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SIBFORD SCENE

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Easter is almost upon us with school holidays and, we hope, the weather to lure us to activity. This month's Scene is full of things to do. We have our first ever crossword - one with a decidedly Sibfordian flavour. We hope it is a feature we shall be able to repeat from time to time, if enough compilers come forward. Then there is the first of a series of articles about our footpaths and rights of way and news of many other activities. First an exhortation from the Parish Council.

SPRING CLEANING

Sibford has been entered for this year's Best Kept Village competition, so everyone is asked to make a special effort on their patch.

Judging will take place during the following periods:

1st Round 6th - 26th May

2nd round 10th - 23rd June.

Attention now will ensure best appearances in the summer months. Perhaps we could all take care that litter doesn't spoil our lanes too.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

1979 is The Year of the Child and Save the Children Week is our chance to do something for children in need both at home and abroad.

There will be a house-to-house collection in the last week of April. Volunteers are urgently needed for this, so please contact Sue Lambert (Swa. 544) if you could help.

Maureen Evans of the Bishop's Blaize is holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 2nd May at 10.30, when there will be Bring and Buy, a cake stall and raffle.

Please be generous in your support.

THANK YOU

Sibford Scene has recently received donations from both Parish Councils, the Village Hall Committee and the Horticultural Society. The magazine costs about £5 an issue to produce, so all contributions are very welcome.

EDITH LAMB - POET

There will be many of the older Sibford inhabitants who will remember Joseph and Edith Lamb who emigrated to Australia to join their daughter, Jennifer, about twenty years ago.

Joseph died in 1969 but Edith, now 91 years old, has just had a book of verse printed. It is called 'Vignette of English Verse' and is dedicated to 'all lovers of the Old Country'. She is hoping soon to have a book of children's verse printed with illustrations by one of her grand-daughters.

Here is one of her poems which is particularly appropriate at the moment.

BLACKTHORN WINTER

Because the primrose pioneers
The hazel groves invade,
And kingcups gild the marshy meres,
While starred are wood and glade
By pale anemones, and slopes
Of chalky downs are gay
With pulsatillas, born are hopes
That Spring has come to stay.
But winter has a plan to snatch
Another week. Last night
She covered hill and dale to match
The blackthorn bushes white:
And when the petals fall like snow
And drift along the lane
To coronation Spring will go
And Winter flee again.

CHURCH NOTES

This year the month of April is dominated by the great festival of Easter Day which falls right in the middle of the month; and, although the snow is with us yet again as I write, the hope must be that all this winter's excesses will be behind us when we come to celebrate the triumph of Jesus Christ over death. The message of Easter above all is that the Lord lives again - and that new life of the Risen Christ should be reflected in our own lives.

Some of you may well have no interest in this religious observance: that is your privilege in this free country. Nevertheless Easter is one of those days when people love to come to their church and sing hymns of praise and joy. We would love to see the church filled to capacity - and there's a challenge for the village! And all comers will be made very warmly welcome.

There will be three services in the Parish Church on Easter Day:
8.00a.m. Holy Communion from the Prayer Book,
11.15 a.m. Family Holy Communion with Holy Baptism and hymns,
6.00 p.m. Easter Evensong and Holy Communion.
We hope that many children will come at 11.15, when the service will be slanted towards them, and that they will bring their parents with them.

The Good Friday service here will be at 8.00 p.m. for one hour. (There will be similar services at Epwell at noon, and Swalcliffe at 2.00 p.m.)

The Palm Sunday service will also be a Family Communion and palm crosses will be given to all during the service. (10.30 a.m.)

ACROSS AND AROUND THE SIBFORDS

We intend to publish some articles and diagrams this summer which will describe how to identify and follow the many public paths and rights of way we are lucky enough to possess in and around these parts.

Old Sibfordians will not need to be told about them, but there are many new residents who are genuinely puzzled to find paths that peter out on them, obvious paths whose signs have disappeared and misleading information about short cuts that are not rights of way. We hope to help everyone with these simple notes.

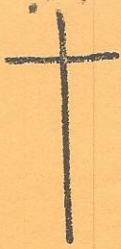
The diagrams are intended to relate the paths to well-known landmarks: Church, Meeting House, school, pub, pond and the like. They are not to scale: serious walkers are recommended to get a copy of the Ordnance Survey sheet SP33 (1:25,000) which shows clearly all public paths and rights of way as well as the contours and other natural features.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL.

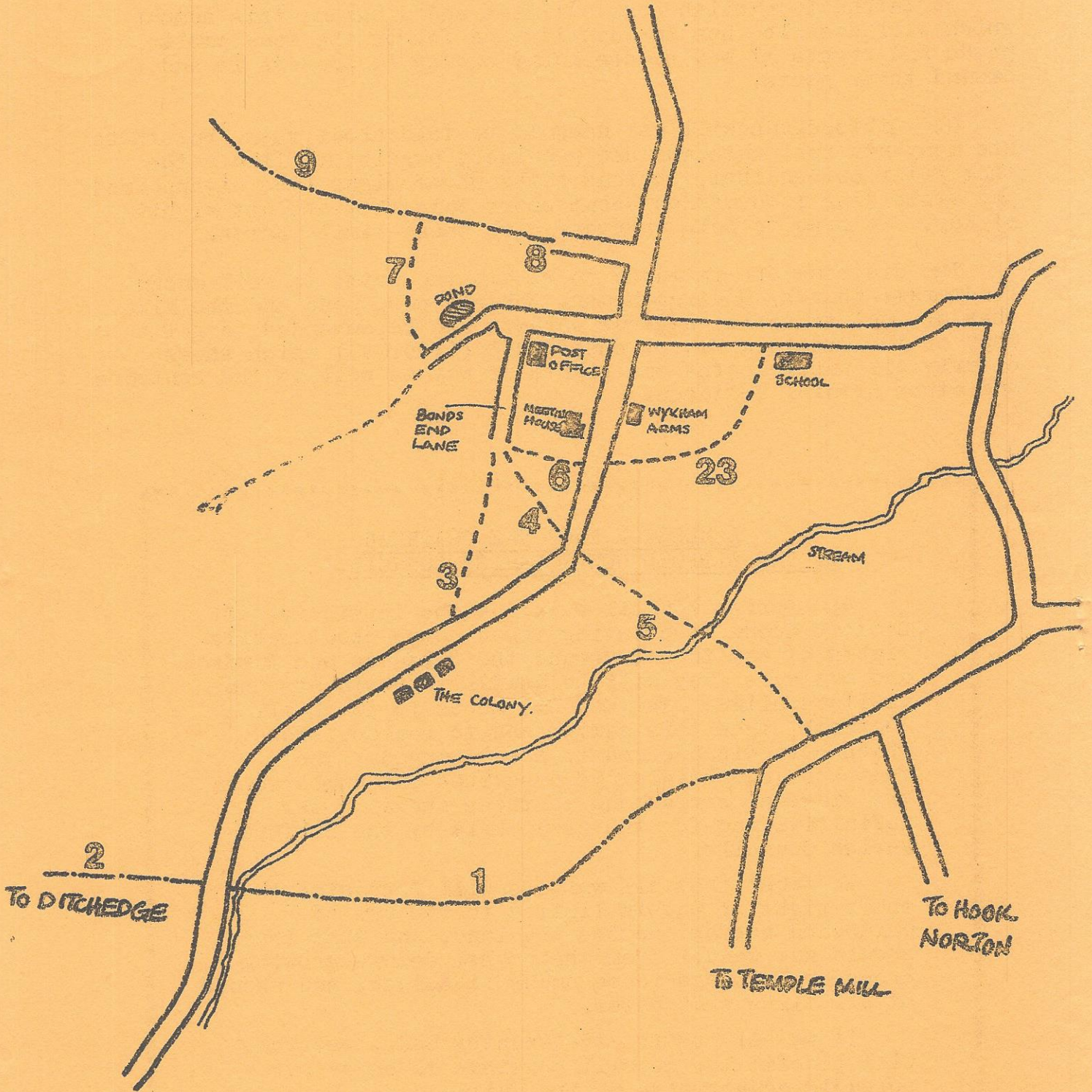
The Parish Council welcomes the initiative of Sibford Scene in printing these notes about public rights of way in and around the Sibfords and Burdrop and are sure they will be useful to residents and visitors alike. The Council hopes to check all footpath signs this summer and to replace those which have disappeared or been damaged. The footpaths and bridleways described and numbered on the diagrams correspond to those shown on the definitive map for the area, held by the Sibford Parish Councils.

We trust that all walkers will recognise that their right of way is limited to the use of unimpeded passage across the land, and that they should not wander from the paths, damage growing crops or let dogs loose among livestock, and should at all times shut gates.

If we all observe the Country Code, everyone will benefit and we will continue to enjoy our splendid countryside to the full.



To B4035



----- BRIDLEWAY

----- FOOTPATH

4 OFFICIAL RIGHT OF WAY NUMBER

RIGHTS OF WAY AROUND THE SIBFORDS

FERRIS RIGHT OF WAY No. 1

Bridle road

Local name: West Town.

The bridle way is an extension of the road going west from Sibford Ferris leaving the Hook Norton road to the left, Sibford House on the right. 100 yards on where the road to Woodway Farm turns left, go straight ahead between two hedges. Go through the gate and follow the fence along the top of the first field, through a field gate, and after 100 yards, the path goes diagonally right to a small gate in the bottom right hand corner of the field. The Colony will be seen on the right.

GOWER RIGHT OF WAY No. 2

Bridle Road

Local name: Haynes

The bridle road leaves Temple Mill Road on the right, about 200 yards south of The Colony, and almost opposite the exit from Ferris Right of Way No. 1. The bridle way travels roughly west, following the hedgerow through four fields; all the gates are field gates. The bridle way ends at Ditchedge Lane, whence a left turn in a southwesterly direction brings you to Traitors Ford, or a right turn to the B. 4035.

GOWER RIGHT OF WAY No. 3

Footpath

Local name: Baulks

The right of way starts at the southern end of Bonds End Lane. Entry through wicket gate proceeding between hedges of gardens for about 40 yards, thence through wicket gate into grass field. Follow hedgerow south through gap in hedge, continue across grass field to kissing gate onto Colony road.

RIGHT OF WAY No. 4

Footpath

Local name: Barley Close.

Starting from the southern end of Bonds End Lane, adjacent to footpath 3, the right of way goes between fences of houses at the top of Barley Close. Follow the metalled footpath in a south-easterly direction, crossing Colony road to.....

RIGHT OF WAY No. 5

Footpath

Local name: Lower Way

The right of way crosses Sycamore Close, between garden walls to a high wicket gate. Go over the style into grass field, proceeding in a south-easterly direction to kissing gate in the hedge, across the next field to bridge over stream, through kissing gate, continuing uphill in southerly direction to Sibford Ferris.

RIGHT OF WAY No. 6

Footpath

Local name: Top Barley Close

The footpath starts at the southern end of Bonds End Lane, adjacent to Right of Way No. 4, runs due east, parallel with the back fences of Barley Close on one side, and the Friends' Burial Ground on the other, emerging in about 250 yards into Colony road. Cross the road here and you are at the start of.....

RIGHT OF WAY No. 23

Footpath

Local name: Norton House

This path goes through the grounds of Temple Close, almost due east over a stone wall into a grass field, then slightly north-east over a style into another grass field, over a fence and up a steep bank into the school grounds. A short diversion into a 'no through road' leads to a spring known as the Tite. Follow the original path due north to come out into the street west of the school.

RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSE

A course will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. at Sibford School, Sibford Ferris on the following dates:
April 24th, 26th,
May 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 22nd
June 5th (revision)
7th (examination).

Successful completion of this course qualifies students for the Red Cross First Aid Certificate, or those already holding a certificate may gain a Proficiency Certificate. Minimum age 15.

The instructors will be Dr S.A. Agnew, Mrs Elsley and Mrs Gilchrist.

For further information and applications to join the course, contact Swalcliffe 482 or 452.

THE SIBFORDS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Please remember the Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy.

Wednesday 4th April
from 10.30

The Cottage, Bonds End Lane
Sibford Gower.

All Welcome.

SALVATION ARMY COLLECTION

On behalf of the Salvation Army, Mrs Wood wishes to thank everyone who gave so generously to the recent collection.

The result was a magnificent £64.60.

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

The Summer Term begins on April 23rd with four courses to choose from:
Yoga (Thursdays)
Painting - outdoors where possible (Wednesdays and Thursdays)
The Countryside - another outdoor course (begins Tuesday May 8th).
Enquiries to Alan Sibson, Hook Norton 737737.

W.I.

Tuesday 10th April in the Village Hall, 'Lacemaking'.

The Jumble Sale planned for last month had to be cancelled, thanks to the weather.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Programme for April

Tuesday 3rd

Mrs Sarah Gosling from the Banbury Museum with a talk and slides on Victorian Banbury.

Tuesday 24th 10.30-11.30

Coffee morning in the Village Hall. Bring and Buy, cakes, plants, white elephants welcome. Raffle. Coffee 15p.

STRING CONCERT

The Banbury String Players are presenting a concert at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Banbury, on Thursday, April 19th at 7.30.

The programme will include music by Mozart, Bach and Grieg. Admission: adults 75p, children 35p.

A month ago we hoped for drying winds and sun in March, but instead we have had weather we would prefer to forget, so the ground is in even worse condition than last time I wrote these notes. We will start April by doing what we had planned for March. How far can we cut corners to make up for lost time? I wonder if all the digging we do year after year is really necessary: ground manured and dug last year is suitable for planting potatoes after a light forking over and weeds removed; peas and beans need a trench backfilled with manure in the bottom so that they get their roots well down in a dry summer. Lettuce, onions, beetroot and stump-rooted carrots will grow successfully on soil that has been broken up by hand cultivator to a depth of 4"-5". The Wolf cultivator with 6" tines is one of the gardener's most valuable tools for breaking up the surface of the soil and hooking out weeds. Quick growing varieties of vegetables are going to help us this year: lettuce, winter Density, Windermere; cabbage, Golden Acre, Hispi; turnip, Sprinter; carrot, Early French Frame, Early Nantes, Chantenay. Most gardeners will postpone sowing annual flower seeds until the end of the month or early May, when, hopefully, the ground will be warmer.

Do you grow tomatoes indoors or outside? Over several seasons I have found that Tombags from a reputable producer give the best results and are certainly labour saving. They may be a little more expensive than other methods but the composts they contain are free from disease and can afterwards be used for mulching shrubs or growing indoor lettuce.

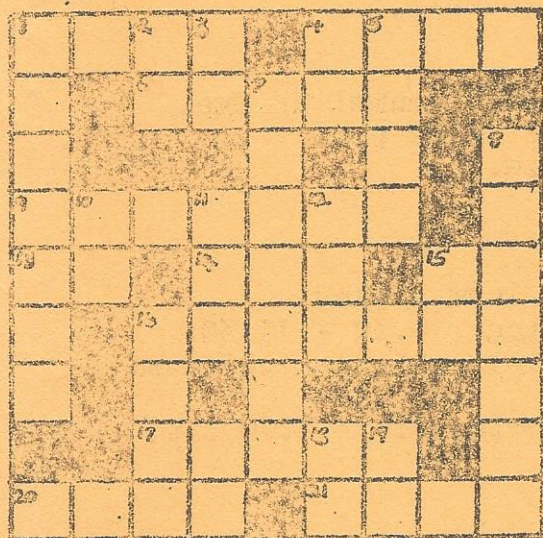
JARDIN

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CROSSWORD

Compiled by Ina Lamb

Solution next month



- 14. Samuel thrice thought he called (3)
- 15. Like (2)
- 16. Defame little Edward turning round old vehicle in reverse (7)
- 17. Our G.P. (5)
- 20. Up and down it goes (4)
- 21. Second chime of church bell (4)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sibford haulier and sometime Rector (7)
- 2. Not quite a mineral either (2)
- 3. You and I (2)
- 4. Sounds like us both also (2)
- 5. Tickle the untidy chit (4)
- 7. School teacher or milkman Sibford style (7)
- 8. Car with G reg. for Sibford Scene editor.
- 10. At home (2)
- 11. Could be queen or worker (3)
- 12. Knight (3)
- 15. Our supply is this -- not direct (abb) (2)
- 16. Did this vehicle once deliver to the Wykham Arms? (4)
- 18. Office of 8 (abb) (2)
- 19. War Office (abb) (2)

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Pack away late dweller in Bramley Close (4)
- 4. This spring is well known to Sibford Primary School children (4)
- 6. Jardin might recommend you to do this to your indoor plants (5)
- 9. Bus which upsets the Rector (7)
- 13. One only (2)

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS Meeting for Worship Sunday 11.00 a.m.
 METHODISTS Morning Service Sunday 11.00 a.m.
 HOLY TRINITY
 1st Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
 8th Palm Sunday Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
 15th Easter Day (see page 2)
 22nd Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
 29th United Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe.
 Sunday School 11.30 a.m. in Church

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TUESDAY 3rd FRIENDSHIP CLUB 'Victorian Bambury'.
 WEDNESDAY 4th ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Coffee Morning 10.30.
 SUNDAY 8th PALM SUNDAY
 MONDAY 9th HOLY COMMUNION 7.30 p.m.
 TUESDAY 10th W.I. 'Lace Making' Village Hall.
 HOLY COMMUNION 7.30 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY 11th HOLY COMMUNION 7.30 p.m.
 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 'Chrysanthemums' Mr Bye.
 Village Hall 8.00 p.m.
 FRIDAY 13th GOOD FRIDAY Service 8.00 p.m.
 SUNDAY 15th EASTER DAY
 MONDAY 23rd HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE Term begins.
 TUESDAY 24th FRIENDSHIP CLUB Coffee Morning 10.30 - 11.30
 RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSE 1st meeting 7.00 p.m.
 SUNDAY 29th UNITED BENEFICE EUCHARIST Swalcliffe 10.00 a.m.

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