

SIBFORD SCENE

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A LUNCHEON CLUB FOR SIBFORD

How would you like to go out for lunch in the village, enjoying home cooking and friendly company, all for a very modest cost? It will soon be possible, for Mrs Jean Poulton is planning a weekly luncheon club to be held in the 'Friends' Mission Room. It will cater not only for pensioners and those living alone, but for anyone who would like to drop in.

Mrs Poulton would like to hear from anyone interested in the idea, and anyone who could offer some kind of help. She will be in the Mission Room at 2.30 on Monday 14th April to discuss the idea informally. Why not call in and be there at the start of a wonderful idea.

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EASTER

The great holy day (holiday) of the year is with us at the beginning of this month. The Queen of Feasts, it is called, and rightly so. Throughout Christendom it is the season of unending Alleluyas. Sibford Church offers you three occasions for sharing in that rejoicing.:-

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.15 a.m. Family Communion service with Holy Baptism
- 6.00 p.m. Evening service of readings with Communion

The evening service is a little different this year; there will be readings from different centuries, which will lead into the Eucharist.

The week preceding Easter is Holy Week, and begins with the Palm Sunday service which, this year, is in Swalcliffe at 10.00 a.m. There will be three evening services of Holy Communion in Sibford at 7.15 p.m. on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, and the Holy Communion will be in Epwell Church at 8.00 p.m. On Good Friday - the day of the Cross - the service is at 7.00 p.m.

Easter recalls for us the day when Jesus Christ rose from the dead; the women found the tomb empty when they went to the garden on the Sunday morning - and Jesus was seen alive by many who had witnessed his death on Good Friday. His rising marked a new era of hope among those who believed - and it still does today. Easter is a time when peace is preached: may that peace and hope fill your hearts too.

Timothy Wimbush

MRS MABEL DUNKLEY

In 1924 a young girl came from Woodford Halse to work at the Friends' School. This month, Rosemary Cottage will welcome new residents, and Mabel Dunkley will move to Bloxham to be nearer her son and his family.

The years between tell the story of a full life in which Mrs Dunkley has become well known to so many Sibfordians. In 1930 she married Bill Dunkley, a local man, who was gardener at Innisfree, the white house at the end of Bonds End Lane, where now the Gordon family lives. Mrs Dunkley speaks with pride of the lawns and primrose walks that her husband tended; he won many gardening prizes in his time,

The couple went to live in the Friends' Cottage, acting also as caretakers for the Meeting House. Part of their work was to look after the gardens and grounds, and in early summer each year they used to put in a special effort to have everything looking at its best for the General Meeting, which was attended by many visitors, with vast refreshments out of doors. During the war, when evacuees occupied the Mission Room and had their school in the Meeting House, they found themselves unexpectedly school caretakers as well.

Their son, Bill, was born, like his father before him, at Rosemary Cottage. And it is from the windows and welcoming door of that house that Mrs Dunkley has made friends with so many new villagers and their children. She has been an unofficial granny to many a small child whose own grandparents live far away. She has friends of every age in the village, some dating back to her girlhood, and is a firmly established member of the Friendship Club and worshipper at the Parish Church. In her younger and fitter days she was a member of all kinds of groups and committees

Sibford will miss Mabel Dunkley, but she won't be far away in Bloxham. We hope that she will meet with as much friendship there as she has given to so many in Sibford, and have many happy days living near her family.

A note from Mrs Dunkley:

"A big thank you to all old and new friends for all their kindness to me. I shall miss you all, not forgetting the children."

VILLAGE VENTURES

The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council is running a Village Ventures competition. It is for people living in a village who join together to work on a project which adds to village life in some way. The competition is for new projects, so the day-to-day running of an organisation will not qualify, though the starting up or development of an organisation certainly will. There are various prizes both in cash and equipment.

Some of the ideas in the competition leaflet could well apply to Sibford groups. Details may be obtained from the Parish Council, or from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, The Hadow Rooms, 101, Banbury Road, Oxford. The closing date is January 31st 1981.

SWALCLIFFE BARN DANCE

There will be a Barn Dance at Swalcliffe Grange Farm, by kind permission of Mike and Barbara Taylor, on Friday 2nd May from 8 p.m. till midnight. The Hook Norton Ceilidh Band will provide the music and a very helpful (and understanding) caller. A bar licence has been applied for; admission will be by ticket only, which can be obtained from Sandy Todd, telephone Swalcliffe 278, (the Bunny Market!), price per ticket £1.75, including refreshments. The purpose of the dance (apart from having a jolly good time) is to raise money for some badly needed repairs and redecorations to the Village Hall at Swalcliffe, which work should be done in the summer.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children Week will soon be here again (April 28th-May 3rd). We are hoping to have a Coffee Morning at Park Farm House on Wednesday April 30th (with cakes, bring and buy and Save the Children gifts) and there will be house to house collections during the week. Children in this country and others benefit from the work of Save the Children, so your support or donation will be greatly appreciated.

S. Lambert

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WHIST DRIVES

The Church Social Committee would like to thank all those who came to the Whist Drives during the last season. After paying expenses a profit of £78 has been paid into the Church's Repair Fund.

Many of you gave prizes which were a great help. Last, but by no means least, a big "Thank you" to Tom Woodhouse for acting as M.C.

Many people have asked for the Whist Drives to be repeated in the Autumn and so the Village Hall has been booked for a further series, starting in October.

M.A. Law

THANKS

Mrs Wood sincerely thanks all who gave so generously to the Salvation Army Annual Appeal. The total amount collected was £76.69, a grand effort and thank you once again.

P.T.A. BAZAAR

Saturday 26th April, 2.00
at the school. Plants, cakes & produce, books, toys, good as new, bric-a-brac, raffle, jumble, teas, children's games, and competitions. Adults 10 p. OAP's and children free.

THANKS AGAIN!

The proceeds of the Youth Club Sale at the beginning of March amounted to £66. We would like to thank all who contributed so generously by helping, and giving goods and cash.

Joan Shields

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy will be held at The Cottage Sibford Gower, on Wednesday 16th April at 10.30 a.m.

All Welcome.

W.I.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 8th at 2 p.m. in the Village hall, featuring a speaker on Painted Embroidery and a competition for a Decorated Egg (standard size, hard boiled, hen's).

Advance Notice - a Coffee Morning is planned for May 21st.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday April 1st (Village hall)

Dr George Forster from the National Vegetable Research Station, Wellesbourne, whose visit in March had to be cancelled due to snow, has very kindly altered previous engagements to come and give us this much looked forward to talk with slides. Several keen gardeners had promised to come and ask questions and we do hope they will read this and come on the new date

Wednesday April 9th

A COFFEE MORNING in the Village hall, 10.30-12.00. Bring and Buy, Plants, Cakes. Everything welcomed and we hope to have many visitors to help the club finances. Although many of our speakers charge very small fees, if any; their petrol is always paid and increases month by month.

Tuesday April 15th

A talk with slides on Old Picture Postcards, by Mrs Sheila Stewart- known to us all as an excellent speaker with a bright, clear voice, appreciated by the elderly.

Tuesday April 29th

Half Day Outing. Probably a Mystery Tour, but not yet finalised. Inquiries are going ahead to find what coach prices and tea prices have increased since last year.

M.B. Flinn

SIBFORD FOLK DANCE CLUB

The Saturday Dance this month is on April 19th. It will be led by Mark Ting le with Inglenook. Village hall 8.00 p.m. - 11.30.

Regular club meetings are on Tuesdays in the Village Hall-

Juniors 7.00 - 8.00 p.m.

Seniors 8.00 - 10.00p.m.

LEO CLUB

Don't forget the Annual Dinner on April 22nd.

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

We have just ended the most successful Winter season ever in response to requests, the following summer programme has been arranged:-

LADIES KEEP FIT

5 weeks on Tuesdays at 7.30 from April 15th.

STUDYING A NATURE RESERVE

Tutor - Mont Hiron. Wednesdays at 7.30 from April 16th.

PAINTING OUT OF DOORS

Wednesdays at 7.30 from APRIL 30th

YOGA

Thursdays at 7.30

Bookings may be made by phoning Hook Norton 737737, or enrol on arrival.

Alan Sibson

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The April meeting is on Wednesday 9th in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. when Mrs Cross will speak on Exhibiting and Staging Cookery Items.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting for Sibford Gower has been arranged for Friday 25th April in the Village Hall. If you are interested in the affairs of the village do try to be there. (7.30 p.m.)

THE GARDEN IN APRIL

This month sees the real start of the year's garden activity. The rain and cold weather in March has left a lot of waterlogged ground but, as soon as it can be forked over and broken down, it will be possible to prepare seed beds for sowing annuals later in the month. A little compound fertilizer raked in when preparing the beds will get seedlings off to a good start. No doubt you have made up your mind already what you are going to grow this season and, I hope, have bought your seeds. Dwarf varieties are very useful in this exposed area. I grew Aster Pinocchio last year and was very pleased with the abundance of mixed colours that lasted into the Autumn. Calendulas Orange King and Golden King are a little taller, up to 12", but sturdy and full of colour. Mignonette is an old favourite often neglected these days but worth including in the border for the sake of its perfume and to delight the bees. French Marigolds come in many varieties and will germinate in open ground from an April sowing. Nigella (Love-in-a-mist) will come from a sowing this month; Persian Jewels is a variety worth trying for the range of its colours. Tagetes and Ursinias are two more golden/orange plants for April sowing, compact in growth and rich in flower for the summer.

In the vegetable garden it is time for potatoes to be planted around mid-month, and sowings made of beetroot, carrot, cabbage, cauliflower and kale. You will by now have prepared the trench for runner beans, and seed can be planted in boxes later in the month to plant out when risk of frost has passed in May. Have you bought any Gladioli corms? They can be started up in shallow boxes under glass to plant out next month.

JARDIN

SCENE'S FUNDS

Our thanks to all those who have made donations since the last issue.

Mrs Dyer has kindly agreed to keep a box in the Post Office for the month of April in case any families would like to contribute to the cost of their magazine. It costs just under 30p a year per household. We hope you find it good value.

Many of you will have realised from the strange appearance of some of last month's pages that the duplicator was not in a good state of health. Since then it has been examined and pronounced a terminal case. However, a new (second hand) one has been found, thanks to Col. Frith, and purchased jointly by the four parishes and Sibford Scene, so we hope to continue for many more years.

£100

The Coffee Morning on March 18th in aid of C.M.S. and the Church Repair Fund produced £100. This is a great credit to Mrs Law who is so generous with her home on these occasions.

AS YOU WERE

Have you any photographs of Sibford or Sibfordians in the 1920's? If so, Keith Hicks would like to hear from you, with a view to possibly borrowing them for a day or two to have copies made. They may seem just dull, old pictures to you, but they could be of great interest to others, so please see what you can find and contact Keith Hicks, 10, Parley Close. (Tel. 259)

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS Meeting for Worship Sunday 11 a.m.
METHODISTS Morning Service Sunday 11 a.m.
HOLY TRINITY 6th Easter Day (see page 1)
13th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
20th Evensong and Holy Communion 6 p.m.
27th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Services in Holy Week, see page 1 and Calendar
Sunday School 11.30 in Church

Tuesday 1st FRIENDSHIP CLUB Vegetable Gardening - V. Hall 2p.m.
HOLY COMMUNION 7.15 p.m.
Wednesday 2nd HOLY COMMUNION 7.15 p.m.
Thursday 3rd (Maundy Thursday) HOLY COMMUNION 8.p.m. Epwell
Friday 4th GOOD FRIDAY Service 7 p.m.

Sunday 6th EASTER DAY Services 8 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 6 p.m.
Tuesday 8th W.I. Painted Embroidery 2 p.m. Village Hall
Wednesday 9th FRIENDSHIP CLUB coffee morning 10.30-12 V. Hall
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Village Hall 8 p.m.

Monday 14th LUNCHEON CLUB Preliminary meeting 2.30 Friends' Hall
Tuesday 15th FRIENDSHIP CLUB Picture Postcards 2 p.m. Village Hall
HOOK-NORTON EVENING CENTRE Term begins.
Wednesday 16th ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Coffee Morning 10.30
Saturday 19th FOLK DANCE Village Hall 8 p.m.

Tuesday 22nd LEO CLUB Annual Dinner
Friday 25th SIBFORD GOWER Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 V. Hall
Saturday 26th P.T.A. BAZAAR 2.00 at School

Monday 28th SAVE THE CHILDREN WEEK begins.
Tuesday 29th FRIENDSHIP CLUB Half Day Outing
Wednesday 30th SAVE THE CHILDREN Coffee Morning Park Farm House.

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