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FRIENDS OF SIBFORD SPORTS CLUB

The club has now been formed, offering the following facilities to members.

SWIMMING

Term time - Monday and Wednesday 6 - 7 pm Family Swim 10p per session.

Holidays - To be arranged for afternoons.

TENNIS

Term time - Monday - Friday 6 - 7.15 pm

Saturday 9.30 - 12.15

Sunday 9.30 - 12.15

30p for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour or 60p for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Holidays (from July 8th) available all the time at 50p per hour.

ROUNDERS

Available if required at 10p per person.

NETBALL and HOCKEY in the autumn.

Annual membership £5 per family or £2 single. Details, bookings and membership from Ann Spicer (690) or Joan Broady (410).

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LUNCHEON CLUB

For the past three years the Luncheon Club has been a most successful part of Sibford life, providing not only a beautifully cooked and presented meal, but also pleasant and varied company. Jean Poulton does the cooking, but for help in preparing the Hall, serving and clearing away she depends very much on the help of an assistant. Mrs Abel has filled this important role for the past two years and the members will be very sorry to lose her when she leaves the village. A replacement is urgently needed - someone, or a group in turns, who would help between 11.30 and 1.30 on Tuesdays. Please contact Mrs Jean Poulton (361).

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PLACE NAMES

Don't forget that entries for the Place Names competition must be in by May 31st.

OWEN SODEN

Sibford is the poorer this month for the death of Owen Soden. There will be a full tribute to him in next month's Scene.

CHURCH NOTES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year, thank goodness, there is a week between Red Cross and Christian Aid weeks. That will give us all a chance to recoup our funds in order better to support the latter! The event for this year is as in the past few years:

COFFEE MORNING WITH BRING & BUY, CAKES, RAFFLE ETC.

Tuesday 17th May 10.30-12 noon The Rectory

Of course there are those who cannot be there - the letter box is more than ready to receive donations suitably inscribed!

Please do your very best to support our annual effort for this worthy cause. A thought: all this rain would have been very welcome in many parts of the world where its very lack brings unbelievable problems which Christian Aid seeks to alleviate.

ASCENSION DAY MAY 12th

This special festival, which many of us remember being marked by a half-day's holiday when we were at school, is not so marked these days. There are, however, two services to which you are invited at 7.30 am, and in the evening, with hymns, at 8.00 pm.

PENTECOST

This is the proper name for Whitsunday, and this year there is to be no public holiday clashing with it. A very important Sunday (Acts 2) on 22nd May with the 10.00 am service.

TRINITY SUNDAY - PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF SIBFORD

This year, by accident of calendar, there would have been no service in our own Church for the festival time - see calendar on back page. To make up for this, we are going to have another

SONGS OF PRAISE at 6.00 pm in CHURCH

The service is followed by a light supper at the Rectory (in the garden with a bit of luck!) We should love to see you all present; what also is needed is your favourite hymns so that we can sing them. Place your requests please, in an envelope, with your reason for choosing if you wish, and pop it through the Rectory letter box, and we'll try to fit them all in.

Timothy Wimbush

FOR SALE

DEEP FREEZE 16 cu. ft. £40

Very large COT with MATTRESS £10

John Smith 618

RALPH C. HOGGINS

TYSOE

for regular supplies of

SOLID FUELS

Ring Tysoe 281

DAVID BUTLER for all PLUMBING
and HEATING.

Phone Swalcliffe 668 or call at
Lilac Cottage, Tadmarton.

RED CROSS WEEK

The members of the Youth Club with their leader, David Baker, will be making the annual Red Cross collection in Sibford on the evening of Thursday 5th May. The young people are doing their bit for the sick and suffering; please give them an encouraging welcome and a generous donation for the Red Cross.

Anne Stephens

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SIBFORD PONY SHOW & GYMKHANA

This event will take place on Saturday 2nd July, and any profit made will go to the Village Hall and the N.S.P.C.C.

Would you like to help by sponsoring a rosette? Please contact Susan Tompkins Swa. 541.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (i)

On Saturday 16th April the Horticultural Society enjoyed an outing to Cambridge. Our Chairman, Roger Lambert, had arranged for us to visit his old College, St. John's, and we were privileged to be shown parts of the College not normally open to visitors.

The spring flowers on The Backs were in full bloom. Young people, and not-so-young, were gaily punting on the river, and the weather was perfect. A truly delightful day - and our sincere thanks to Roger for arranging it.

Kay Turner

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SATURDAY CLUB

The next meeting will be on Saturday 14th May, when the topic will be Creative Writing. Details from Anne Marcovitch (8163), Jan Chater or Judy Abbott.

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PLAY POSTPONED

The Sibberts regret to announce that they have to postpone their production in May due to unforeseen circumstances. However, the play will be performed in the early Autumn, followed next January by a pantomime.

Anyone interested in joining the group will be made very welcome.

Erica Wolfenden (432)

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YOUTH CLUB

I would like to thank all Committee members, club members and everyone who gave so generously to our recent Jumble Sale. Many thanks also to all who came and spent so generously on the day itself. The Youth Club profited by £98.

David Baker

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We should like to thank all those who supported us at our Bring and Buy Coffee Morning on March 29, and to the Rector for getting notices of this event typed and delivering some of them. We made just over £100.

The first Tuesday in April was too near Easter for a Club, and when, unfortunately, Mr and Mrs Oldham were unable to come on April 19th we were delighted to have Mr Frank Scotford from Coventry to give us a delightful talk with slides of his visit to South Africa. This was his second visit to our Club and we hope he will come again. Who better for an O.A.P. Club than an ex-schoolmaster with a loud, clear voice, a sense of humour and beautiful slides, all from his own photography?

PROGRAMME FOR MAY

Instead of our normal Tues day, we are having an outing on Wednesday 4th May, leaving at 1.00 pm and returning between 7 and 7.30. We shall take a rural route to Lacock in Wiltshire, visit the Abbey there and if we want to the Photographic Museum where the first photograph printed in 1835 is on display. The whole village belongs to the National Trust and is well worth seeing. We return by a different rural route. Anyone interested should contact Mr Henry Poulton to see if there are seats available. (The village does not open on Tuesdays, hence the change of day).

Tuesday 17th

Something quite different. The Samaritans now have a speaker who specialises in talking to O.A.P. Clubs. She will give us a picture of what the Samaritans can do to help the elderly and the lonely and will answer any questions. Visitors, as usual, are always welcome, and this talk will be quite different from that given to W.I.s and other organisations.

BLANKETS

Four lovely blankets were brought to our last meeting, made of squares knitted by members from your gifts of wool. Many thanks and keep on saving wool for us. The blankets will go to The Neithrop and are a great comfort to those in the Day Centre in wheelchairs.

M.B. Flinn

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SWALCLIFFE

The Tigers Steel Band are performing for the first time in Swale-cliffe at our Caribbean Evening on Friday 13th May at Swalcliffe Grange. This band creates a truly Caribbean atmosphere and everyone who comes is assured of a truly 'let-your-hair-down' evening.

Tickets are £2.50 each and include our usual home-made buffet with barbecue and licensed bar. The event begins at 8.30 and finishes at 12.30. Tickets from Carol Nicholls (621) or Gillian Brookes (295).

FRENCH STUDENTS

Host families are being sought for a French Student Holiday Scheme in July. Details from Hazel Holmes, Cherwell Cottage, 22 Charlton Road, Aynho. Tel. Croughton 810390.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (ii)

ANNUAL SHOW - August 20th - in and around the Village Hall.

Look out for the Schedules for this year's Show. They should be coming to everyone by the beginning of the month so that you can begin to plan for your entries. Please let me know (544) if you don't receive a Schedule soon. There will be all the usual classes for vegetables, flowers, flower arrangements, cookery and crafts of all kinds - plus of course, classes for the children..

MAY MEETING

Our meeting this month will be on Wednesday May 11th at 8.00 pm in the Hall when Mrs Cropley will talk about "Unusual Plants to Grow". All members, guests and friends welcome.

Roger Lambert

GARDENS AND GARDENING IN MAY

April brought us a splendid show of daffodils: on the sunny days it was heartening to look out and see the tide of gold moving through the fruit trees. But it hasn't been a kind month generally: the trees are slow to break into life while the wet cold ground has not helped seeds to germinate. Let's hope that May will bring some warm days to get things moving in time for the real June growth. May is the traditional month for planting summer-flowering bulbs and tubers. Gladioli should be in the ground early in the month, in groups of 7 or 8, 4" or 5" deep on a handful of sand. Tender tubers are best started off in boxes under glass and planted out at the end of the month, or even early June, when risk of frost has passed. Lily bulbs seem expensive but they are good value for money over their lifetime, and to buy a few each year is a good investment.

In the March issue of Scene I suggested a visit to Hidcote gardens. Opposite the driveway of Hidcote is the entrance to another worthwhile garden, KIFTSGATE. On a smaller scale than Hidcote, it offers a series of gardens with a splendid collection of trees and shrubs. The house is sited on a Knoll with the banks sloping down steeply and providing glimpses of the Vale of Evesham between the pine trees. Kiftsgate is famous for roses, ranging from the border planted with Rosa Mundi to the yellow Banksian. June is a good month to visit this garden, but when I went there this week I was greeted by a mass of daffodils at the end of the drive beside the car park, and hellebores were to be seen in their unique colours in many parts of the garden. The owner sits at the receipt of custom (admission £1) surrounded by stands of plants and shrubs for sale at very modest prices - all raised in the gardens.

JARDIN

P.S. Don't forget that the first judging for the Best Kept Village is in May. Time for tidy verges and front gardens.

CAN YOU HELP ?

The Friends School runs a Child Development course, part of which involves the students in observing pre-school children in their own homes. This presents difficulties for boarders. Would any families in Sibford with children under 5 be willing to let one or two of these girls get to know their children? Offers or enquiries to Elizabeth Endersby as soon as possible. Telephone 431 or 701.

CALENDAR FOR MAY

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends Sunday 11.00 am
Methodists Sunday 11.00 am
Holy Trinity 1st 8.00 am Holy Communion
8th & 22nd 10.00 am Holy Communion
15th 10.00 am Morning Family Service with
Communion
29th 10.00 am United Benefice Eucharist at
Epwell.
6.00 pm. Patronal Festival Songs of Praise
Sunday School 9.45 Village Hall

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.

Wednesday 4th Friendship Club outing to Lacock
Thursday 5th Red Cross collection

Tuesday 10th W.I. A.G.M. 2.00 Village Hall
Wednesday 11th Horticultural Society 8.00 Village Hall
Thursday 12th Ascension Day Services 7.30am, 8.00pm.
Friday 13th Swalcliffe Caribbean Evening
Saturday 14th Saturday Club - Creative Writing

Tuesday 17th Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10.30-12 Rectory
 Friendship Club - The Samaritans
 Leo Club - Skittles at the Jolly Weavers, Banbury 8.00

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STOP PRESS..... Sibford Guides urgently need someone to take responsibility for an enthusiastic group of Ranger Guides aged 14 to 18. Details from Mrs Springall Ban. 810032 or Mrs Davies, Wroxton 292. More next month.