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VISITING DAY

The new surgery at Burdrop is almost complete and will start operating on the 2nd March 1981.

There will be an OPEN DAY on Friday 6th March 1981 when patients of the practice may like to have a walk around the building.

CLOCKS ON

British Summertime begins on Sunday 22nd March.

POUNDS FOR POUNDS

Once again this Spring, the Primary School P.T.A. is organising a sponsored slim.

Anyone can join. Your weight is kept secret, but the sponsorship is a great incentive to achieve the size of your desires - and every pound you lose swells the funds of the P.T.A.

Interested? Contact Joan Broady (410) by March 2nd or as soon as possible afterwards.

BARN DANCE

Friday March 20th

8-11.30

Village Hall

Tickets £1.50

Refreshments included

Proceeds in aid of the Senior Residents Party

ON PAGE THREE

In our Christmas issue, we asked younger readers to write articles about things that interested and concerned them. On page three we print the first of these, Elizabeth Abbott's account of her visit to Phantasialand. Further contributions from readers young and old are always welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Each year towards Christmas there is a Senior Citizens' party. It happens in the Village Hall; the dinner is laid on with some entertainment and a jolly evening is had by those who attend. But unfortunately it costs money, and more so each year.

There has been brought into being a small committee dedicated to raising enough money to allow this treat to continue. As a first stage, there is to be a FOLK DANCE in the Village Hall on Friday 20th March from 8 p.m. to 11.30. The Folk Dance Club have kindly made the necessary arrangements as far as the dancing itself is concerned (in other words we shall all be told what to do if necessary). Refreshments have also been arranged and tickets are on sale at £1.50 inclusive. There will also be a raffle. Tickets from Heather Stewart, John Gilchrist, Mrs Percy Haynes, Miss Bennett or Mrs Crabtree.

BLUE PETER BRING AND BUY SALE

As many of you will know, the Bring and Buy Sale raised £332. This was a remarkable effort and one for which we should all be thankful. I should like to thank all who helped in any way, either bringing, buying or selling on the day. It was a most friendly occasion and one that will bring some relief to those disabled persons for whom the Blue Peter Appeal is being made this year. Thank you all very much indeed.

T.W.

A PARKING PLEA FROM A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Exaggerated by the mild winter the village verges are in a soft and sorry state. Whilst the narrowness of some of the village roads is appreciated, please park or pass on the nearest hardstanding. Your car will be safer and the verges less damaged, and a little walking exercise is good for all of us.

RECENT FINDS

Small gold SIGNET RING found by the Surgery. Collect from The Rectory.

LADIES MITTENS brown and red vinyl. Found in the Village Hall. Collect from the Editor

Good quality PLATE found in the Village Hall. Collect from W.I.

CAKE BOXES taken to the Blue Peter Sale. Collect from The Rectory.

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FOR SALE 24 inch Phillips Slimline Black and White T.V. Good working order. £25 o.n.o. Call 652.

PHANTASIALAND

In 1979 Elizabeth Abbott went with her family to stay with friends in Holland. The following is a (shortened) extract from her diary.

On Wednesday I woke up very excited because we were going to visit Phantasialand. When we got there I was shocked at the sheer size and all the rides and buildings and I could not wait to get started.

The first thing I went on was the Elephants. After that, Harold, Eric, Jeremy and I went for a ride on a roofless top bus. Then we decided we wanted to see the whole of Phantasialand by Jet - not the jet plane but a sort of high-speed train - and it felt as if you were going to fall off the rail because it wobbled so much and I was very scared.

We then went to a sort of Viking Ship to have a ride and it was great fun because they had models of different objects, and rhinoceros kept coming out of the water. I could not stop laughing and the boat nearly tipped over.

We tried out some old-fashioned cars. We all four piled into one car and you thought if you did not steer it yourself you would go off the track, but luckily you didn't have to steer all the time.

When we got to the Cowboy Town there were some games but I didn't have a go. We were all thirsty so we went to the cafe and had a drink and we felt much better after that. Next we went on a sort of ski-chair. It was quite high up and we went in a dragon's mouth and through icicles and then into a sort of fairyland.

After that we went to queue for the Log-ride. We queued for about an hour, and when we got to the front found that the thing you sat in was a log with a bit cut out of the middle, and in water. It was fantastic, but you got a bit wet.

Jeremy and Eric found a massive roller-coaster, and while they were on that, we went into the Magnetica Room where you felt upside down and a bit sick. Alas the day had come to an end, but that day was too good for words.

CHURCH NOTES

Lent is almost upon us, and that gives us all the 'excuse' to try that little bit harder in our Christian lives. I was a little disappointed at the return of the forms which each house should have received within the past few weeks. The plans for the Lenten house meetings are a little clearer: we intend to meet on Tuesday evenings at the Laws' house, 4 Sycamore Close, on Tuesdays 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st of this month. If you filled in a form you will receive a proper letter.

Lenten Services

There is a tradition that there should be extra services in Lent during the week; and here in Sibford this year there will be the following additional Communion services:-

Tuesday mornings at 7.15 a.m.
Thursday evenings at 7.15 p.m.

I hope that these opportunities will be taken by those so minded.

Timothy Wimbush

WREST DRIVE

The last of the present series in aid of Holy Trinity Repair Fund takes place on Friday March 13th in the Village Hall at 7.30.

W.I.

The March meeting is on Tuesday 10th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Dame Anne Stephens will speak on
The Work of the Red Cross
Competition - A Piece of Silver

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The speaker at the meeting on March 11th will be Mr Neindorf from the Vegetable Research Station.

CHURCH NOTES (contd.)

Collections in Sibford Church

Many of the houses in the Sibfords have recently been visited by someone from the Church with a simple leaflet concerning money and one's opportunities for giving to the Church in Sibford. That leaflet made a clear pledge that money received by envelopes or Bankers Order would be used for the maintenance of the Church in Sibford; and that further a 'high proportion' should be given to a charity agreed by the Parochial Church Council. That decision has now been made as follows:

The Open collections on the first three Sundays of each month (unless Easter, Harvest or some such festival) will be given to the nominated Charity; the collection on the fourth will be retained for Church expenses. It was further agreed that the Sibford Scene should be the means of informing all parishioners of the decision.

The collections of February were given to the Cheshire Home at Adderbury, and those of March will be given to Help the Aged.
Timothy Wimbush

FOLK DANCING

This month's Saturday Dance on March 21st will be led by Mike Tancock with Wild Thyme.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 3rd (Village Hall)

A demonstration of Bamix (Consumer Concern Ltd.) with a talk on Vitamins and Diet for the elderly, especially those living alone.

Tuesday 17th

The Club has been delighted to accept an invitation to the Village School again this year to be entertained by the children.

H.N.E.C. N.B.

Don't forget that evening classes at Hook Norton begin in the week beginning Monday March 2nd. Details were in last month's Scene. Further information from Mr Alan Sibson H.N. 737737

J U M B L E S A L E

Saturday 7th 2.30

Village Hall

Some 'Good as New'
Teas & Soft Drinks
on sale

Entrance FREE

F R I E N D S H I P C L U B

THE GARDEN IN MARCH

The dry frosty weather of recent weeks has done a great deal of good to the soil and made it ready to break down into seed beds. Choose a dry day and go over the ground with a cultivator and then with a rake to provide a fine tilth. The month of March makes a start on the serious business of seed sowing, but don't be in too great a hurry at the beginning of the month: the ground is very cold yet, but get the seed beds prepared, and if you can put some cloches over the rows, that will give two or three weeks start on sowing at the end of the month.

Length of daylight is increasing, but soil temperature is the critical factor at this time of year when considering seed sowing. Make the most of any glass you have, whether greenhouse or frames, and even the kitchen windowsill can provide useful accommodation for pots of seed and get them away to a good start.

Have you bought all your seeds yet? Seed potatoes will be available in the shops soon. It is advisable to buy them in good time and set them up in seed boxes or shallow trays, rose end uppermost, in a frost-free shed, and have them sprouted for planting in April.

The first seed sowing at the end of March will be in the vegetable patch: carrot Nantes or Amsterdam Forcing, cabbage May Express, Golden Acre or Greyhound, beetroot Avon Early or Boltardy, lettuce Fortune or Winter Density. Lettuce can be sown in boxes and brought on to plant out next month; sow thinly to give the seedlings a chance to develop into robust plants.

There is still time to move and to plant new shrubs including roses, but choose days free of frost. Plant firmly in good sized holes, sprinkle peat over the roots, and when the soil has been replaced, a handful of Growmore fertilizer can be raked in round the bush. Give it a light pruning.

JARDIN

THOUGHTS FROM A CONSERVATIONIST

Did you know? --

Bonfires pollute the atmosphere but compost enriches the soil.

BIRD SPOT

Can you give these birds their more common names?

1 Puckeridge, 2 Black Plover, 3 Blethering Tam 4 Black Duck,
5 Yeldrin, 6 White Game, 7 Winnard, 8 Black Game, 9 Bittour,
10 Quink Goose, 11 Marygold Finch, 12 Dusky Duck, 13 Mock
Nightingale, 14 Erne, 15 Fallow-snatch, 16 Summer Snipe,
17 Waterhen, 18 Water Eagle, 19 Rattle Wing, 20 Redcap.

1 Nighthawk, 2 Tufted Duck, 3 Whitethroat, 4 Sculp, 5 Yellow
Hammer, 6 Ptarmigan, 7 Redwing, 8 Black Grouse, 9 Bittern,
10 Brent Goose, 11 Goldeneye, 12 Bladder Duck, 13 Blackcap
Warbler, 14 Sea Eagle, 15 Wheatear, 16 Dunlin, 17 Moorhen,
18 Osprey, 19 Goldeneye, 20 Goldfinch.

ANSWERS

