

SIBFORD
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

CHURCH NOTES

You will see from the calendar at the back there have been two changes to the times of service in the Church in Sibford. The early Celebration on the first Sunday of each month has come forward to 8 a.m. thereby allowing more flexibility for the other Churches.

The third Sunday Morning service will be Matins from the Prayer Book, followed by a shortened Communion service from the same book. The Parochial Church Council has decided to make this change because, for some months now, the number attending Evensong has dwindled considerably. It remains to be seen, of course, whether the change is for the better.

There will be Carols sung at most services around Christmas time, of course.

Timothy Wimbush

PLAYLEADER WANTED

The thirty children of Sibford Playgroup need a Playleader. (paid). Unfortunately, Mrs Pauline Pratley was not well enough to return after half term and since then the Playgroup has been in the capable hands of Maureen Hicks and Anne Gray. However, that is a temporary arrangement, and we want to be fully staffed again in January. We meet on four mornings a week in term time, provide excellent help and offer the satisfaction of working closely with young children. If this might be for you, even if you couldn't offer all four mornings, please contact Janet Clark on Swalcliffe 726.

BABIES AND TODDLERS

If you have a baby or toddler and would like it to come to Playgroup when it is old enough, please get in touch with the Registration Secretary, Pauline Crawford (606). This helps our forward planning.

DOWN YOUR WAY

Mr Jack Bristow of Burdrop made a tape of the Radio Oxford 'Down Your Way' programme from Sibford, editing out most of the extraneous matter. He would be willing to lend the tape to anyone who missed the broadcast or would like to hear it again. If anyone is interested, please contact Mr Bristow at Birch Hill, Burdrop. Swalcliffe 533.

PLEASE FIND MY BIKE!

Rachel Lace left her orange M.X. tricycle in Barley Close during the weekend 14th-15th November and it hasn't been seen since. If anyone has seen it, please contact her parents at 8 Barley Close (503), or just return the bike. Life isn't the same without it.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

will be at the

PLAYGROUP BAZAAR

on Saturday 12th Dec.

All the usual stalls plus an excellent selection of hand-made gifts and decorations. Also toys and children's craft materials to occupy the long school holiday. Wrapping paper and cards.

2 - 4 Village Hall 12th Dec.

SAVE A BLACK CAT

No-one has claimed the tame black cat that has taken up residence with the Mulley family. They already have a full complement of cats and cannot keep another. If anyone could save it from being put down, please contact Mollie and John Mulley on Swalcliffe 629. Urgently!

GOOD HOME required for 2 rabbits. Swalcliffe 660.

TO FATHER CHRISTMAS FROM KING WENCESLAS

Dear Sir,

Do you remember me, I wonder? We did meet, briefly, about 1,200 years ago, when you were late finishing your round, and I had set out early with my "flesh, wine and pine-logs" for my Poor Man.

Now I know you have many thousands of children to visit, and I had only one man, and I did have a page to help me, but your distribution does seem a little uneven. Many chimneys down which you drop your gifts are quite full up before you have finished, while I hear of millions of children who have nothing - nothing at all.

From where you live, I realise it is South whichever way you go, but here we are conscious of East and West also, and it is the East which is in trouble. So could you, dear Father Christmas, when you set out this year, just bear left and then keep going a little further than usual, till you see the Star in the East which will be your guide.

Please consider my request, which I present with the greatest respect and wish you the compliments of the season.

Your devoted admirer,

Wenceslas R.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. For Him! Three suit-lengths of best quality all-wool suiting. Sell separately, beautiful material. Also girl's sewing machine, really works, battery or hand, with foot control. £5. Jean Jones, Swalcliffe 631.

DRY ELM LOGS for sale. Telephone Swalcliffe 8112 or 517

POPPY COLLECTION

This year, Sibford's contribution totalled £177.73. I should like to say thank you to all the collectors who have helped me for the last 7 years and also to everyone who has contributed.

I hope that next year you will all support John and Mollie Mulley, as they are kindly taking over as honorary organisers.

Carolyn Phillips

GIRL GUIDES

The Girl Guides will be holding a Christingle Service in Sibford Parish Church at 5 o'clock on Sunday 6th December. Please do come and support your local Guides. Light refreshments will be served in the Village Hall afterwards.

The Girl Guides are also organising a Christmas Bingo in aid of their funds in Sibford Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday 17th December. Start your festivities with a game of Bingo in the company of your friends.

W.I.

25 members were present at the November meeting and the business included plans for the forthcoming Red Arrows film show and the help required for the Senior Residents party in December.

A most interesting talk on Australia was given by Miss Allen, with colour slides and tape recordings. A lively discussion ensued.

Mrs Butt proposed a well-deserved vote of thanks and Miss Allen judged the competition - a plate of 4 plain scones - won by Mrs Baggaley, 2nd Mrs Crabtree, 3rd Mrs Soden. Tea was provided and served by Mrs Law and Mrs Bristow.

December 8th - Members' Meeting 2pm

January 12th - Buffet Meals - Mrs Judd. Competition, A Bowl of Hyacinths.

Mrs M. Bristow

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday 30th November

Entertainment and Tea at the Friends School.

Tuesday 15th December

The Club's own Christmas tea. Tokens of thanks given annually to our helpers and drivers will be presented by Mr Jim Graham, who will be joined by several other of our honorary members.

January

Programmes are not confirmed, but the Annual Meeting should be on Tuesday 5th in the Village Hall, and there should also be a meeting on the 19th, weather permitting.

Meetings are automatically cancelled in the event of snow.

Meals on Wheels

There will be no meals after the Monday one on Dec. 21st until after Monday Jan. 4th. We shall hope to cook and deliver meals from the School again from Jan. 18th

Mrs M.B. Flinn

Mrs FLINN

While helping to clear up after the Friendship Club Jumble Sale on Saturday, Mrs Flinn fell, breaking her wrist and hip. She was taken straight to hospital by Mrs Jean Poulton and is now in Ward F at the Horton.

I am sure our readers would want to join in sending her best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

I am very grateful to all those who helped, donated or supported the Coffee Morning for S.C.F. in November. The S.C.F. Gift Stall was very popular and took nearly £170, and we managed to give over £60 to S.C.F. from the other stalls and donations.

Many thanks to all.

Sue Lambert

FOLK DANCING

December 19th

Hugh Rippon with the Magic Rantabout

January 9th

Twelfth Night Party 8 - 12

Tom Shakespeare with Bob's Band

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Committee has asked John Mulley Associates to undertake the renewal of the southern side of the roof as soon as he is able. We are hoping that this might be before the New Year.

The Village Hall Quiz was won this year by the Church team. Once again it was a splendid evening's entertainment thanks to the diligence of Miss Le Mare in setting such a battery of varied and evenly matched questions. Keith Hicks was in charge of sound and vision (with Richard White behind the curtain) and Norman Coxon had the unenviable task of scoring and timing.

The following dates are free and available for hire at the Hall in January. Friday 1st; Saturday 2nd; Friday 8th; Saturday 16th; Friday 22nd; Saturday 23rd; Friday 29th; Saturday 30th. Enquiries to Miss Bennett, Swalcliffe 235

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RED ARROWS

The Red Arrows film show at the Friends School on November 19th was a great success. A large audience from the village and school watched the performance and also enjoyed home made refreshments, as well as buying generously from the handicraft and produce stalls.

The W.I. and the Village Hall Roof Repair Committee would like to thank all who helped either before or during the evening, and particularly Mr Graham and the staff of the Friends School for giving the use of the Hall and other facilities which contributed to a very pleasant evening for the whole community.

Thanks are also due to the R.A.F. for their co-operation in sending one of their most experienced pilots to show the films and to explain and answer questions.

Mary Bristow

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Having been a member of the Committee of the Royal British Legion in Sibford, I wish to convey to the residents of the Sibfords and Burdrop that I am bitterly opposed to the Branch being disbanded and am hoping to join a more active Branch.

E.M. Nelder

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BANBURY GUARDIAN

I have been writing a column about the village's activities in the Banbury Guardian for about six months now, and wonder if anyone else would like to have a go. The Banbury Guardian refunds the cost of any phone calls, postage etc. and also the cost of the paper each week. You would then earn 3p a line. Mr Abbott has very kindly been delivering my copy to the newspaper office in Banbury every Monday morning, and I'm sure would continue to do so.

You don't have to type your copy, and it's not difficult to write, as everyone has been very helpful and friendly indeed, so that I very much enjoy doing it. It's only a matter of a couple of hours or less each week, but, even so, changing circumstances at home are making it more difficult for me to find the time, and I would be glad to hand over to anyone else who feels they would like to try it.

Sue Colquhoun (Swa. 660)

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Rachel Lace left her orange H.K. tri-cycle in Duxley Close in the
1st 1952. It has not been seen since. Please if

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1981
AND JANUARY 1982

CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS SUNDAY 11 a.m.
METHODISTS SUNDAY 11 a.m.
HOLY TRINITY 6th 8 a.m. Holy Communion
5 p.m. Christingle Service (Guides)
13th 10 a.m. Holy Communion
20th 11 a.m. Matins and Communion
24th 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass
25th 8 a.m. Holy Communion
11.15 a.m. Family Christmas Morning
Service with Communion.
27th 10 a.m. Holy Communion

WEEKLY EVENTS

Toddlers Monday 1.45 Village Hall
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

DECEMBER

Saturday 5th Senior Residents' Party
Sunday 6th Christingle Service 5 p.m.
Tuesday 8th W.I. Members' meeting 2 p.m.
Wednesday 9th Horticultural Society Christmas Meeting 8 p.m.
Saturday 12th Playgroup Christmas Bazaar 2 - 4 Village Hall

Tuesday 15th Friendship Club Christmas Tea Village Hall
Thursday 17th Guides Christmas Bingo 7 p.m. Village Hall
Saturday 19th Folk Dance Village Hall

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.30
Christmas Day Holy Communion 8 a.m. Family Service 11.15

JANUARY 1982

Tuesday 5th Friendship Club A.G.M.
Saturday 9th Folk Dance Club Twelfth Night Party 8 - 12 V. Hall.
Tuesday 12th W.I. Buffet Meals 2 p.m. Village Hall
Tuesday 19th Friendship Club

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