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SIBFORD JUNIORS PRESENT

Two cold, grey February evenings were made just a bit brighter by Sibford Primary School's glittering production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". It is a great tribute to the production team that such an enormous undertaking should not only include all members of the Juniors in its cast but also appear to bring out the best in them. There can be no greater spectacle than a sea of children's happy singing faces.

The singing, acting and timing of all these youngsters was very professional but the performance of Joseph (Graham Stewart) was of true star quality. Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Tim Rice would have been proud of this presentation.

Jean White

VILLAGE HALL FETE

SATURDAY SEPT. 10th 1983

We would like your ideas and suggestions for anything interesting and different for this year's Fete.

An early response would be appreciated. Please ring Mrs Horn (Swa. 658) evenings.

THIS SCENE

We hope you enjoy this Scene, which is our sixth birthday edition and the biggest ever - so far. Pages 4 and 5 are all about the various sporting activities in the village and on page 9 Jardin returns, this season taking us out and about, beyond our own gardens.

Seeing "Twenty-four Square Miles" again recently reminded many people of the enormous changes they have seen in Sibford. It would be interesting to have some accounts of people's memories. Who will set the ball rolling?

SATURDAY CLUB

A few of us are interested in the possibility of starting a 'Saturday Club' for children approximately in the age-range 5 - 14. We feel we must emphasise at the beginning that the idea is in no way intended to either provide for an 'elite' or to compete with the existing excellent clubs in the village. The aim is to provide an opportunity to extend our children's interests in a variety of ways on either a Saturday morning or afternoon. Examples of interests are computers, microscope work, creative writing, patchwork. As the weather improves we hope to organise outings if possible. The work that can be done will, of course, depend on the numbers of helpers available and willing to provide either knowledge or refreshments or both!

As a start, on a modest basis, we plan to hold a microscope session at a member's home on the first Saturday in March at 10.00 am to 11.00 am. Later we hope to extend sessions until 12 and offer a variety of topics. We felt it fair to ask a nominal fee of 25p per child (50p maximum for a family) to cover the cost of squash, biscuits and coffee.

We should be glad to hear from any parent interested in any capacity whatever. Anyone interested in the first planned session, please phone Anne Marcovitch 8163, Judy Abbott 731 or Jan Chater 294.

A.M.

RALPH C. HOGGINS

TYSOE

for regular supplies of

SOLID FUELS

Ring Tysoe 281

TONY KEYTE

Tony Keyte has been at home for a week or two, but is going back into hospital for the next three weeks.

We hope to see him fit and active again before long.

BEAUTY CARE FOR PATIENTS

The Red Cross provides a Beauty Care Service for long-stay patients in Banbury Hospitals and Homes. This service is a great morale booster to those who spend many weeks and months in hospital; but it needs willing and loving hands to give it.

We badly need recruits who would undertake a five day training in Banbury in relaxing massage movements and make-up, or a one-day training in manicure, and then be prepared to give 2 - 3 hours a week to the service.

Further details from Anne Stephens, Swalcliffe 452.

HELEN HOUSE

Don't forget the Coffee Morning at Hillside on Tuesday March 15th at 10.30.

WILFRED GREEN

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Wilfred Green, at the age of 71, on January 24th 1983. Wilfred was a very much liked and respected member of the community and a grocer of the highest class, who was there to 'serve' his customers in whatever way he could.

After leaving the Friends School he learnt his trade in Coventry. He then set up his own business in his mother's post office premises but soon the war intervened and his sister, Joan, held the fort until his return from service in North Africa and elsewhere. He later married and built the shop premises we know today; at first not self-service, but eventually following the general trend. On retirement, he moved to Tetbury where his wife Rosemary and son Philip are living. David is at Hatfield, having taken an engineering degree, and Philip is doing very well in the ambulance service.

A small group of Sibfordians was able to attend the funeral service at Cheltenham to pay their last respects to one who will long be remembered for his courteous, sympathetic and unassuming helpfulness in many ways both seen and unseen. Our sympathy is with his family, Rosemary, Philip, David and especially his mother, Alice Green, who was 98 on Christmas Day.

Ina Lamb

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NEWS SKILLS FOR SPRING

There's still time to discover some new interests at the Hook Norton Evening Centre. Three short courses start in March: Make-up and Skin Care on Tuesday afternoons, starting March 1st; Cookery on Wednesday afternoons and Bee Keeping on Wednesday evenings, both from March 2nd. Details from Linda Buchanan, Hook Norton 730052.

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GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

At January's meeting, correspondence from Cherwell District Council was received about a new scheme for concessionary bus tokens for the elderly and disabled. Tanners Bus Company also advised the Council that they intended to continue their own concessionary fare scheme. So long as this continues, the Parish Council will not support the token scheme as it was felt that elderly bus users are better served by Tanners.

LIVESTOCK WORRYING BY DOGS

The Ministry of Agriculture is mounting a campaign to impress on all dog owners the responsibility they bear for their pets. Over 6,000 sheep are killed or injured each year by dogs in Britain. These attacks for the most part are made by household pets that are not under proper control at the time. As the Sibfords are surrounded by farms, many rearing sheep, please take care and ensure that such tragic results cannot happen here.

DATES TO NOTE

(8.00 pm)
Next Parish Council meeting - Weds. 16th March - Village Hall Committee Rm.
Annual Parish Meeting - Friday 22nd April - 8.15 pm Village Hall

TABLE TENNIS

The Club was started soon after the last war by the (then) young Lambs and Stewarts, encouraged by the woodwork teacher at the Friends School, Roland Herbert. The older table, still in use, was made by Arnold Lamb and Roland Herbert, and the newer one by Fred Inns and George Hall. The Friends Hall has always been the Club's meeting place.

In its early days, when transport was limited, the Club attracted staff from the Friends School as well as people from the village, and did, perhaps, play its part in one or two marriages at that time, there being many more ladies attending then than now.

As soon as the Banbury and District League started, Sibford entered a team, and over the years it has had a team in the first division more often than not. Now we have seven teams (the most of any club) distributed over the five divisions of the league.

In one vintage year, Sibford held three of the cups played for annually in the Banbury area: the mixed doubles, ladies doubles and ladies singles. At this time, two members of the club played for Oxfordshire. Since moving from the area two ex-members of the club, John and Heather Masters, have done a lot for table tennis nationally, and John was privileged to score the World Final when the Tournament was held in England.

Most weeks from October to April we have 3 or 4 home matches, with Friday evening as practice night. Our officers are:- Chairman, W.J. Wealsby, Secretary, David Lamb, Treasurer, Allister Wealsby.

Ina Lamb

A SPORTS CLUB FOR SIBFORD

A Club is to be formed as a means of opening the sports facilities of the Friends School to people from the village. At the moment, there's interest in Tennis, Netball and Hockey, and it is intended that the Friday night swimming should also come under the club's umbrella!

If you are interested in any of these activities, or have ideas for others, please come to the first General Meeting to be held on Friday 25th March at 7.30 at the Friends School. Directions will be posted on the night.

Joan Broady

RUGBY

A number of people have shown real interest in forming a Rugby team. The players, of all ages and conditions, hope to have one or more fixtures this season and more next. Potential players can find out more from David Faulds.

HIT AND RUN

Hit it, we try to do; run after it we do a lot of. 'It' being that elusive, no bounce shuttlecock. The BADMINTON CLUB is now into its third year and is held on Wednesday evenings (except 2nd in month) in the Village Hall from 8.00 to 10.00 pm.

We are a very informal, friendly group who have an enjoyable, fun evening out. If you have never played before you are as welcome as anyone who has a little or a lot of skill and knowledge of the game. We are not competitive, although we have had one friendly match with the Swalcliffe B.C.

Badminton continued

As many cups of coffee as you require are available, which can then be worked off in the energetic games ahead.

If you have not got a racquet, do not let this deter you as we can lend you one until such time as you would like to buy one. Do come along and meet us and see how the evening goes.

A nominal yearly subscription is paid with a weekly sum to pay for hire of the Hall, replacing shuttlecocks etc.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Glynis Morbey

NETBALL

The Netball Group meet monthly, and occasionally fortnightly, on Saturday mornings at 10.00 am on The Friends School courts.

We are meeting next on March 5th and again on March 19th. We are hoping for a really good turn-out and will be pleased to welcome players of any age or standard.

If the weather is doubtful, ring Sue Lambert (544) or Erica Wolfenden (432).

S.L.

KEEPING FIT

Sue Lambert runs a very popular Ladies Keep Fit group on Tuesday mornings at 10.00 am in the Village Hall.

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A number of local people took part in the recent marathon keep fit at Spiceball. Olive Coleman, Sue Lambert and Erica Wimbush all kept going for the full 3 hours, and between them raised about £75 in sponsorship for charities.

Age was no barrier, for Joanna Lambert (8) and Charlotte Layburn (7) also did 3 hours,

and Andrew Wimbush joined in too. Among the helpers were Evelyn Keyser and Brenda Philips and they too joined one of the sessions.

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VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

New charges from April 1st 1983

Village Organisations

Standard rate per hour - Weekdays	£1.90
Saturdays	£3.80
Committee Room	£1.00

15% Discount for Village Organisations using the Hall 400 hours or more a year.

10% Discount for Village Organisations using the Hall 100 hours or more a year.

Private Hire

Weekdays	£3.80 per hour
Satyrdays	£8.25 Per hour

A.L.Bennett (Booking Secretary)

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WOOL

Many thanks to several people who have sent wool, much needed, to continue making blankets for the Neithrop. Oddments, however small, are enough to make the squares, and also give welcome interest and employment to some members who are unable to leave their homes very often and are glad to knit when alone in this cold weather.

M.B.Flinn

W.I.

Tuesday March 8th, 2.00 pm in the Mission Room.

Miss Gibson will speak on:
"5,000 Years of the Cotswolds".
Competition: An Old Coin.
Tea Hostesses: Mrs Inns and Mrs Kinnish.

YOUTH CLUB

We are glad to report that David Baker is now recovering from his bout of pneumonia so the Youth Club is back in action.

WASHERS-UP

The Cubs still need empty washing-up liquid bottles. Please give them to any Cub, Richard Austing, Erica Wimbush, or take them to the Luncheon Club.

LEO CLUB

Tuesday March 8th, 8.00 pm in the Mission Room.

A demonstration by Baxters the Butchers. Orders can be taken if anyone wishes. All ladies are very welcome.

PLAYGROUP

There will be a Coffee Morning and 50-50 Sale for Playgroup funds on Friday March 11th at Hornton Grounds Farm, Shenington. Please come if you can, and even if you can't be there, perhaps you have something you could offer for sale: 50% to you, 50% to Playgroup. Details from Jill Perry (538) and Playgroup members.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday March 1st

A much looked-forward-to visit from Margaret and Bruce Campbell. Margaret will talk about the Age Concern Van Service which visits isolated villages in Oxfordshire - the latest new van is for the Cherwell District. Bruce will then take over with slides and a talk. He is President of the Banbury Ornithological Association and is well known for his knowledge and interest in bird life.

Tuesday March 15th

This is our annual visit to the Village School, much appreciated by our members, when the children put on an entertainment and refreshments.

Tuesday March 29th

We are hoping to have many visitors from the village to our Bring and Buy Coffee Morning at 10.30 in the Village Hall. Cakes, plants and fancy goods will be on sale and gifts for these stalls will be much appreciated. A similar event last year was so well supported that we were able to send a small donation to Age Concern, Oxfordshire which helps us in so many ways and needs our help to extend its work in other parts of the County.

A Club Committee to finalise arrangements will be held at Miss Bennett's on Monday 21st at 2.30.

M.B. Flinn

THE SIBBERTS

In order to give further scope to the stage at the Village Hall in time for their next production, the Sibberts are planning to build a removable apron extension which can be fixed to the front of the stage when required.

Cost of materials is high, and to raise funds a Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday March 9th, 10.30 to 12.00, at Erica Wolfenden's home, Meadow Rise, Banbury Road, Sibford Ferris. Please come and support in aid of a useful addition to village facilities.

WELL DONE GUIDES!

On January 27th the 1st Sibford Guide Company held an open evening for parents and friends to attend the presentation of Queen's Guide awards to:-

Rachael Broderick
Heather Brook
Carol Dent
Clare Rivers
Carolyn Taylor
Debbie Woodward

This is a remarkable achievement for the girls and their Captain, Mrs Olive Springall. Eight new Guides were also enrolled and this was followed by refreshments.

Mrs Springall, who lives in Kings Sutton, makes a tremendous contribution to Sibford life in running the Guides and willingly supporting fetes and other village activities. With her large company, she would much appreciate any offers of help at meetings, held on Thursday evenings in Sibford Village Hall from 7.00 to 8.30.

G.S. & G.H.

SALE

SATURDAY 5th MARCH FOR THREE WEEKS AT -
THE BARN, SIBFORD FERRIS

FURNITURE
BRIC A BRAC
GOOD AS NEW CLOTHES
USED TOYS
BOOKS

HELEN HOUSE STALL - If you have any unwanted items you would like to give to this stall, they will be most welcome. We can collect them for you.

Tel. 343 or call at THE HOMESTEAD,
SIBFORD FERRIS, (next to shop).

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

The Welsh may sing of the welcome which awaits "on the hillsides in the vales", but we "New Sibfordians" will long remember the welcome bestowed upon us on the evening of February 12th.

To our generous hosts, the Parochial Church Council, and to all who contributed to the abundance of food, fun and fellowship, a very sincere and appreciative THANK YOU.

A New Sibfordian

CHURCH NOTES

This month culminates in Holy Week, with Easter at the very beginning of April. Before that, there will be a Family Service on Mothering Sunday, March 13th, which will also include the dedication of the Cub Scouts' new flag.

On Palm Sunday, March 27th, the service will start with a procession from the Village Hall to Church. Both these services at 10.00 am.

During Holy Week there will a service of Holy Communion on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30. On Good Friday, the service will be at 7.00 pm and on Easter Day there will be Communion services at 7.30 am and 11.15 am, the latter particularly suitable for families.

Throughout Lent there is a service at 7.30 am on Thursdays, and 7.30 pm on Tuesdays, followed by the Discussion Group.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The village has again been entered in the competition. We won it in 1975, but since then the judges' reports have made rather gloomy reading. They are not looking for natural beauty - which we have in plenty - but for evidence that villagers care enough about their surroundings to preserve and enhance the lovely villages we have inherited. And that care has to start by looking at our own patch as a stranger might....and then taking action.

Judging will take place in two rounds, from 1st to 31st May and 1st to 30th June.

JUST FOR THE RECORD

On Tuesday 15th February, the Oxford Touring Company came to give their play to the Friendship Club and visitors. Our problems were many:- would Oxford, with very little snow, soon melted, realise how high the villages of the Sibfords were? Would our own members be able to get to the Village Hall ?

Then other problems had to be solved for their van containing all the furniture and setting for the stage broke down at Wigginton. A kind lady in that village telephoned to explain the delay and then brought the three actors in her own car.

We were given a very well acted, nostalgic episode of records of the 1930's - but I'm sure both they and the audience missed their old armchairs and scenery. A bare stage with a few Village Hall chairs must have made their task very difficult and our thanks are due to the actors for the way they put on such a good performance in such cold and difficult circumstances.

We hope they will come again. We would certainly welcome them.

M.B.Flinn

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our meeting this month we shall welcome Mr. Burras of the Oxford Botanic Gardens who will tell us about "Plant Hunting in South Africa". The meeting will be in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Wednesday March 9th. All welcome!

Now that you are beginning to think of buying seeds, plants, fertilizers etc. don't forget that production of a current membership card of the Sibford Horticultural Society entitles you to a discount (usually 10%) on many garden purchases at Lamprey's of Banbury, the Middleton Cheney Garden Centre, and the Farnborough Garden Centre.

R.Lambert

GARDENS AND GARDENING IN MARCH

The promise of spring just round the corner prompts us to think of the great outdoors and the pleasures of colour and scent in the weeks ahead, not only in our own gardens but those that will be open for us to visit. Apart from the pleasure we can derive from seeing the layout and choice of plants and shrubs in larger gardens than our own, the use of size and colour in design will put fresh ideas into our minds for use at home.

We are lucky to have a splendid example not far away, for Hidcote Manor Garden is a rare treasure-house of colourful gardens. It is a National Trust property and while the house is not open to the public, the gardens, made by Laurence Johnson earlier this century, are accessible from April to October (£1.50 last year). Ebrington is the nearest village. It is of great interest to amateur gardeners because it comprises a series of small gardens within the whole, separated by walls and hedges of different species. It is famous for rare shrubs, trees, herbaceous borders, 'old roses' and interesting plants; a winding water garden has a good collection of moisture loving plants. In the smaller enclosed gardens the combination of plants of differing heights and blending colours is most attractive; one that remains in the memory is the mixture of white flowers and silver-grey foliage shrubs. Hidcote is altogether a most attractive garden and well worth more than one visit.

Back in our own gardens March brings the start of the gardening season proper. It has been, on the whole, a kind winter, but the weather may yet take its revenge with a cold slow spring; however, we have had ample opportunity to get the ground dug and left open so that when the soil warms up later in the month, it should break down freely for seed beds. Leeks and onions like early sowing as do peas and parsnips. Lettuce, Little Gem, Lobjoits Green Cos and Sigmahead will reward a March sowing. Beetroot and carrot, particularly Chantenay, should be sown this month.

JARDIN

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

We have had one 'stand-by' offer of help on occasions when the regular team is out of action, but we should still like one or two more. If you are free on a Monday or Thursday lunchtime and would be willing to help us in an emergency, a name and phone number to Mrs Flinn, Swalcliffe 209, would be very much appreciated.

M.B.Flinn

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March

Service with the Theme 'NEW PERSONS IN CHRIST': Sibford Church 2.15pm

We hope all women will join us for the service; light refreshments.
We shall be finished in time for school-children to be collected

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sunday 11.00 am
Methodists	Sunday 11.00 am
Holy Trinity	6th Holy Communion 8.00 am
	* 13th (Mothering Sunday) Holy Communion 10.00 am
	* 20th Matins with Holy Communion 11.00 am
	* 27th (Palm Sunday) Holy Communion 10.00 am
	Tuesday 7.30 pm Service followed by Discussion Group
	Thursday 7.30 am Holy Communion

*See page 8 - also there details of Holy Week and Easter Services.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Monday 7.30 Village Hall
Luncheon Club	Tuesday 12.30 Friends Hall
Folk Dancing	Tuesday 7.00 Juniors, 8.00 Seniors, Village Hall
Badminton	Wednesday (except 2nd) 8.00 Village Hall
Brownies	Thursday 5.45 Village Hall
Guides	Thursday 7.00 Village Hall
Cub Scouts	Friday 6.30 Village Hall
Playgroup	Daily except Tuesday Village Hall

Tuesday 1st	Friendship Club - Margaret & Bruce Campbell
Saturday 5th	Saturday Club - Microscopes
	Netball 10.00 am

Tuesday 8th	W.I. 2.00 Mission Room
	Leo Club 8.00 pm Mission Room (Baxters)
Wednesday 9th	Sibberts Coffee Morning (Mrs Wolfenden)
	Horticultural Society 8.00 pm Village Hall
Friday 11th	Playgroup 50-50 Sale & Coffee Morning

Tuesday 15th	Helen House Coffee Morning, Hillside. (Mrs Law)
	Friendship Club at Village School
Wednesday 16th	Gower Parish Council 8.00 pm
Saturday 19th	Netball 10.00 am

Friday 25th	Sports Club General Meeting 7.30 Friends School
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Monday 28th	Communion Service for Holy Week 7.30 pm
Tuesday 29th	Friendship Club Bring & Buy Coffee Morning 10.30
	Holy Communion 7.30 pm
Wednesday 30th	Holy Communion 7.30 pm
Friday 1st	GOOD FRIDAY Service 7.00 pm
Sunday 3rd	EASTER DAY Holy Communion 7.30 am & 11.15 am

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Material for April issue by Sunday 20th March
please - sooner if possible.