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ELMS AT THE ELM

Two four-year-old elm seedlings have been planted and staked opposite the Elm, by courtesy (unbeknown) of the City of Vienna Parks and Cemeteries Department.

Seeds shed from a magnificent avenue of elms in one of the city parks were brought back, planted, and many germinated. Two are here, the rest on Hampstead Heath and in Epping Forest.

Perhaps, having come from so far East, they may be immune from this western disease, so let us hope so. However, just in case, two healthy suckers from the old trees have been staked, and they may have acquired immunity.

Floreat Ulmi!

J.G.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

The Save the Children Fund is organising a 20 mile sponsored walk in the grounds of Blenheim Palace on Sunday 31st May.

The route will be circuits round the Palace and lake, with plenty of control points for those not wishing to complete the full 20 miles. It is an interesting and beautiful area for walking - ideal for a family outing.

The proceeds will be shared between the S.C.F. "STOP" Polio campaign, mentally and physically handicapped children in long-stay hospitals, and the Oxfordshire Playbus.

Does anyone or any family feel they could join in?
Details from Sue Lambert (544).

SCENE'S FUNDS

Sibford Scene is now in its fifth year of publication. The cost this year is about 30 pence per household per year. We hope you think it's worth that and will want to contribute to costs, either through the box that Mrs Dyer has kindly agreed to have in the Post Office all month, or directly to the Editor or Treasurer (the Rector).

Both Parish Councils have already made a financial contribution, and for this we are very grateful.

Contributions of the other kind - for printing - are always gladly received. May we remind you that we need them by the 20th of each month to give time to put the magazine together and distribute it by the 1st.

J.A.

HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Willing Hostesses are once more being asked to give a week or two holiday to deprived children. The reasons are various, but each case is carefully investigated by the Social Services in their area, and all are children who would in no way get a holiday without the welcome and kindness of a family.

Last year the Sibfords gave a happy week to 14 children. Anyone interested should contact Mrs M.B. Flinn, W.R.V.S. Orchard Cottage, Sibford Gower. Tel. 209.

A THOUGHT FROM A READER.....ARE WE GOING TO CELEBRATE THE ROYAL WEDDING? IF SO, HOW? AND WHO WILL ORGANISE IT? ANY IDEAS? WHAT DO THE PARISH COUNCILS THINK ABOUT IT?

RED CROSS WEEK

Once again members of the Youth Club will be making the collection in Sibford on Thursday 7th May. El Salvador, Algeria, Italy, Ethiopia, Badminton Horse Trials, The Cup Final, the Horton Hospital Canteen.....you name it and the Red Cross is there. But it all costs money. So please give the collectors a cheerful welcome and please give generously to the Red Cross.

Anne Stephens

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1981

Each year we are given this great chance to make special collections in whatever way we choose for this well-known charity, which is most concerned with the under-developed or otherwise impoverished nations, which make up some 85% of the world's population. It is a cause of much heart-searching - and even shame - to many Westerners: and much unhappiness is caused. There is very little evidence that material possession leads to a happier society - perhaps indeed, the opposite is nearer the truth.

This year I shall hold a Coffee Morning in the Rectory on Thursday 14th between 10.30 and 12 noon, with a Bring and Buy stall and the usual bargains. I do hope that we shall see you. I never tire of reminding those who are unable to be present that there is a letter box on the front door of the Rectory: gifts marked appropriately will be added to the grand total and I shall send them off all together by the weekend of 16th/17th.

THE STAINED GLASS IN SIBFORD CHURCH

Frederick Muller Ltd are bringing out a book in which they say "Stained glass in your Church is featured". The book, Stained Glass in England, covers from the earliest in Jarrow (760) to glass in 1979. "There is a complete entry on your Church". The cost is £0.95 but I can get 3 or more copies for as 'little' as £6.46 each. I have not seen a copy, nor can I do so on approval. I am prepared to act as clearing house for what should be a most interesting book - if stained glass is your interest.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

For the first three weeks of May, the collections will be given to the S. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy (in London).

Timothy Wimbush

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HORTICULTURAL STOP PRESS

Will those wishing to book a seat on the outing to Batsford on June 13th please let John Sabin know as soon as possible. (Swa. 471).

Apologies for giving the incorrect price for dance tickets last month. They should be £1.50.

FOR SALE

ALUMINIUM GREENHOUSE 8'x 6'6"

£40.

O. Soden, Burdrop.

VILLAGE HALL HAS NEW CHAIRMAN

A LETTER FROM GORDON RIVERS

It is with regret that I have had to resign the Chairmanship of the Village Hall Committee due to changing conditions at work. Mr Rye is taking over the Chairmanship and I am sure he will receive the help and support from the Committee which I have enjoyed and for which I am most grateful.

Gordon Rivers

A PROFILE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN

When back in the 1950's I used to spend weekends in Burdrop with John Bushell and his wife, I occasionally came to the Country Dance evenings in what was then a brand new village hall.

At that time I was living and working in Abingdon, and had no thought that, years later, I would be living in Burdrop and working in Sibford.

I came to know the School through accompanying musical productions there, and then, when Miss Le Mare retired, I joined the staff in her place to teach French. For a few years my role changed when I became Head of the Music department, but latterly I have settled back to my first occupation.

Initially I lived at the School; later in the Ferris, and nearly four years ago moved to Burdrop, thus completing the circle.

Two years ago I became a member of the Parish Council and was recently invited to succeed Gordon Rivers as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee - an activity that I look forward to with great pleasure, but also some trepidation, as that brand new roof that I knew on my first visits sadly needs replacing, so that my first meetings are likely to be dominated by the need to raise £8,000.

When not thinking about finance, I enjoy gardening, music, reading, eating and just looking at the superb view from my cottage window.

Tony Rye

The Village Hall Committee has already expressed its thanks to Gordon Rivers for all that he has done in his years of office. The village is fortunate indeed to find such a good successor to take on the daunting task.

Don't forget the Village Hall A.G.M. on Friday 15th May at 7.30. This will be a crucial year when everyone's interest will be needed.

OF BIRDS.....

On the afternoon of April 15th Friends School Quadrangle had a rare visitor. For some two hours I and others observed a female Black Redstart busily feeding on the lawn. The last record of this bird in Sibford appears to be in 1932. She was there again busily hawking flies on Monday April 20th. This now poses the question, will a mate arrive for to nest? If so, will the imminent return of holidaying pupils scare them off?

F.R.

FERRIS MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Government Electors of Sibford Ferris Parish will be held at 8 pm on 20th May (Wednesday) in Room 23, Friends School.

PRIZE BINGO

We have had to change the date of the Bingo Session from 7th to 14th May. As part of our responsibility to the community, and arising from our Promise, we have decided to give 50% of the proceeds from the May session to the Village Hall Roof Repair Fund. Please come and support us.

Sibford Guides

WASTE PAPER

The bottom has indeed fallen out of the waste paper market. The Friends of the Earth can no longer dispose of it either.

However, last year's collections in Sibford, organised by Mrs Flinn, raised £45 which will be sent to the Blue Peter Fund to help the disabled.

COFFEE AND CLOTHES

Judy Abbott is giving a Coffee Morning on behalf of the Playgroup on Friday 15th May at Bramley Close, Sibford Gower. A selection of Margaret Amies children's clothes will be on display - seconds and discontinued lines of well-known brands, and there will also be a bring and buy cake stall.

The proceeds are to be given to a charity for disabled children.

Please come. You don't have to be connected with Playgroup, and it's a chance to help in the Year of the Disabled.

W.I.

Tuesday 12th May
Annual General Meeting
Village Hall 2p.m.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 28th April
Mystery Outing - leaving the Ferris at 1.15.

Tuesday 5th May - Friends School
"Jack of all Trades" - a talk
by Mrs Phyl Barton

Tuesday 19th May - Friends School
"The Life of a Country Solicitor"
Mr Kenneth Brooke

FOLK DANCING

Saturday 16th May at 8 pm in
the Village Hall.
- Walt Tingle with Barry's Best-

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

First round judging is in
May!

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

There are two main events in May.

Saturday 16th

A full day's programme on two nineteenth century autobiographical novels: VILLETTE and THE MILL ON THE FLOSS.

The cost is £3 which includes refreshments and a simple lunch.

Details from Alan Sibson,
Hook Norton 737737.

Friday 22nd (7.30-9.30)

The Centre's annual Open Evening, with displays of work from various classes and, it is hoped, a showing of the film "24 Square Miles" about life in these villages thirty years ago.

This will be Mr Sibson's last event at the Centre before he retires. Under his leadership great things have been achieved in the provision of classes on all manner of subjects, The success, and solvency, of such a small Centre in the heart of the country is a matter of wonder to many of its bigger brothers, and this is almost entirely due to the imagination and energy of Alan Sibson.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Three dates to remember in May. The May Dance is on Friday 1st in the Village Hall. (Tickets £1.50)

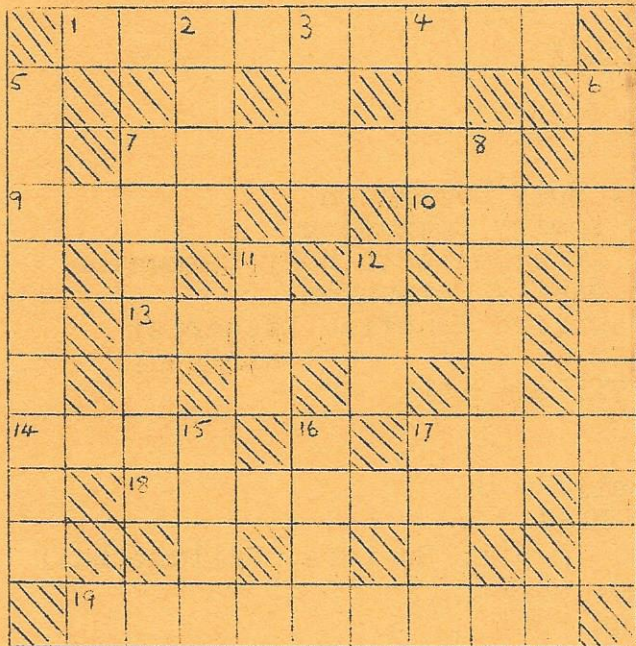
On Wednesday 13th, Mr Ashworth of Jephson Gardens will be speaking on Shrubs.

And on Saturday 16th there will be a Cake and Produce Sale at The Leys, Sibford Gower, from which the proceeds will be donated to the Senior Citizens' Party.

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 on Friday 8th May. This is the main opportunity for all electors to find out about the year's activities and to voice their concerns.

At the same time on Friday 22nd, the Council's Annual Meeting is held for the election of Officers.



PRIMARY SCHOOL CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Five out of seven is one in termtime. (9)
- 7 Start of football match (4-3)
- 9 Mohammedan prince's title (4)
- 10 Could be a family, boot or fir one (4)
- 13 Loop nut (anag.) (7)
- 14 God of war next to earth (4)
- 17 You have visual ones in school (4)
- 18 Less hid (anag.) (7)
- 19 Find meals (anag.) (9)

DOWN

- 2 Plait, cut or brush it (4)
- 3 Acorns produce them (4)
- 4 Silly (4)
- 5 Twice a day they occur, when you may act a newspaper (9)
- 6 You try to do this when you ask teacher (6,3)
- 7 Sleeping fish? (7)
- 8 In scarf (anag.) (7)
- 11 Many go to school on this (3)
- 12 The pig lives here (3)
- 15 Guard against kicks on this (4)
- 16 Page, may be found on 10 across (4)
- 17 One fee which may sound like farewell (1,3)

WHO IS MISSING ?

Compiled by Ina Lamb

THE GARDEN IN MAY

April's Sun and wind have dried the ground well and so, if you haven't finished sowing the seeds of annuals, this should be done now. In the vegetable garden, sprouting broccoli, cabbage and summer and autumn cauliflower should be sown, and successional sowings of lettuce, carrot and turnip are a good idea. Marrows and courgettes should be sown mid-month or, if you have any glass, you can sow now, 2 seeds in each 3" pot and then discard one seedling when they are growing strongly. Don't plant out until all risk of frost has gone.

Bulbs, corms and tubers are for May planting. Begonia and Dahlia tubers repay starting in boxes, preferably in moist peat, and before planting out you can remove some of the 3" shoots and strike them separately in 3" pots. Keep the cuttings moist and shade them on sunny days. Remember when planting out Dahlias, they are hungry plants so give them plenty of room; dig a good-sized hole and put a spadeful of manure, well rotted of course, in the bottom. A strongly growing plant is more resistant to disease. Gladioli corms like to be planted deeply with 4"-5" of soil on top. A sprinkling of Growmore fertilizer will give them some nourishment in the long weeks ahead. Once they are above ground, put 4 bamboos around each group ready to tie in the growth when it reaches about 18".

The principal trouble at this time of year is to control the growth of grass and weeds. Many a well-cut lawn loses its eye-appeal because the edges haven't been cut, and, in consequence, weeds and straggling grass sprawl across the path. It pays to start the season with clear cut edges.

Jardin

CALENDAR FOR MAY

CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS Sunday 11 a.m.
 METHODISTS Sunday 11a.m.
 HOLY TRINITY 3rd 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 10th 10 a.m. Family Communion
 17th 6 p.m. Evensong with Holy Communion
 24th 10 a.m. Family Communion
 31st 10 a.m. United Benefice Eucharist
 at Epwell

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. in the Village Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club Monday 7.30 Village Hall
 Luncheon Club Tuesday 12.30 Friends Hall
 Folk Dancing Tuesday 7 p.m. Juniors; 8 p.m. Seniors. Village Hall
 Brownies Thursday 6 p.m. Friends Hall
 Guides Thursday 7 p.m. Village Hall

Friday 1st SS Philip and James 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
 Horticultural Society May Dance

Tuesday 5th Friendship Club at the Friends School
 Thursday 7th Red Cross Collection
 Friday 8th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 Village Hall

Tuesday 12th W.I. A.G.M. Village Hall 2 p.m.
 Wednesday 13th Horticultural Society "Shrubs" Village Hall 8 p.m.
 Thursday 14th Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10.30-12 Rectory
 Guides Prize Bingo 7.15 Village Hall
 S. Matthias Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

Friday 15th Playgroup Coffee Morning Bramley Close
 Village Hall Annual Meeting 7.30

Saturday 16th Folk Dance 8 p.m. Village Hall
 Day Course at Hook Norton
 Cake & Produce Stall (Horticultural Society)

Tuesday 19th Friendship Club at the Friends School
 Wednesday 20th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting 8 p.m. Friends School

Friday 22nd Hook Norton Evening Centre Open Evening 7.30
 Annual Meeting of the Gower Parish Council 7.30

Thursday 28th Ascension Day 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
 Sunday 31st S.C.F. Sponsored Walk Blenheim Park

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