixture of Mountain Ash, Sycamore and Canadian Maple. It is hoped to plant some more trees in the autumn. The Cherwell District Council will replace the tree they broke off in Acre-ditch.

SILVER JUBILEE

The accounts are available for inspection on request and will be available at the Sibford Gower Parish Meeting. Receipts from all

sources amounted to £514. 23., of which £227 came from donations. Expenditure amounted to £285. 96., leaving a balance in cash of £228. 27. It was decided to purchase for each parish a seat to be donated to each Parish Council. Total cost £119. 88. The balance of £108. 39. is to be given to the Prince of Wales Fund. The Sibford Gower Parish Council have erected their seat by the Village Pond, and I understand the Sibford Ferris Parish Council are to erect theirs on the Hook Norton road. Once again, the Jubilee Committee would like to thank everyone involved in the Jubilee celebrations for the kind donations and the very hard work put in by all, which made the event such a success.

Bill Johnson.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mrs. Marsha Gaffery, an American who has been teaching international dancing to Senior Citizen clubs, is paying the Friendship Club a second visit. She will be accompanied by a group she has taught, to give some of our more energetic members a lesson. Her visit will be on Tuesday, 2nd May in the Friends' School.

A fortnight later, Mrs. Coles, owner of the bookshop in the White Lion shopping precinct, will come and talk about her work. among other things she will tell of the visits of Pam Ayres and James Herriot to her shop to autograph their books. This meeting: 16th May, at the Friends' School.