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ELECTION TIME

Scene's up-to-the-minute election coverage is thwarted at every turn by the fact that nominations close after we go to press. However, we can tell you that there will be a General Election on May 3rd!

District Council elections are on the same day. In Sibford we can congratulate Lewis Poulton on being returned unopposed and thank him, not only for his services to the village, but also for simplifying matters at the poll.

May 24th is the date for Parish elections when each village can choose five councillors. The Gower has a vacancy following Gordon Wright's resignation - he no longer lives in the village - but we can't as yet list all the candidates.

All we can say is watch the boards for information and, above all, PLEASE TURN OUT AND VOTE.

Annual Parish meetings usually happen in May, but the re-arranged elections have meant alterations this year. The Sibford Gower meeting will have been held at the end of April. In the Ferris the date has yet to be fixed. This is your chance to find out what your councillors have been doing and to raise matters of concern. They deserve our interest and support, so why not go along and play a part in our democracy.

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LAST POST

There can be no doubt what is the main talking point in the Gower this month. We are going to lose our Post Office on June 30th when Mabel and Eric Payne go into well-earned retirement from that activity at least.

Since a purpose-built lock-up Post Office is unlikely to materialize by July, if ever, we shall be dependant on some other family's willingness to make over a room and their time for this most important service. Scene will keep you posted with developments.

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YOUTH CLUB NEWS

The club continues to thrive under the leadership of David and Diana Baker.

Winter activities have included indoor barbecues, a table-tennis tournament, and a visit to Birmingham for ice-skating.

Members' subscriptions have paid for new badminton rackets and table-tennis bats and balls.

Subscriptions cannot cover all expenses, so we invite your help and support by coming along to a

GRAND SALE
in
SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL
on
SATURDAY MAY 12TH
at
2.30 P.M.

The Youth Club members always help with the Village Hall Pete, they did a sponsored walk in the Autumn in aid of the Senior Citizens' party and they help with the Red Cross collection each year. This is the first time for several years that their effort is for Youth Club funds, so they ask for your whole-hearted support.

Come along and spend your money on goods and clothing old and new, toys, plants, cakes and much else besides. Why not put the date in your diary now!

A GOOD TURN

A pensioner with a well-worked vegetable garden would be pleased for someone to use it free of charge now that she can no longer manage it herself.

Anyone interested in an extra piece of garden in the Gower should contact Maureen Hicks (Swa. 259) for details.

LETTER

Dear Madam,

At last we have the mud and water cleared away from the kissing-gate at the end of No. 3 footpath which leads into the Colony Road.

This has been bad for a couple of years. So many people walk this footpath, it was bad when they got to the gate to find they could not get through the mud there.

So may I thank whoever diverted the water into the proper ditch. It is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
L.Lowe (Mrs).

HIGH FLIER

LOST - a five-foot triangular box kite with two wings on the back. It is coloured red, blue and orange and escaped on Sunday April 22nd. Nicholas Welsh of Sibford House would be very grateful for its return. (Swa. 382).

RED CROSS WEEK

On Tuesday 8th May, in the evening, members of the Youth Club will be doing the annual house-to-house collection in our villages.

Please give these young people a friendly welcome at the door, and please support the Red Cross which does such valuable work on behalf of those who suffer - both at home and overseas.

SAVE THE CHILDREN
COFFEE MORNING
BISHOPS BLAIZE
WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY AT 10.30

VILLAGE HALL

The A.G.M. of the Village Hall will be held on Friday May 4th at 8.00 p.m., and will be followed by refreshments and a short guitar recital by Frank Underwood.

It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to attend.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

TUESDAY MAY 1st

A May Day outing to the Malvern Hills, returning via Tewkesbury for tea.

TUESDAY MAY 15th

A meeting at the Friends' School. (Mrs Neil Marten's talk has been postponed until next month.)

TUESDAY MAY 22nd

A film on Fire Protection in the Home. Friends' School.

W.I.

TUESDAY MAY 8th

Annual Meeting and election of President and Committee.

Last month the ladies went on an outing to the Pebble Mill television studios.

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

The Tuesday evening Keep Fit class, so well patronised by Sibfordians, started again on April 24th at 7.30.

A course on THE COUNTRYSIDE will begin on Wednesdays from May 9th at 7.30 p.m.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Chairman and Committee wish to thank all those whose help and support made the Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on April 4th such a successful occasion.

ON THE ROAD

The Leo Club is holding a Car Treasure Hunt on Tuesday May 22nd. Please note the earlier starting time of 7.30. Details from Jayne Foster or Ann Spicer.

For new readers, Leo stands for Ladies' Evening Out, and new members are always welcome.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The May meeting (May 9th) will be a talk by Miss Spiller on 'Gardening Round the Year'.

June's activity looks like being one of the highlights of the year - a visit to Clack's Farm of television fame.

As well as its programme of talks, outings and the Show, the society also arranges some bulk purchases. Can you and your garden afford not to belong?

The secretary is Mrs K. Turner (Swa.590).

SCENE'S FUNDS

This month we have received or been promised contributions from the Parish Church, the Friendship Club and the Town Estates Charity. Thank you.

CHURCH NOTES

Easter was a memorable occasion: with the weather finally taking a turn for the better, about 150 people took part in our services. The church was marvellously decorated, as always, and we thank those who worked in that direction.

Keith Woolgrove and Ann Wager were married on Easter Monday, and a good crowd of villagers, young and old witnessed the happy event.

Esme Simms died in tragic circumstances shortly before Easter, and was laid to rest in the Churchyard. Her popularity can be gauged by the large number of people who attended the funeral. Much sympathy has been extended to Jack and to the other members of the family.

Ascension Day.

This day reminds us of the return of Jesus from this earth to his rightful place in the heavenly places. There were days when the children in schools used to have this day off after the morning service in the local church. Whether that ever happened here, some senior resident may be able to tell us.

Be that as it may, there is to be a service in the church at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 24th May, complete with hymns and a short sermon. I hope that this time will suit many of you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This annual week has, for the last two or three years, been marked by a 'Hunger Lunch' on one of the days. During the past few months our attention has been drawn afresh to the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves.

This year there will be a daily hunger lunch at the Rectory; you will be able to buy your lunch every day between 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. from Monday 14th to Saturday 19th inclusive. The minimum charge will be 50p.

There will not be a raffle, but there will be a running 'bring and buy' stall to which I hope you will be able to contribute - with an emphasis on home made produce. Please give this your support and let us see if we can exceed £100 during the week.

Timothy Wimbush

BRIGHT HOUR SALE

At the annual sale held on Friday April 20th in the Friends Hall, the sum of £31.40 was raised for the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Bright Hour Ladies would like to thank all who helped by contributing goods, time and money to achieve this splendid result.

THE GARDEN IN MAY

This is the month to plant bulbs, corms and tubers to flower in late summer into early autumn. Gladioli planted now will provide good colour in late summer both in the garden and as cut flowers; the lads from Lincolnshire who have a stall in Banbury market sell good, fresh stock at reasonable prices.

Begonias must be started into growth now, preferably in shallow trays of moist peat about 2" deep and lightly covered. Keep in a warm place until growth has started. They are not easy to grow well out of doors in our exposed gardens here, but even half a dozen good quality tubers grown in pots on window sills brighten up dull days in late summer.

The queen of tuberous garden plants must be the dahlia: anyone who has seen the Manor House garden in early autumn realises the glory of beds of well grown dahlias. They come in a rich variety of colours, shapes, sizes and heights to suit gardens large or small. Tubers should be started into growth now in boxes of peat or loam to plant out into well manured ground in early June when all risk of frost has passed. Smaller varieties can be raised from seed this month under glass; the seed germinates rapidly and the seedlings grow quickly.

May will be a busy month this year after the late start to the season. Runner beans can be sown now but it is wise to sow a few in a box in case you lose any in the open ground to late frost. Keep up successional sowings of late lettuce, not forgetting cos varieties, radish, carrot, beetroot, spinach and turnip. You will do well to buy seed from reliable firms and to sow in accordance with their directions; their germination is good these days. Sow thinly and keep moist in the early stages.

JARDIN

SMALL ADS A PENNY A WORD

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS

1. Stow, 4. Tite, 6. Repot, 9. Wimbush, 13. An, 14. Eli,
15. As, 16. Detract, 17. Agnew, 20. Yoyo, 21. Dong.

DOWN

1. Stewart, 2. Or, 3. We, 4. To, 5. Itch, 7. Poulton,
8. Austing, 10. In, 11. Bee, 12. Sir, 15. AC, 16. Dray,
18. Ed, 19. W.O.

We hope you enjoyed solving the puzzle. Why not try compiling one yourself?

CALENDAR FOR MAY

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS Meeting for Worship Sunday 11.00 a.m.
 METHODISTS Morning Service Sunday 11.00 a.m.
 HOLY TRINITY 6th Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
 13th & 27th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
 20th Evensong and Holy Communion 6.00 p.m.
 Sunday School 11.30 a.m. in Church

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TUESDAY 1st FRIENDSHIP CLUB Outing to Malvern Hills
 WEDNESDAY 2nd SAVE THE CHILDREN Coffee Morning at the Bishop's
 Blaize. 10.30
 THURSDAY 3rd GENERAL ELECTION
 FRIDAY 4th VILLAGE HALL A.G.M. and Guitar Recital 8.00 p.m.
 TUESDAY 8th W.I. A.G.M.
 RED CROSS COLLECTION
 WEDNESDAY 9th HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 'Gardening Round the Year'
 THE COUNTRYSIDE Course begins at Hook Norton. 7.30
 SATURDAY 12th YOUTH CLUB GRAND SALE Village Hall 2.30
 MONDAY 14th (And all week) CHRISTIAN AID HUNGER LUNCH at
 the Rectory. 12.00 - 2.00.
 TUESDAY 15th FRIENDSHIP CLUB at Friends' School.
 SATURDAY 19th Last Day of CHRISTIAN AID LUNCHES.
 TUESDAY 22nd FRIENDSHIP CLUB 'Fire Protection in the Home'.
 LEO CLUB Car Treasure Hunt 7.30
 THURSDAY 24TH ASCENSION DAY Service 8.00 p.m.
 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

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