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THE BELVEDERE SINGERS IN CONCERT

SATURDAY 13th MARCH

7.45

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

Programme £1.50 includes light supper and wine.

Tickets from The Surgery, Nicholas Corner
 Post Office, Sibford Ferris
 Sibford Stores, Sibford Ferris
 Post Office, Sibford Gower

THE CUBS ARE COMING!

A Cub Scout Pack will be starting in Sibford this Spring. It will be open to boys between the ages of eight and ten. A meeting for parents and anyone interested in finding out more will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 2nd April in the Village Hall, when there will also be an opportunity to meet the Assistant District Commissioner.

A leader for the pack has been found, but assistant leaders, male or female, are still needed. Further details, without committing yourself, from Richard Austing, 6, Barley Close, Sibford Gower. Swalcliffe 358.

ENGLISH VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

There are two sorts of parishes, which do not always coincide. These are the Ecclesiastical Parish, centred on the Church, with a Parochial Church Council under the chairmanship of the Vicar, and the Civil Parish, which is a unit of administration and democracy where, if the electorate exceeds 200, it has a Parish Council.

A Parish Council is a small local authority whose members are elected for four years at a time. A Parish Council can do more things than is often suspected. They can light their streets, provide allotments, look after playing fields, maintain and guard such things as rights of way, bus shelters, public seats and litter bins. Some maintain cemeteries and appoint charitable trustees and school managers.

They have the power to improve the quality of village life by spending money on things which, in their opinion, are in the interests of the parish and its inhabitants. They can do these things by actually providing them or by helping someone else (such as a volunteer or a charity) financially to do them. Parish Councils thrive on volunteers.

Parish Councils are the most unbeaurocratic and cheapest kind of local authority in existence. The Parish Councillors know the village and can represent its views to the other authorities, like the District and County Councils, and are consulted on planning applications.

You elect its members every four years and are entitled to go to the Annual Parish Meeting and have your say. The accounts are very strictly audited every year. The Parish Council's meetings are open to the public and an assembly for all the parish electors has, by law, to be held every year in March, April or May.

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There are elections this year. If you feel you have something to offer the village and would like to be considered as a Councillor, or would like to propose someone, do think about it now. There is not usually much time between the District Council issuing the proposal forms and the deadline for acceptance.

John Gilchrist

SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Weds. 24th March 8 p.m.
Room 23 Friends School

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

12th March - Parish Council meeting
8 p.m. V. Hall Committee Rm.

23rd April - Annual Parish Meeting
7.30 p.m. Village Hall

6th May - District Council Election

19th May - Annual Parish Council
Meeting 8 p.m. V. Hall
Committee Room.

BALLET

There will be classes at 3.30 every Friday in the Primary School starting on March 5th. The fee will be 65p. per class.

WHO LOOKED AFTER MY GREY CAT?

Over Christmas our striped, grey, male cat disappeared. He returned a week later for four days. Then he disappeared again for a further three weeks.

He was obviously well fed and cared for. We are moving house at the end of March and will not be able to take him with us.

Would these kind people please ring up if they would like to give him a permanent home?

Julia Phillips (Swa.330)

P.S. Two black and white cats also would like homes.

LEO CLUB

Skittles at The Sun are the March attraction at 8 p.m. on March 23rd. Details from Ann Spicer (690).

CHURCH NOTES

Lent fills the whole of March this year, and we have tried to arrange things so that those who wish to should be able to take some part in the proper keeping of the season. The intention of Lent is, of course, that everyone is given the opportunity to widen his or her religious experience. To this end there are to be three services during the week in the Church:

Monday mornings Holy Communion at 10 a.m.
Tuesday evenings Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday mornings Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Do not be put off by the title! We do study, but have no intention of undergoing tests at the end. We plan to use a course called The Kingdom Faith Teaching Course. It consists of a tape during the course of an evening's informal worship and study. There is much food for thought, and I hope that Christians of all denominations will come to these meetings. They have been planned for Tuesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. at the Rectory, and will finish by 9.30 at the latest.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This annual service will be held in the Methodist Chapel this year, at 10.30 a.m. on Friday March 5th. It is an opportunity for women of all denominations to meet for worship and to enjoy the refreshments served afterwards by the hosts.

W.I.

A good number of members met on February 9th to hear Mr Griffin of Lloyds Bank speak on Financial Matters for Women. He gave a comprehensive description of services available and answered members' queries relating to such things as the position of students and children. Mrs Kinnish thanked the speaker who stayed for tea and judged the competition for the Best Favourite Small Picture. 1st prize was awarded to Mrs Hutchinson, 2nd Mrs Bristow, 3rd Mrs Kinnish.

Mrs Soden and Mrs Hutchinson provided and served teas.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on March 9th in the Village Hall. A speaker from the County Museum at Woodstock will speak on Bird Migration. Competition - A holiday souvenir.

On March 26th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, the Annual Group Meeting will take place. Sibford will be hosts to 6 other W.I.s who are joining us for a social evening. We are pleased the Mrs Joy Spiers has consented to give one of her lively talks on her experiences as a country Vet. There will also be refreshments and a competition as well as time to fraternise with friends from other villages. It is hoped that as many members as possible will come and help to host the occasion. The competition is A Decorated Hen's Egg.

M. Bristow

POST OFFICE NEWS

Residents of the Gower will know by now that Mr Keyte has opened a Post Office and shop at Ivy Cottage, which ironically is situated immediately between the two former Post Offices. His early closing days will be Tuesday and Saturday afternoons.

I am sure all those who have used the roving Post Office in the Village Hall on Wednesdays will want to thank Mrs Dyer for looking after us so well in recent years. The visit to the Post Office became quite a social occasion where friends could chat in the Hall between transactions.

The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council has put out a circular urging us to make the fullest possible use of our sub Post Offices, otherwise we may lose them.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

This year celebrates the 25th anniversary of the opening of Sibford Village Hall. It has been in continuous use since 1957 providing an attractive building in which all kinds of groups have met to enjoy friendship in the company of those sharing their interests. To mark this special Silver Anniversary year, the Village Hall Committee are arranging a series of events which we hope will appeal to as many villagers as possible.

Dr. Agnew set the ball rolling most successfully last month when he gave us an entertaining talk and wine-tasting.

Please book Saturday March 13th for your next evening with us. For an inclusive price of £1.50 you can enjoy the Belvedere Singers in Concert, a glass of wine and a light, tasty supper. The Belvedere Singers are coming from London in order to treat us to an informal programme of light music from English madrigals through to Beatles, Blues and Barbers Shop.

Instead of our Village Fete, normally held in September, we have decided to hold an Open Village Weekend earlier in the summer. A bumper programme of events is well in hand, including an Open Village Day, and we shall keep everyone informed a little nearer the time.

We hope to be able to select a Miss Sibford from among our beautiful Sibford young ladies, who will be crowned during the Open Village Day. The Youth Club have kindly agreed to organise a Disco evening on Monday 24th May when Miss Sibford will be chosen by a panel of independent personalities from Banbury. They will be looking for an attractive, pleasant young lady, aged between 14 and 21. In next month's Scene we shall include an entry form, so please tell your friends and let us have a really good number of entries.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Several people have asked if we still collect milk-bottle tops. The answer is definitely -YES.

We collect clean pie cases, bottle tops and aluminium foil, and this week took 4 sacks full to the collecting point in Banbury - worth about £5. From Banbury the aluminium is sent to the Guide Dogs Centre at Leamington where they have a machine which compresses it into bales. These are sold to a factory in S.Wales where the aluminium waste is mixed with bauxite and made into more aluminium.

At the moment they pay about 10p a pound for aluminium waste, and this money helps to pay for the training of Guide dogs. Currently it costs £1,000 to train a Guide Dog and costs are going up all the time, so all your efforts in supporting this worthwhile cause are much appreciated.

Bottle tops etc. can be left in our porch at West Town Cottage, Sibford Ferris, or if you have school-age children, brought to me at the Primary School.

Joan Shields

DO YOU HAVE AMBITIONS TO BE A STAR?.....

I am interested in trying to revive the Sibford Players, and would like to hear from anyone keen to "tread the boards". The idea is to try and produce one play and one pantomime each year, and I would like to meet anyone interested. Not only actors / actresses / vocalists are needed, so don't be shy! If you feel you could prompt, paint scenery, write scripts etc., then please let me know.

In an attempt to get started I intend holding an initial meeting at home (Meadow View, Sibford Ferris) at 8 p.m. on Monday 15th March. If you cannot come then, please call me for a chat (Swa 432). I look forward to meeting my fellow Thespians.

Erica Wolfenden

THE GARDEN IN MARCH 1982

This month brings us once again to the beginning of a new gardening season, although as I write toward the end of February, the garden doesn't look particularly inviting, but that is hardly surprising when one recalls the weather of the last three months. However, the snow and frost will have done the soil a lot of good and, unless there is a lot of rain this month, the ground should dry out to give good seed beds by the end of the month, and warm up as well. Meantime, any ground that was not dug in the back end of last year should be turned over when the weather is suitable.

Crops that overwintered in the ground, such as broad beans, peas and onions may have been damaged and need to be resown. Quick growing varieties should be selected: Masterpiece, Longpod and Unrivalled Green Windsor are good varieties of broad bean; Little Marvel and Feltham First are quick growing peas; Bedfordshire Champion and Ailsa Craig are both reliable onions for March sowing. All these crops will benefit from being sown under cloches which can be put over the ground for a few days to warm it up before sowing. This is a good time to buy all the seeds that are likely to be needed for the season while there is still a good selection in the shops.

There is still time to sow the more delicate annuals such as petunias in a gentle heat, likewise antirrhinums, stocks and asters, celosia, cosmos, alyssum, lobelia, kochias, impatiens (busy lizzie) whose modern varieties make splendid bedding out schemes.

Don't be in too great a hurry to sow seeds in the open ground. It pays to wait for the soil to warm up, but by the end of the month you can start lettuces, cauliflowers, cabbages and green vegetables in boxes on the windowsill ready to move out as soon as the weather improves.

JARDIN

DON'T FORGET

FISH & CHIPS IN SIBFORD ON FRIDAYS (times approximate)

High Meadow	6.15
Bonds End Lane (Pond)	6.30
Barley Close	6.35
Primary School	6.40
Burdrop	6.45
Cotswold Close	6.50
Sibford Shop	7.05

Listen on Fridays for the hooter.

RALPH C. HOGGINS

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday March 2nd

Mr and Mrs Hodgkin from Shutford will talk about the old Plush Mills and bring some of the old equipment which some of our members used there years ago.

Tuesday March 16th

Once again the Club is invited to the Village School. Both the Infants and Juniors perform for us and it is enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs M.B. Flinn

HOME MADE CHOCOLATES AND SWEETS

A demonstration in Tadmarton Village Hall at 7.30 on Thursday March 18th.
Tickets 80p from Jill Judd or at the door.

On the three following Tuesdays (March 23rd, 30th April 6th) there will be classes where you can actually make the sweets.
7-9 p.m. Tadmarton Village Hall.
75p per class with the profit going to the Asthma Society.

TWO GOOD HOMES WANTED

Two male cats, one ginger, eleven years old, but very fit; one grey, four to five years old, need good homes urgently.
 Foster, Temple Lodge, Sibford Gower. Tel. 296.

MARCH DIGEST

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 Morning Service for Mothering Sunday
 with Communion 11 a.m.
 Weekday Communion Services in Lent see p.3
 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
BROWNIES	Thursday 6 p.m.	Friends Hall
GUIDES	Thursday 7 p.m.	Village Hall

Tuesday 2nd Friendship Club- Plush Mills of Shutford
 1st Lenten Study Group at the Rectory 8.15

Friday 5th Women's World Day of Prayer - 10.30- Methodist Chapel
 Ballet begins - 3.30 - Primary School

Tuesday 9th W.I. Bird Migration 2 p.m. Village Hall
 Wednesday 10th Horticultural Society - Fuchsias - 8 p.m. - Village Hall
 Friday 12th Sibford Gower Parish Council meeting - 8 p.m. - V.H.C.R.
 Saturday 13th Belvedere Singers in Concert - 7.45 - Village Hall

Monday 15th Sibford Players meeting - 8 p.m. - Meadow View, Sibford Ferris
 Tuesday 16th Friendship Club entertained at the Primary School
 Thursday 18th Chocolates and Sweets at Tadmarton 7.30

Tuesday 23rd Leo Club Skittles at The Sun 8 p.m.
 Wednesday 24th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting 8 p.m. Rm.23 Friends School
 Friday 26th W.I. Group Meeting 7.30 Village Hall

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LOST Small gold necklace, somewhere in Sibford Gower. If found please return to Mrs Abell, 2 Cross Cottage.