

SIBFORD SCENE

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THE RIDGEWAY PLAYERS

PRESENT

HAY FEVER

BY

NOEL COWARD

Sibford Village Hall 8 p.m. Friday 7th November
Tickets: £1 Adults, 50p O.A.P.s and Children

from Gordon Rivers (392), Janette Long (498), Norman Coxon (317),
Biddy Bennett (235), The Ferris Post Office, Green's Shop.

Should anyone require transport to and from the Hall, please let
any Village Hall Committee member know, or ring Maureen Hicks
(Swa. 259) so that a rota can be prepared.

Drama is not dead in Sibford. Come and enjoy a live performance of
a superbly entertaining play.

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DRAMA AT LEA FARM

You may remember the T.V. cameras coming to film at Lea Farm
in the summer. Mr and Mrs Sabin have now been told that the play,
"Some of My Best Friends", will be shown on BBC2 on Monday 17th
November.

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CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE

The next edition of Sibford Scene will cover December and
January. Any seasonal contributions suitable for Christmas and
New Year will be particularly welcome. Deadline - November 20th.

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THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER

Once again, the Primary School P.T.A. is organising a
Bonfire on the School Field for anyone, of any age, to enjoy.

SPECTACULAR FIREWORK DISPLAY

HOT DOGS, SOUP, JACKET POTATOES AND DRINKS

Starts 6.30

Admission 25p.



MOBILE LIBRARY

From 26th November 1980, the
Mobile Library will call on
Alternate Wednesdays at :-

Sibford Ferris
Green's Shop 9.45-10.05
Sibford Gower
The Colony 10.10-10.20
The School 10.25-11.15
Burdrop
Vets 11.20-11.30

The former stop at the Wykham
Arms has been discontinued.

WENDY MERELL

Wendy is the young grand-
daughter of Mrs Brown and her
home is in America. While
visiting England this summer,
she left behind some of her
poems. The following is called

SEEDS

Put them down in the sweet
warm earth
And cover them with care.
And note that the sign of the
season is good,
For more than seeds are there.
Food for the body, Hope for the
soul
Lie in the furrowed fields.
And hands that hallow the
planting time
Rejoice in the final yield .

Wendy Merell

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

An advance booking for your
December diary - the popular
annual Quiz will take place
on Friday 5th December at 7.30.

If there is any Club or
Group within Sibford Gower or
Ferris that is not represented
on the Village Hall Committee
but would like to enter a
team of four, please contact
Janette Long (498) before
November 14th.

MULLEY ASSOCIATES

Building - Joinery - Landscape

AT YOUR SERVICE

ANYTHING TO SELL ?

Patsy Edwards of
The Homestead, Sibford Ferris,
both buys and sells furniture,
pictures, jewelry, bric à
brac etc. (condition and
period immaterial).

She also offers an 'agency'
service, which means that you
get the price you want and a
small pre-agreed commission
is paid on the sale (not
before) for the work involved
in placing it for you.

This system also works in
reverse, as she will do her
best to find anything you
may be looking for. Valuations
can also be arranged.

So if you have anything you
wish to sell, buy or just
talk about, please call at
The Homestead, or telephone
Patsy Edwards, Swalcliffe 343.

RALPH C. HOGGINS

TYSOE

for regular supplies of

SOLID FUELS

Ring TYSOE 281

SMALL ADS

MOLLIE PICKEN

The Old Post Office, Sibford
Gower. Swalcliffe 629

To those interested in embroidery
I am keeping a selection of
D.M.C. embroidery threads:
stranded, perle, coton à broder,
and soft embroidery cotton,
tapestry, floralia, medæcis
embroidery wools and machine
embroidery cotton.

Sale by appointment.

Terms strictly cash with order.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Service will be held in the Village Church at 10.50 a.m. on Sunday 9th November.

A house to house collection in aid of the 1980 Poppy Appeal will commence on Sunday 2nd November and will continue throughout Poppy Week to 9th Nov. Please give generously.

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Very little appears to be known by the general public as to the origination of the Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

On 3rd May 1915, during the second battle of Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Colonel John Mc Crae, penned a few lines while in his field dressing station and the page from his notebook reads:

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

Colonel Mc Crae died of meningitis and pneumonia, partly attributable to the terrible gas attacks, and as he lay dying he told the doctor:

"Tell them this, if ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep."

His words reached the columns of the magazine Punch and were read by an American lady, Mrs Moira Michael, who replied:

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders fields
Sleep sweet to rise anew:
We caught the torch you threw,
And holding high
We kept the faith with those who died.

Mrs Michael, who from that time on always wore a poppy, worked for the Y.M.C.A. in New York where she met a Madame Guerin who was intrigued by the poppy, decided to turn it to practical use, and had poppies manufactured in France which she sold to help war refugees.

For the first Poppy Day in 1921 the British Legion, founded by Earl Haig in that year, obtained their poppies from France and it was then that the British Legion decided to find a supply of their emblem from their own artificial flower trade and on June 15th 1922 the manufacture of poppies began by the British Legion Disabled Society in an old factory in the Old Kent Road. Over the years, and due to redevelopment, the factory is now firmly established in Richmond and employs 130 disabled ex-service personnel who are represented by the Union of General and Municipal Workers who negotiate on pay and conditions.

T.W.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK AT HOME ?

For various reasons you may not be able to go out to work, but possess a particular skill that could earn you money. I am looking for help with upholstery, restoring, needlework, patchwork, applique, artwork, lace-making etc. So if you have a skill and would like to earn some extra money working from home, please get in touch with Patsy Edwards, The Homestead, Sibford Ferris (next to the village shop), or telephone Swalcliffe 343.

L.E.O. CLUB

We have often been asked what L.E.O. stands for, so we feel we ought to put the record straight. L.E.O. stands for Ladies Evening Out, and anyone can join between the ages of 18 to 100 years!

We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month, unless it is Christmas or Half Term, when we change to the third Tuesday. Among our varied activities we have a Christmas party, Annual Dinner, bowling, treasure hunts and many more during the year which runs from September to June. The cost of your evening out is 30p which includes coffee and biscuits. We also have a little raffle.

The next meeting will be held at Temple Lodge on Tuesday 25th November at 8 p.m. Please come and try us.

Ann Spicer and Jayne Foster

BADMINTON

The Village Hall is soon to be marked out for Badminton. Will anyone interested in playing there please phone Chris Leyburn (628) or Joan Broady (410).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 4th November (V. Hall)
Mr Stanley Ewan with talk and slides.

Tuesday 18th November (V. Hall)
Mr Wager with slides.

Tuesday 25th November
Shopping Outing to Milton Keynes 9-3.30

Many thanks for all the support given to the Bring and Buy. The Friendship Club is dividing the money collected after expenses and is glad to be able to send Age Concern Oxfordshire £45.

JASON TUSTAIN

Our apologies to Jason who was left out of last month's list of successful pianists. He passed Step 1.

W.I.

"Journey Through the Himalayas" is the title of this month's meeting on November 11th at 2p.m in the Village Hall. The competition will be for a plate of 4 mince pies.

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COFFEE MORNING

A cheque for £151 was sent to the Stoke Mandeville Appeal. The W.I. would like to thank all those who made this splendid result possible by their generous donations and excellent attendance.

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SENIOR RESIDENTS PARTY

The party for the Senior Residents of Sibford will take place on November 29th in the Village Hall at 4.45 p.m. The Committee would be glad to hear from anyone over 60 who has not received an invitation by November 15th. Please contact Mrs B. Crabtree, The Brambles, Sibford Ferris. Tel. 635.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club meets on Monday evenings at 7.30 in the Village Hall and new members of secondary school age are always welcome. Recent activities include a Table Tennis Tournament won by Lavinia Mobley, and an evening trip to Solihull for ice skating. During August and September two "Wombling" evenings were held in the Gower and the Ferris, resulting in the collection of 8 large plastic sacks of rubbish from roadsides and footpaths!

The result of the Sponsored Walk in October for Youth Club Funds will be announced in the next issue.

J.S.

FOLK DANCING

Saturday November 15th.

23rd BIRTHDAY DANCE

John Chapman with the Bidford Band

Village Hall 8-11.30

CHURCH NOTES

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE BOOK

The ASB (for short) becomes a possible alternative service book from 10th November. It has been decided by the Church Council of Sibford that this book will be used in our Church normally twice a month - for the 10 a.m. service. It will mean some alterations in the pattern of worship, but as months go by I am sure we shall become accustomed to them. The 'old' Prayer Book will forever remain in use: we shall use it for 8.30 a.m. services (2 this month) and for Evensong.

CONCERT IN SWALCLIFFE CHURCH

On Friday 21st November there will be a concert in Swalcliffe Church to be given by Arne Richards, Gerald Garcia and others. Tickets will be \$1.50 and it should be a most rewarding evening of mainly 'serious' music. They have played in Hanwell Church recently and showed a wide range of talent then.

WHIST DRIVE

Friday 14th November at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Tickets 50p to include coffee. Excellent prizes. Profits for the roof repair fund.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting was well attended and followed by a very enjoyable Cheese and Wine Evening.

Our speaker on November 12th will be Mr Joe Elliott on "Alpines Without a Rock Garden". This will be an open evening and we hope members will invite friends to join us. We are hoping that Mr Elliott will bring some Alpine plants for sale at approx. 45p each.

Due to a successful year, it has been decided not to increase subscriptions from 75p which is now due and will be collected by Committee members in the near future. It is very pleasing that new members are joining the Society and we hope they will find pleasure from the next year's programme.

Your Committee members for this year are: Mrs Kay Turner (Secretary), Mrs Helen Butler (Treasurer), Mrs Toonie Law and Mr Roger Lambert.

Our own sales table brings us a small income and if every member brings a plant to each meeting, this could prove interesting.

John Sabin

THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Last month we spoke of taking a fresh look at the garden layout, and that this might involve moving and replanting, and even planting new shrubs. There has been a lot of rain during October which means that November and early December are going to be the principal planting weeks of the Autumn. When choosing new shrubs, have regard to their leaf colourings so that you get the benefit of variety in the beds as long as possible. Among the good-tempered varieties that suit our soil conditions, autumn colours come well on most of the Acers, particularly A. Palmatum; most of the berberis, including B. Wilsonae, and the cornus is good value not only for the autumn leaves, but also for the colour of the stems on dull winter days. Cotoneasters have brilliant berries as well as leaf colouring in the autumn. All hammelis varieties have the virtue of good leaf colouring and H. mollis throws up welcome flowers on the bare wood in midwinter. Rhus produces good autumn colours and the pleasing shape of the mature plant is good architecturally.

Good gardening and a Happy Christmas.

JARDIN

