

SIBFORD SCENE

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IN SPRINGS GONE BY

SIBFORD CLUB DAY was organised by Sibford Friendly Society and was held on the first Monday of June. This was recognised as the annual day's holiday for the village.

On the Sunday, the side-shows arrived in the field owned by Mr Lewis Poulton (Snr) where the Village Hall now stands. These consisted of roundabouts, swing-boats, coconut shies, skittles and many more for young and old.

CLUB DAY, as it was known, commenced in the Village School with a lunch of bread and cheese with beer at 10 a.m. The members then marched with their banners and staves, led by the Village Brass Band, to the Old Vicarage by the Pond. From there they marched to the Church, joined by the choir and clergy, all fully robed, for a service.

At about 1 o'clock, dinner was served by Mr William West and his wife and helpers at the Village School. This consisted of roast beef or lamb, and Yorkshire pudding with vegetables, all home produced. The meat and pudding were roasted in Mr Daniel Sabin's oven.

During the afternoon a cricket match was played, usually between Gower and Ferris. At 8 p.m. back to the School once again for Supper, which was cold meat and ham, again home cured. Songs were sung with gusto, such as "We'll Have a Day Off For That", "The Village Pump", "You'll be My Sweetheart".

The day closed with a Dance at the old Village Hall behind The Wykham Arms. Music was supplied by the local Brass Band which also played throughout the afternoon in Poulton's Field.

ERIC PAYNE

MAYPOLE 1981

Old traditions live on at the Village School where the children celebrate the Spring with Maypole and Morris dancing. This year, the rain poured down as the Juniors sang "Summer is Icumen In", but the May Queen was duly crowned by Mrs Mary Poulton, and the maypole ribbons intricately woven before the company retreated indoors for the rest of the proceedings.

We can also report that Mrs Poulton's successor has been appointed. She is Mrs Barbara Greenhalgh, a teacher of wide experience, who lives at Mollington and currently teaches at the William Morris School in Banbury.

The recent Bazaar at the School was a resounding success. Thanks are due to everyone who supported it in any way, and especially those who were cajoled into providing gifts for the Bottle Stall.

CHURCH NOTES

WEEKDAY WORSHIPPING

There are several people who wonder exactly why services should be held in any Church during the week. The simple answer is that the Christian faith is a seven-day-a-week commitment. During Lent an effort was made to have one or two extra services during the week and this was felt by some to be worth extending. There is to be an extra celebration of Holy Communion every Thursday morning at 7.30. This leaves time for that first bus to Banbury to be caught. On weekdays (except Monday) there will be a short service at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Church. These services which form part of the duty of Parish Priests, are about 15 minutes in length with a goodly portion of the Bible read. You will be most welcome to join me for either of these short acts of worship.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Each year we try to set aside one day of the year for private, silent prayer. This year it will be Saturday 6th June. Each of the four parishes is responsible for a three-hour period during the day. Sibford has the hours between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. I do hope you will all try and join in this time of prayer.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Coffee Morning made something over £76. Thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Timothy Wimbush

SWALCLIFFE CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Arrangements are now well in hand for a Flower Festival to be held in Swalcliffe Church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 3rd, 4th, and 5th. On the Friday there will be a Musical Evening given by members of the Banbury Amateur Operatic Society, and the Sunday evening will conclude the Festival with a Songs of Praise. Please watch for local notices of further details.

Joan Robinson

RALPH C. HOGGINS

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Swa. 391.

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TWO BROTHERS FREE

We have two buck rabbits with a
hutch each that unfortunately we
can no longer keep. Would like
to give them to a good home
together or separately. If
interested, come along to Temple
Lodge, S Gower (Foster, Swa 296)
Ask for Starsky and Hutch.

BARN DANCE

There will be a Barn Dance at
Swalcliffe Grange Farm on Fri.
5th June. Tickets, including
food £2.25. Music by Hook
Norton Ceilidh Band. Proceeds
to Swalcliffe Village Hall
Kitchen. Gillian Brookes (295)
or Sandy Todd (278).

TADMARTON SUMMER FETE

At the Manor, Tadmarton on Sat.
4th July at 2.30.

SCENE FROM AFAR

For the last 16 years I have corresponded with a friend in New Zealand. At first mainly about cacti but gradually the topics widened, and when we went to New Zealand and met her in person where she lives on the South Island, our friendship was put on a much wider and more personal basis.

For geographical reasons nearly all their communities are small and intimate, being separated from each other by hills and mountains.

Life in our rural areas is of great fascination to our far-away friends and our village activities are followed with much interest. I send them any paper cuttings and local brochures which I think would help them to get a picture of the scenery and our way of life. For some time now, I have posted on our old SIBFORD SCENE issues and can report that they are read by the whole family, and even the puzzles are attacked. It appears that they find the vast variety of activities in such a small community as ours rather surprising and the SIBFORD SCENE is much admired.

I thought you may like to know that our intimate local publication has gone international.

Zella Andrews

P.S. Copies also go to the Local History Collection in Oxford for the benefit of future historians of the rural scene. Ed.

A TRIP TO THE TIP

At the Gower Parish Meeting there were two astounding revelations. First that people (Sibfordians?) were tipping garden refuse on the verges in Pound Lane; second that even most of the law-abiding citizens at the meeting hadn't sampled the delights of the new Alkerton Tip. If you only remember the horrors of the old one at Bloxham, wonders are in store for you. Why not go this weekend - dispose of all your old rubbish - and sample the tip of the future. Drive through Shenington and Alkerton and turn left at the crossroads. The tip is then on your right.

Other points from the meeting: Tanners are to run their own scheme to replace the bus tokens no longer supplied by the Council. Details will soon be available in the Post Office. Warm appreciation was expressed of Tanners generosity in this scheme.

The new footpath leading round the bend from the Village Hall has been almost completed. Thanks to the voluntary labourers and supervisors.

The old Jubilee Committee is to be reconvened to plan some Royal Wedding celebrations.

PAPER COLLECTION

We have received a very nice letter from the Blue Peter Disabled People's Fund for the £45 that we sent from last years newspaper collections. We added the paper collected by Mrs Lord in Tadmarton and Miss Turner in Shutford. The letter, signed from Simon, Sarah and Peter says the money will go towards electric cars or chairs for adults and neo-natal intensive care incubators for new-born babies.

M.B. Flinn

Thank you for the donations that have been coming in towards the cost of SIBFORD SCENE. The box will be in the Post Office for just a few more days.

FOLK DANCING

The June Dance on Saturday 20th will be to John Blomfield with Bob Shakespeare's Band, in the Village Hall.

PIG ROAST

The Primary School P.T.A. is holding a Pig Roast at Temple Mill Farm on Saturday June 20th at 8.30. Attractions include food, disco and bar. Tickets from Committee members.

LEO CLUB

The Ladies set off on a Treasure Hunt at 8 p.m. on June 16th, starting from 22 High Meadow, Sibford Gower.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday June 2nd
Village Hall 10.30 - a
BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING.
Proceeds to Club Funds and if well supported, we hope to make a donation to Age Concern (Oxon).

Entrance, with coffee and biscuit, 20p.
Children free - drinks on sale
The raffle has 4 different prizes including a very beautiful small doll's house with electric light.

Tuesday June 16th
Village Hall. Illustrated talk by a Fire Officer, "Fire in the Home"

Tuesday June 23rd
Outing (postponed from April)
Mrs Mary Watson has kindly invited us to see her 5 acres of garden created from wild, uncultivated scrub. She is also offering cups of tea etc. A mystery tour round country roads will take us to Priors Marston by 3.30. The coach leaves the Ferris at 1.15.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

The collection in the three villages of Sibford raised £61.77. (£10 up on last year). Very many thanks. S.L.

SIBFORD SCHOOL

The Friends School will be open to the public from 2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Saturday 20th June. Come and see the displays of work and have a cup of tea with us.

YOUTH CLUB

The proceeds of the recent Jumble Sale amounted to £84.50. Thanks to all who worked so hard to achieve this wonderful result. The Management Committee and the Club spent an enjoyable Monday evening getting to know one another and playing each other (not too seriously) at darts, table tennis, draughts and chess. Thank you, youth club for being so welcoming and giving us all such a pleasant time.

J. Shields.

The club is having an ice-skating trip on Friday June 5th. Anyone interested in going, please contact Mr D. Baker (Swa. 676) Cost £2 inclusive.

JUNIOR QUIZ

Following last year's highly successful evening, there is to be a second Junior Quiz between pupils of the Friends School and Sibford pupils from the Warriner School. Friday 19th June. Village Hall. 7.30.

W.I.

On Wednesday 6th May fourteen members thoroughly enjoyed a most interesting afternoon outing to Spencer (Banbury) Ltd. Manufacturers of Foundation Garments.

The A.G.M. was held on 12th May and the following were elected to the Committee:

Mrs Crabtree - President
Mrs Jarvis - Secretary
Mrs Inns - Treasurer

Mrs Dyer, Mrs Soden, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Baggeley, Mrs Bristow and Mrs Griffiths.

Tuesday 9th June 2 p.m. V.H.
Bamix Food Mixer Demonstration Competition - Your favourite kitchen utensil.

THE GARDEN IN JUNE

The mixed and mainly wet weather in May has promoted a great growth of weeds but it has not helped newly emerged seedlings. Fortunately, there is still time to re-sow any doubtful starters such as carrots and parsnips. If you haven't done so already, runner beans should be planted out and so should vegetable marrows and courgettes. If you grow outdoor tomatoes, choose a quiet spell of weather for planting out, tie the plants firmly to stakes and water in well. For continuous supplies of lettuce, Fortune, Windermere, Webbs Wonderful, and in cos varieties, Lobjoits Green and Little Gem are reliable croppers. Golden Acre cabbage is a good variety; don't overlook Christmas Drumhead and Greyhound, two old fashioned varieties. Calabrese, sown in early June, should give a picking in the Autumn; Express Corona is a quick-growing variety. A sowing of beetroot will germinate quickly this month. Have you grown sea kale beet? The large leaves cook like spinach and the thick white ribs, cut and tied, resemble asparagus.

The main work in the flower garden is to keep the perennials staked and tied and to remove the dead flowers. When cutting off dead roses take a cut down to the next break and this will encourage fresh growth. Keep the cut about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " above the little bud next below the dead flower. Climbing roses can be fully pruned when they have finished flowering, about the end of the month. Select young wood for next year's flowering and remove completely the wood that has borne this year's flowers.

Both vegetables and flowers need a little fertilizer hoed in around them. National Growmore is an economical, balanced fertilizer best used in showery weather.

JARDIN

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

May I thank everyone who gave cakes and produce for our sale on May 16th. I am pleased to confirm that we raised the excellent sum of £35.60 towards the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Special thanks to Mrs Turner for opening her garden for this project and for her efforts to make the sale a success, together with the help of Committee members.

Our outing on June 13th has been slightly changed owing to the fact that Sezincote is closed on that Saturday. The first stop will be at Joe Elliott's Alpine Garden and Nursery, moving on to the picnic area at Batsford Park (own picnic lunch to be taken). After a look round Batsford Park, the coach will call at Broughton Poggs and Filkin, where, for a payment of 50p you may look around small cottage gardens and Manor garden. There is a Flower Festival being held in the church and teas will be available. Coach seats, if available, £1.25.

The next monthly meeting will be on September 9th.

John Sabin (Swa. 471)

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Schoolday 7 Kick-off 9 Amir 10 Tree 13 Poulton
14 Mars 17 Aids 18 Shields 19 Mansfield .

DOWN 2 Hair 3 Oaks 4 Daft 5 Playtimes 6 Please Sir
7 Kippers 8 Francis 11 Bus 12 Sty 15 Shin 16 Leaf 17 A Due

WHO WAS MISSING? Mrs Cody.

NEWS WANTED

Sue Colquhoun has just started as Sibford's correspondent for the Banbury Guardian's 'Round Town and Country' section. She would like to report on any club, school or Church activities or social events. Silver or Golden Wedding anniversaries and major family celebrations or reunions would add a personal touch which would be very welcome too. If you think any occasion is worth a photograph, please consider submitting one yourself. The Guardian might send their own photographer out in special circumstances.

Sue's reports have to reach the Banbury Guardian on Mondays, so she would be grateful for any news from the previous week before then. (But please, no salacious gossip!)

Handywater Farm, Sibford Gower. Swalcliffe 660.

CONCERT

Saturday 13th June in Epwell Church, a concert of Music and Readings in aid of the Roof Fund.

SALE

Sale of Plants and Cakes.
Tadmarton Village Hall.
Saturday June 6th. 2.30.

BARBECUE

Sibford Playgroup's recent Coffee Morning at Bramley Close made over £60 for Handicapped Children. A Barbecue is planned for Saturday 11th July at Handywater Farm, by kind invitation of Sue and William Colquhoun. Book the date now!

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

CHURCH SERVICES and WEEKLY EVENTS are as usual, with the addition of the weekday services outlined on page 2. (None on Thurs. 4th)

Tuesday 2nd	Friendship Club Coffee Morning. Village Hall 10.30
Friday 5th	Barn Dance at Swalcliffe
	Youth Club Skating Trip
Saturday 6th	United Benefice Day of Prayer 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	Plant Sale at Tadmarton 2.30

Sunday 7th	Whitsunday. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
Tuesday 9th	W.I. Bamix Demonstration 2 p.m. Village Hall
Wednesday 10th	Church Coffee Morning at Rhossili, Epwell. 10.30
Saturday 13th	Horticultural Society Outing. Leaves 10 a.m. Concert in Epwell Church

Sunday 14th	Trinity Sunday	Family Communion	10 a.m.
Tuesday 16th	Friendship Club	'Fire in the Home'	Village Hall
	Leo Club	Treasure Hunt	8 p.m.
Friday 19th	Junior Quiz.	Village Hall	7.30
Saturday 20th	Folk Dance.	Village Hall	8 p.m.
	Friends School	Open Day	2-5.30
	P.T.A.	Pig Roast at Temple Mill	8.30

Tuesday 23rd	Friendship Club Outing	1.15
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