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ESCAPE FROM WINTER

Escape from winter to the Australian sunshine.

A second chance to hear Dr. Agnew talk about his time in Australia as a Flying Doctor, and to see his slides.

Admission 50p at the door for the Roof Fund

P L U S

For a further donation of £1.00 Dr. Agnew invites you to test your palate and to improve your experience of wine. No expertise needed, but you could win a prize.

Friday 5th February 7.45 p.m. Village Hall

THE SNOWS OF YESTERYEAR

Many people have asked us to make special mention of George Hall's valient service in keeping up his regular milk deliveries throughout the blizzards and drifts of December and January. We were better served than many in the towns. Thank ypu, George, and thanks also to the various other tradesmen who kept us supplied, despite the difficulties.

The last word on the subject belongs to the children whose comments you will find scattered around the magazine.

FROST BITE

Blowing blizzard

Snowflakes falling everywhere,  
Drifting snow by every wall and hedge,  
Children sliding, making snowmen.  
Footprints and car tracks on the road.

Andrew Evans

SNOW TIME

Soft snow  
Patter, patter, patter,  
Naughty boys and girls who  
Throw snowballs.  
Bad, bad, bad.  
A chilly morning full of snow  
Laughs, chatters, wetness, sledging,  
Warm fires and nice hot baths.

Edwin Sandys



### EILEEN BAKER

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Eileen Baker on 18th December 1981 at the age of 82. She had lived in Burdrop since 1924 and always took a keen interest in village affairs. She was a founder member of the W.I. and Treasurer of the Sibford Meeting of the Society of Friends for many years. Although she had been housebound for the last seven years since breaking her leg, and despite the suffering she had to endure, she continued to take an interest in village and family news.

Her great desire was to remain in her own house and she was enabled to do so, thanks to her home-help and her good neighbours in Burdrop, and Meals on Wheels.

A Memorial Meeting for Worship to give thanks to God for the life of Eileen Baker will be held in the Friends Meeting House, Sibford Gower later this year.

Norman Coxon

### ASH WEDNESDAY

24th February sees this day which is the start of Lent. As has been said many times before it is the chance for Christians to think about the whole way in which their faith can live and develop. Plans have not yet been laid, but I should be most surprised if some house discussion groups were not set up in Sibford. Next month I shall be able to tell you for sure. These will be open for everyone to attend, churchgoer or not. Indeed this is the way we should all be working.

Timothy Wimbush

### CUBS

The Bloxham pack is overloaded with Sibford boys. Is there anyone interested in setting up Cubs in Sibford? If a new pack isn't formed, many boys will be denied the experience of joining. (P.S. Two-thirds of present Playgroup children are male, so there should be no future shortage of boys.)

### COFFEE MORNING

Pauline Crawford is holding a Coffee Morning for Playgroup funds at Valley View, Sibford Ferris, on Wednesday 17th February. Everyone is invited. Cakes, bring & buy, children's goods.

### LETTERS

From Mr Padbury.

Just to wish you all a Happy New Year. Having spent so many enjoyable years in a very lovely part of the world, it does me good to hear of your friendly village life. I do keep in touch with a few old pals and I have more time now to meet and do some visiting and join a club or two. There are plenty of card players around and I've been presented with my own card table for my room and have my private phone. There are several good British Legion clubs here with licensed bars and good old soldiers who never die!

Bob Padbury

From Miss Nelder

Many thanks to the friends of the Sibfords and Burdrop for their kind thoughts and messages and to the little children that came down on their sledge to visit me during the cold spell. And to my Colony neighbours that have been such Good Samaritans to me.

E.M. Nelder

### FRIENDS HALL

Elizabeth and John Endersby of Meeting House Cottage are now dealing with the hiring out of the Friends Hall. Enquiries to them on Swa. 701.



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### ROOF REPAIRS

The shingles to replace the roof on the Village Hall have now been delivered. Those for the south side are in the car park and John Mulley Associates will begin work shortly - snow permitting. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs William Colquhoun who have kindly offered to store the remaining shingles under cover until we are in a position to commission further work. We thank all those who have contributed in any way to the Roof Appeal Fund. Having bought the shingles, we still face a large deficit, so we ask for your continued support in any way possible.

### NEW HIRE CHARGES

The following scale of charges will apply to hirers of the Village Hall from April 1st 1982.

#### Organisations affiliated to the Village Hall

Standard rate per hour	£1.75
Friday evening "	£2.50
Saturday evening "	£3.50

10% discount for bookings of more than 100 hours per year.

#### All other users

Monday - Friday per hour	£3.50
Saturday per hour	£7.50

### MY SNOW ADVENTURE

My brother went to my Aunt's on his bike last Tuesday. The day broke. It snowed. He was meant to come back on Thursday, but he ended up staying with my Aunt until Sunday as he could not get back because of the snow. But he enjoyed it. In our back garden we have a drift about six feet or more. My brother had to leave his bike there.

Karen Young

### INTRODUCING THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

The National Childbirth Trust is a Registered Charity, established 25 years ago, which aims to help women have their babies happily and without fear, and to prepare young families for the experience of childbirth and parenthood.

Marilyn Barrett is a registered teacher for the N.C.T. and has run classes for two years in her previous home. She has now started them in Sibford. The classes teach methods of breathing and relaxation which help a woman cope with labour; and discussion covers every aspect of pregnancy and the experience of childbirth. Practical help is also given in the early days of parenthood, through trained breast-feeding counsellors and a local network of post-natal supporters.

The course consists of eight informal classes approximately two hours long, usually starting around the seventh month of pregnancy. There is an extensive library for the class to borrow from. Fathers are welcome to attend classes in order that they can share more fully in the experience of childbirth.

For further information please contact:

Marilyn Barrett  
Sibford House,  
Sibford Ferris.  
Swalcliffe 382



## HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

There will be two five-week courses starting after half term.  
Flower arranging - Tues. afternoon  
Cookery - Wednesday afternoon

Enquiries to Linda Buchanan,  
Hook Norton 730052, or you may enrol at the first meeting of the class.

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## YOUTH CLUB

On behalf of all the members of the Club, we would like to thank all parents and friends for joining us at our Carol Service and party.

Thanks especially to Mrs Shields, Dame Anne Stephens and all committee members for their hard work to make the party the success it was. Our thanks too to the Vicar and other Church members who made us so welcome by joining in the service, which we shall remember for a long time to come.

David and Dian Baker

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## BADMINTON

The Badminton Club meets regularly in the Village Hall, and is great fun. The aim is to enjoy playing. We are unlikely to breed players of international calibre. Indeed we welcome beginners.

We meet on Wednesdays (except 2nd) at 7.30. In the 2nd week we move to Friday at 7.30 or Thursday from 9 p.m. depending on the availability of the Hall. Subscriptions are £5. 50p is asked of those who play, which includes coffee. New faces will be made most welcome.

Erica Wimbush

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## CAROL SINGERS

Dawn Wealsby, Elaine Hutchinson and Heidi Derry would like to thank all the people who gave so generously when they went carol singing on 21st December. The amount raised was £7.75 which will go to Christian Aid.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 2nd February  
A Visit to Russia: talk with slides by Mr Endersby  
Tuesday 16th February  
Games, cards and dominoes in Village Hall.

Mrs Flinn has returned from hospital and hopes to attend both these meetings, and would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those from Sibford who wrote, sent flowers or visited her in hospital.

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## W.I.

The W.I. had its annual Members meeting and Tea Party and the Committee had 'time off' and were thanked for their work during the year. A delicious array of food was produced under the organisation of Mrs Kinnish and Mrs Baker. Mrs Mary Poulton had been asked to show slides of a visit to Oberammergau for the Passion Play. Appropriately, on a snowy day, we were shown also some fascinating slides of Salzburg, Vienna and the Mountains of Austria.

The business of the meeting was brief and included a discussion of the allocation of the £260 raised at the Red Arrows Film show. It was decided to split the money equally between the W.I. funds and the Village Hall Roof fund. Thanks were expressed to all W.I. members who helped to raise the money and to those who had given food or help for the Senior Residents' party on Dec. 5th.

The next meeting will be on 9th February. The talk will be on 'Financial Matters for Women' by a representative from Lloyds Bank, and the competition will be a Favourite small picture. Up to two pictures per member may be submitted, size not exceeding 8"x8".

It is with much sadness that the W.I. heard of the death of Miss Eileen Baker. She was a founder member, and much loved in the village.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. After missing last year, there will be the usual service for women on Friday 5th March, at the Methodist Chapel at 10.30am. Women of all ages and denominations will be made very welcome. Refreshments.



### DR. BARNARDO'S APPEAL FUND

I would be very grateful to hear from anyone who could help with the house-to-house collection on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's to take place during the first two weeks of March.

Would any volunteers contact me:- Mrs Christine Ross, Swalcliffe 421 (preferably at the weekend).

### SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Christmas gathering was enjoyed by the members who attended and I wish to thank the Committee members for providing the refreshments. Mr Dring was very impressed with the standard of the Christmas arrangements and we are pleased that so many members entered. The prizewinners were Mrs Law and Mrs Hutchinson.

We are extremely sorry that we had to cancel Dr Walkey's visit in January, but owing to the weather conditions we felt it was advisable.

The Committee have decided on the classes for our Annual Show on August 14th. To enable you to start work, the following classes have been selected.

Section CC. Child's jumper (double knit), pair knitted bed-socks, Ladies knitted waistcoat (double-knit), peg-bag, patchwork item, item of men's handicraft, painting (amateur).

Children's Section (Under 12 years) Knitted scarf for a doll.

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall on February 10th at 8 p.m. Mr Vitech will speak on Landscape Gardening. Mr and Mrs Jarvis will run the Produce Stall.

John Sabin

### TREE PLANTING

During the past three years grants from Cherwell District Council have helped to replace almost 40,000 trees in the District. In 1978 it was estimated that a million trees had been lost from Oxfordshire, averaging out at 250,000 in Cherwell District, or 3,000 in each parish.

The budget for tree planting has been cut, so priority will now be given to replacing native trees in the countryside, including sites at the edges of towns and villages rather than within them.

The Parish Council would welcome and support any grant applications from single landowners or groups of farmers within the parish. Please contact any member of the Parish Council for further information.

### THE SNOW

This year, soon after Christmas, a lot of England had snow. It drifted in a lot of places, but otherwise we had about eight inches. On Sunday, when Daddy came home, he could not get up the drive because there was a big snow drift in the way. I had been to play with Stuart all day, so just as I got back I helped to dig him out. He kept trying but he could not make it, so I lent him the brush and then he made it. In the morning it was as deep as anything. I played in it all day. About 2 o'clock it stopped snowing because it had been snowing all night.

Matthew Abbott

### YOUNG AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Mrs Helen Beesley is hoping to form a club in Banbury for Physically Handicapped people between the ages of 13 and 25. She would be glad to hear if anyone is interested (Banbury 50819).



### SNOW STORM

The first flakes of snow begin to fall  
A blanket getting thicker on the grass, on the wall,  
A pony neighs, eyes large with fright  
Under a tree, seeking shelter in the night.  
Wet humans huddle round a fire,  
Getting warmer, getting drier.  
~~At last the storm has finished,~~  
~~The snow has completely diminished.~~  
Very slowly the storm diminishes.  
Flakes  
    Getting  
        Smaller.  
At last it finishes.

Katherine Barlow

### SNOW

A blanket of snow covers the earth,  
Sparkling in the moonlight,  
The silent clouds pass by  
In the dead of the night.  
An owl screeches and breaks the  
                                silence.  
Then  
    Once again  
        All is quiet  
                and still.  
Melanie Haynes

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### CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

#### CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS	Sunday 11 a.m.	METHODISTS	Sunday 11 a.m.
HOLY TRINITY	7th Holy Communion 8 a.m.		
	14th & 28th Holy Communion 10 a.m.		
	21st Matins & Holy Communion 11 a.m.		
	Thursday mornings: Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.		
	Sunday School: 10 a.m.	Village Hall	

#### 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

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Tuesday 2nd	Friendship Club 'A Visit to Russia'	
	Candlemas Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.	
Friday 5th	'Dr. Agnew invites...' Village Hall 7.45	
Tuesday 9th	W.I. 'Financial Matters'	
Wednesday 10th	Horticultural Society 'Landscape Gardening'	
Tuesday 16th	Friendship Club Games Afternoon	
Wednesday 17th	Playgroup Coffee Morning, Valley View, Sibford Ferris.	

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