

SIBFORD

DECEMBER 1979.

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TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 10am - 12 noon COFFEE FOR CAMBODIA

At the Rectory on the above date, we want to break every record that Sibford has ever established. We want to help the poor miserably-treated people of Cambodia in a very real way.

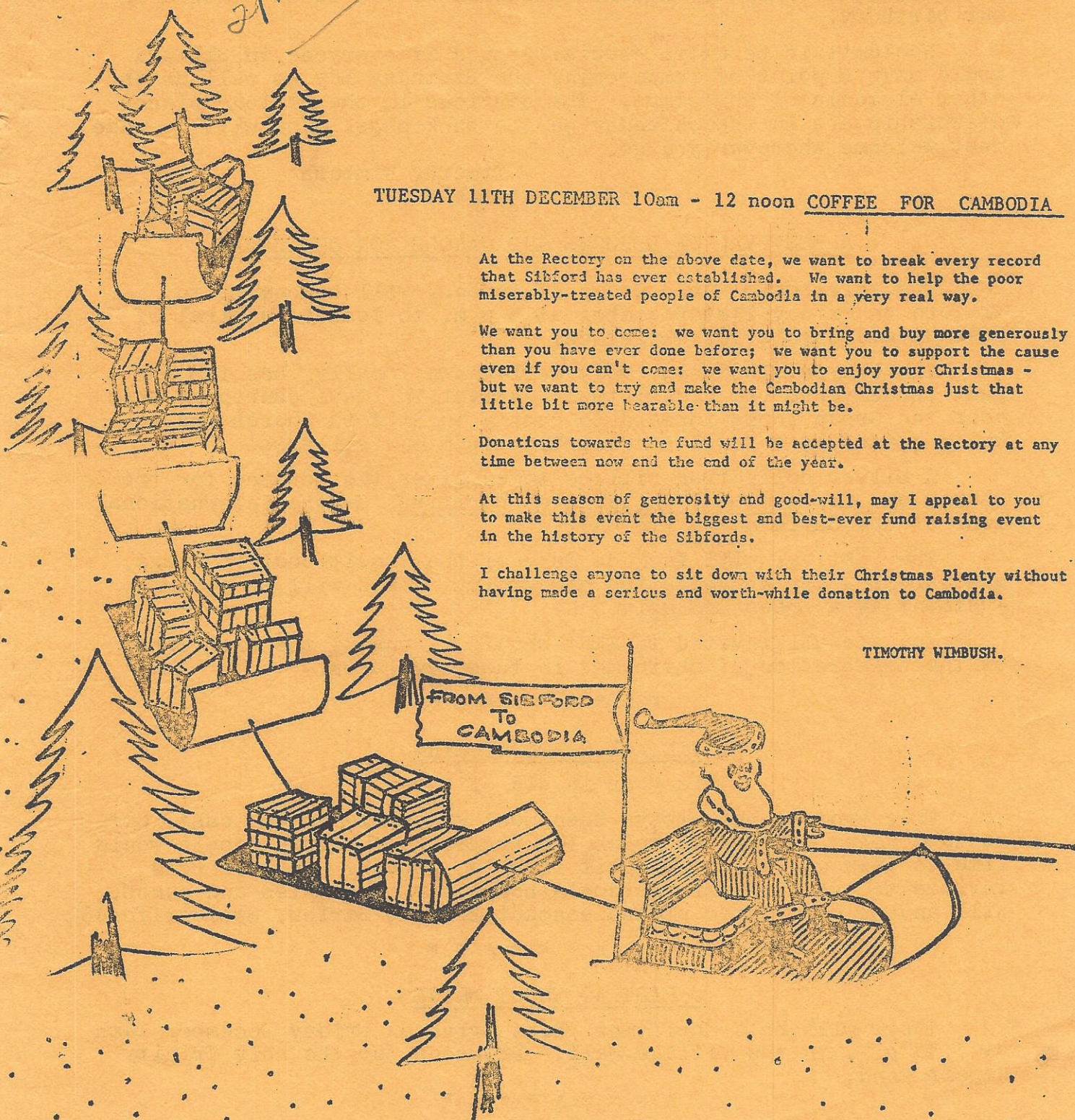
We want you to come: we want you to bring and buy more generously than you have ever done before; we want you to support the cause even if you can't come: we want you to enjoy your Christmas - but we want to try and make the Cambodian Christmas just that little bit more bearable than it might be.

Donations towards the fund will be accepted at the Rectory at any time between now and the end of the year.

At this season of generosity and good-will, may I appeal to you to make this event the biggest and best-ever fund raising event in the history of the Sibfords.

I challenge anyone to sit down with their Christmas Plenty without having made a serious and worth-while donation to Cambodia.

TIMOTHY WIMBUSH.



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BIRTHDAY PARTIES

When we get older, birthdays don't always seem so important - though it's refreshing to know that we haven't been forgotten altogether when the cards and presents arrive on the day. There comes a time too when the parties, which some of us were lucky enough to enjoy as children, come to an end. There is, however, one Birthday which we all celebrate every year - Christmas. But sadly, not everyone pays his respects to the Birthday Boy. This is a shame, because we know how upsetting it is to be ignored on our birthday.

Wouldn't it be extra specially good if everyone in Sibford would make a point of remembering the Birthday Boy as well as the other elements of Christmas. The services in the various places of worship are in the calendar on the back page. You will be made most welcome wherever you go.

Timothy Wimbush

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A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Polyphonic Music Group of Banbury will be coming to Sibford on Friday 21st December at 8 p.m. to lead a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas.

The Polyphonic Group, very well-known locally, has for the past three years led a Christmas Festival in local churches; this year the Group looks forward to coming to Sibford Church and to being joined by a large congregation from our villages.

A Silver collection will be taken after the service for the Church and for National Children's charities, as the International Year of the Child nears its end.

The Festival will include many of the traditional readings, and carols, for congregation and choir. There will be accompaniment by a Brass Ensemble.

You are all invited to what should be one of the highlights of the celebration of Christmas in these villages.

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VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

(This year in aid of Oxfam)

This venture has always been most enjoyable in the past, but we have never managed to reach the "erris. If enough people would like to join us, we could split into two groups. We have been invited to end up at Mrs Gordon's house for mince pies and punch. Will anyone interested please contact Bridget Barlow, Swalcliffe 462

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CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

There will be a Christmas Whist Drive on Friday December 14th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Proceeds for the Holy Trinity Repair Fund.

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our December meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th at 8 p.m.

Mrs Horlock from Hook Norton will be speaking on Arranging and Exhibiting on Show Day. She will also be showing us how to do a Christmas Dinner Table arrangement.

Two classes for members to exhibit -

1. Christmas Dinner Table Arrangement. (Provide own cloth).
2. Christmas Candlestick Arrangement.

Please bring exhibits at 7.30 p.m.

It was agreed at the Annual General Meeting to increase the subscription to 75p. and your committee members will be collecting this in the near future.

We look forward to your support during the next year.

John Sabin.

W.I. NOTES

Saturday December 1st

Senior Residents Party.

Tuesday December 11th

At this meeting in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. there will be a speaker on 'Modern Fabrics and their Care', and also a Members Tea. All visitors are welcome.

Following the Coffee Morning on October 30th, a cheque for £43.50 was sent to the Home Farm Trust, Cherington. The W.I. would like to thank all those who made this result possible.

A. Bennett

The Methodists would like to thank all who supported their Sale which raised £170.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday December 4th

An entertainment by Junior Pupils in the big hall at the Friends School. Tea will be provided by Domestic Science pupils and staff.

Tuesday December 18th

Club Christmas Tea in the Village Hall, with carols and songs and guests including Mr and Mrs Fielding and Mr and Mrs Greaves.

The Club always welcomes new members, especially some more gentlemen! Our programmes are interesting and varied with talks, entertainments and outings. Our numbers have dropped slightly this last year so please will any 'Over-60' who would care to come as a member or member-helper, or member-driver come as a visitor to one or two meetings and then decide if they would like to join us. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Read all about our programme in the Scene.

Mrs M.B. Flinn

LEO

The Leo Christmas Party will be on December 18th at 8 p.m. at Temple Lodge.

LAST MONTH'S APPEALS

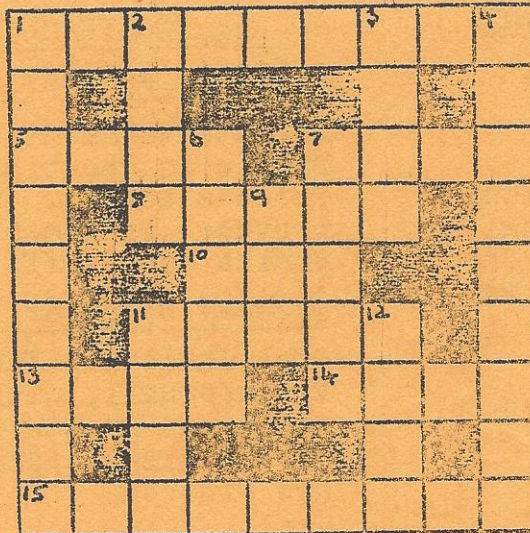
The annual Poppy Collection raised £144.83, a considerable increase on last year's total, so the organisers would like to thank all who helped and contributed.

The impromptu raffle in aid of Cambodia at the Village Hall Quiz raised £34. Again thanks to all who helped.

Mrs Law's Coffee Morning raised £120 for the Red Cross.

CROSSWORD NUMBER TWO

(Compiled by Ena Lamb)



CLUES ACROSS

1. Tanners, perhaps, returning before usual. Not quite the ticket. (9)
5. Circle around. (4)
7. Three squadrons left outside perhaps. (4)
8. Reversing skill in engine. (5)
10. Zany health resort for snake. (3)
11. Pale like the bird. (5)
13. Assist the backward French in credit racket. (4)
14. Avar wildly. (4)
15. Yes. Tell disordered ship it lacks panache. (9)

Solution next month.

CLUES DOWN

1. To eat away in ramshackle rests definitely widens you. (9)
2. Butt not for water or archery. (4)
3. But this would be the chief for water. (4)
4. Headland may not be heavy but there is plenty of frivolity. (9)
6. Dr Agnew has artists in. Apprehend. (5)
7. You and I outside, the reverse of sanctimonious, dry up. (5)
9. A tree or its remains. (3)
11. To join. (4)
12. A broken pane on the back of the neck. (4)

GOLF FOR BEGINNERS

An entirely new course will begin at Hook Norton Evening Centre in the new year. Introduction to Golf - a series of 10 practical lessons. These will begin on Wednesday January 9th at 7.30 until 9 p.m. Fee will be £4 for the course which is designed for beginners. Places (limited) may now be booked by phoning the secretary, Mr Alan Sibson, on H.N. 737737.

RED CROSS

The Banbury Red Cross Committee needs a secretary. Duties include typing agenda, minutes etc. for 4 or 5 meetings a year, secretarial and admin. work in connection with fund raising, maintaining records, emergency and invitation lists. The work involves interesting contact with charitable, statutory and social groups in Banbury and district. Further information from Anne Stephens, Swalcliffe 452.

BROWNIES

The Brownies are having a fund raising coffee morning on Saturday December 8th at 10 a.m. in the Friends Mission Hall. There will be a cake stall and bring and buy. Please support us.

BRAINY FEET

The annual Quiz, as usual, played to a packed hall of highly partisan supporters.

The Folk Dancers won by a whisker over the P.T.A., despite Robin Spicer's claim that they only had brains in their feet.

The range of Miss Le Mare's questions combined with Keith Hicks' electronic wizardry always makes this event something not to be missed. This year, Mrs Flinn was able to be there to present the cup which was originally given by her husband.

THE WINSLOW BOY

The Friends School production of The Winslow Boy was superb. Anyone who went expecting just another school play was soon disabused.

It made a refreshing change in itself to see a "well made play" in a meticulously designed set, but the relatively small scale of the work allowed the company to concentrate on quality of performance. For fifth-form boys to portray middle-aged men of affairs with the assurance shown by Sheridan Coldstream and Peter Copestake was a fine achievement. An excellent evening's entertainment.

"WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Waits, wassailers, scruffy little boys giggling on the doorstep, angelic voices soaring in ancient churches, icy-fingered singers glowing in the light of a lantern - all are carrying on the ancient tradition of carol-singing.

The first carols were verses sung while dancing in a ring, with no religious significance except as expressions of joy and vitality. However, the medieval church, especially in the fifteenth century lost no chance to take over any aspect of common life, so religious sentiments, fit for various festivals, but particularly Christmas, became the theme for new carols. So the church harnessed the powers of an already popular tradition and was also able to exert its influence to clean up some of the excesses of exuberant youths dancing wild carols in the churchyard - the most convenient village meeting place for any activity.

Gradually customs and entertainments changed, until the seventeenth-century puritan regime suppressed carol singing altogether, not to be generally revived until the second half of the last century. In fact, many had feared that it would die out altogether.

That fear was groundless, as anyone with ears and a tongue this Christmas must know. In Sibford this year there will be many opportunities to sing and enjoy carols from all ages, one of the few chances most of us have to enjoy a really good sing with our neighbours and to bring alive the Christmas story.

FOR SALE

Loads of firewood. Manure for gardens. Swalcliffe 220.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS Meeting for Worship Sunday 11 a.m.

METHODISTS Morning Service Sunday 11 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY 2nd Advent Sunday 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 9th Bible Sunday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 (Special collection for the Bible Society)
 16th 3.30 p.m. Evensong and Holy Baptism
 23rd 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 24th 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass of Christmas
 25th 11.15 a.m. Communion of Christmas Day
 (Specially prepared for whole families)
 30th 10 a.m. United Benefice Eucharist
 (With special collection of toys for children's homes)

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Saturday 1st SENIOR RESIDENTS PARTY

Tuesday 4th FRIENDSHIP CLUB. Entertainment and tea at Friends School.

Saturday 8th BROWNIES COFFEE MORNING 10 a.m. Friends Mission Hall.

Tuesday 11th W.I. Caring for Modern Fabrics. 2 p.m. Village Hall

Wednesday 12th HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Village Hall 8 p.m.

Friday 14th CHURCH CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE Village Hall 7.30

Tuesday 18th FRIENDSHIP CLUB Christmas tea.

LEO Christmas Party Temple Lodge 8 p.m.

Friday 21st POLYPHONIC MUSIC GROUP FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS 8 p.m. in Church.

Monday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.

Tuesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY Family Communion 11.15 a.m.

Sunday 30th UNITED BENEFICE EUCHARIST 10 a.m. with Toy Collection.

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