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SIBFORD SCENE

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REMEMBER THE BELVEDERE SINGERS ?

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce that The Belvedere Singers have agreed to make a return visit, and are to sing in the Village Hall on Saturday March 10th, beginning at 8 p.m.

There will be Cheese and Wine for refreshments, and, if their last visit is anything to go by, it should be a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Tickets are £2, available from the Post Office in Sibford, the Secretary at Nansen House (Swa. 494), and at the door.

So - for your diaries -

Saturday March 10th

8 p.m.

Village Hall

THE BELVEDERE SINGERS

We look forward to seeing you there.

Janette Skeath

VALUE FOR MONEY

On Tuesday April 10th there will be an open meeting of Sibford W.I. in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.

A speaker from Sainsbury's will give a talk entitled "Value For Money". In view of the expected opening of a Sainsbury's branch in Banbury, this talk should be of considerable local interest and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Please come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon. Admission is free and there will be cake and plant stalls and a raffle. Refreshments available.

All organisations are welcome. Advance notice of large groups would be appreciated because of catering.

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MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Mobile Library Service is on the move! A new vehicle with 25% increased book capacity will operate in N.W. Oxfordshire to a new schedule. The new times and routes are listed below.

The Sibfords will now be served on alternate FRIDAYS, beginning from Friday 30th March 1984.

Sibford Gower	11.50 - 12.05	The Colony
	12.10 - 1.00	The School
Burdrop	1.05 - 1.20	Vets
Sibford Ferris	2.25 - 2.40	Green's Shop

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SIBFORD CHARITY CIRCLE

It is regretted that, due to lack of support, the above Circle has ceased to function as such, although waste paper will still be collected and the money from it donated to the Friendship Club.

The Committee decided that the balance of money raised (£29.59) should be donated to the Sibford Scene, and this has been done.

Sincere thanks to the few people that did help, including those who have saved waste paper.

J. Long

*****We are very grateful for this donation. Many thanks to those who worked so hard to raise the money. Ed.

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FOR SALE

KODAK EK2 Instant Camera. £8 o.n.o. In good condition. Proceeds for Blue Peter Weatherbeater Fund. Can be inspected at The Rectory. Swa. 555.

MYSELF STARING AT ME

'Myself Staring at Me' is the title of one of the seventy self-portrait drawings and biographies in the book "The Artist By Himself".

Who were the men and women who held the pencils which made these self-portraits? Some were famous, some were not.

The author of this excellent book, Joan Kinnear, will introduce it in a slide talk at 7.30 p.m. on March 17th in the Mission Room, Sibford Gower, when she will further describe these mostly famous artists' lives.

Admission will be free. Copies of the beautifully bound book will be available, and sales will help Quaker funds.

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FOUND !

Last month we appealed for the owner of a bag that had been found in the Village Hall. Its owner turned out to be Miss Nelder of The Colony and we thought readers would be interested to see part of the letter that she sent to Norman Coxon.

".....(the poem) was written in the First World War when I was in Le-Treport, France, as a V.A.D., by one of the other V.A.D.s. We called ourselves Mud Larks, there was such a lot of mud about and we had some distance to walk to the 47th General Hospital. I shall never forget the sufferings those poor men had to go through.

Elsie Mary Nelder

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I'LL NEVER FORGET

In response to the suggestion that readers might have some tales to tell, Frank Rollett has bravely set the ball rolling. Further contributions gratefully received.

"In the 1890's professional golf was in embryo, being gradually brought to public notice by three Scotsmen, historically known as the great triumvirate, James Braid, J.H. Taylor, and Harry Vardon;

In 1930, to celebrate the opening of a new men's shop in Birmingham city centre, the elderly Vardon was employed to give short lessons in the basement. Having just taken up the game, I indulged, feeling embarrassed at my own rawness and that such an old and great sportsman had need to do this. I wonder how many are left who ever enjoyed a Vardon lesson? "

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BLANKETS

I have heard of some single blankets, in good condition, which are FREELY offered to a deserving home. If anybody feels deserving, please let the Rector know. If donations have to be made, they will go to the Blue Peter Fund.

BROWNIES

The Brownies invite you to their BRING AND BUY SALE on Thursday 15th March from 5.30 to 6.30 in the Village Hall. Please come!

KEEP FIT FOR LADIES

There has been very good support in the first half term and we shall begin again on Tuesday 28th Feb. There have been demands for a second session. As an experiment, therefore, we have also booked the Hall for Thursday afternoons from 2 - 3 p.m. Creche facilities for both sessions, Tuesday at 10 and Thursday at 2, will be provided at The Rectory.. Thursday sessions start on March 1st. Costs unchanged.

AUSTERITY LUNCHES

We were glad to be able to send £31 to Helen House from contributions in February. On March 7th, contributions will go to Quaker Peace and Service for relief and restoration work in Lebanon.

12.15 to 1.45 Friends Meeting House.

W.I.

Tuesday March 13th.
Visit to Hook Norton Pottery.
Depart 2 p.m. from Village Hall in members' cars.
Tea afterwards at Mrs Jarvis' house. No competition.
A.L.B.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service will be at the Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Friday 2nd March, with refreshments afterwards. Ladies of all ages welcome.

SIBFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Here are a few details about the Club. It is run by a committee with the object of bringing the villagers together to foster fellowship and pleasure in retirement.

Villagers from Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower, Burdrop, Epwell and Swalcliffe may join, providing they are 60 years or over. Anyone below this age who lives alone, or feels they would benefit from being a member of the Club may apply to the Hon. Secretary, John Long, Tresco, Sibford Gower, and the Committee will consider the application on its merits.

We will be pleased to welcome new members. Come along to the next meeting on March 20th, or, if you would like to join an outing, see below. The annual subscription is £1, payable in January. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month except August, and could be talks, slide shows, entertainment and / or outings.

FOR THCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 6th March - Visit to Slimbridge Wildlife Park. Leaving Sibford Gower at 9.45 returning by 4 p.m. Members £1.50.

Tuesday 20th March - General Meeting at Village Hall 2 p.m.

Bring your ideas and air your views!!

Tuesday 3rd April - Visit to Sibford Gower Endowed School by kind invitation of Mr J. Elliott, Headmaster.

SLIMBRIDGE

A few seats are still available for this outing on March 6th. Any non-members wishing to take advantage should contact Ted Webb, Wayside, Sibford Gower (Swa. 8211). Cost £3 includes admission fee. NAMES BEFORE 5th MARCH PLEASE.

MEET THE PLAYGROUP

Sibford Playgroup offers a friendly, stimulating environment for 3 - 5 year old children in which to take their first steps to a wider world. In the spacious, pleasant Village Hall we can offer a whole range of activities designed to meet the needs of the developing pre-school child.

There are opportunities to explore the varied qualities of paint, sand, water, clay glue and cooking - all exciting, "messy" activities, sometimes difficult to offer at home, especially in winter. We have a wide range of equipment, including a climbing frame, slide, trampoline, musical instruments and woodwork bench, plus a host of table-top games and toys, and a well-stocked book corner.

So much early learning goes on through the fun of playing with friends, providing a wealth of experience to take to "big" school when that time comes.

We can use our safe outdoor play area all year round, or enjoy some of the local walks in the village. We are lucky to be near our local Primary School and enjoy the use of their sportsfield and equipment as weather permits.

With a high adult to child ratio - 1: 4 or 5 we are able to make the most of all the opportunities afforded to us. Flexibility within our programme enables us to capitalise on the children's spontaneous interests and the many talents of our parents.

We meet every weekday morning except Tuesday from 9.30 to 12. If you are considering pre-school provision for your children, why not pop in and see us? A warm welcome awaits you and your children. For further details contact our Registration Secretary, Pauline Sagar - Tel. 973 736.

If your own children are now growing or grown-up and you find yourself with an hour or so to spare, why not join our extended family as Auntie, Uncle or Grandparent?

Maureen Hicks, Erica Wimbush (Playleaders)

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A POEM FOR LEAP DAY

This poem was given to one of our older readers many years ago.

Excuse me, sir, 'tis Leap Year.
I'm writing just to ask you
If you want a careful wife.
I'll darn your sock so neatly,
Sew buttons on your shirt,
And keep your home quite tidy
And promise not to flirt.
And if you are not married
And feel to me inclined,
Just take me to the altar
And I'll be for ever thine.

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LENT 1984

During Lent there will be special services of Holy Communion each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 7.30. On Fridays in Lent, there will be Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m.

We intend to have a house discussion group on Tuesday evenings from 8 until 9.30, starting on March 13th. The first one will be at the Rectory. Further details from the Rector.

Timothy Wimbush

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

In 1983 there were floods or heatwaves in many parts of the world. In poor countries this was disastrous because crops have been destroyed. More than 140 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are suffering from floods or drought.

In Bolivia, 1.5 million people are affected by drought and 25 million people are trying to survive.

In other countries, rainfall records have been broken. North Peru, which usually only has 1 inch of rain a year had 156 inches last year. One town in Bangladesh had 40 inches in 3 days. In places like these, people are struggling to survive and need help.

SO

Sibford Cubs decided to join in the Blue Peter Weatherbeater Appeal by having a Bring and Buy Sale on Saturday 4th February. Lots of people came and spent their money to help the appeal. £150 was raised in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came and helped us to help other people.

Ashley Hicks

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DON'T FORGET THE YOUTH CLUB'S JUMBLE SALE ON SATURDAY MARCH 17th

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our last meeting, "The Care Of Indoor Plants" by Mr Michael Jones, manager of Thenford Nurseries, was well attended. Mr. Jones gave us advice on how to care for our plants and was able to pass on his expert knowledge. Members were able to purchase some healthy plants he brought for sale.

Any members wishing to book seats for the trip to Waterperry and the Oxford Botanic Gardens on June 30th are requested to give their names to Mr. Robin Spicer. Adults £1.50, children £1. Final booking date will be the end of April then we will offer vacant seats to non-members. Would anyone who needs transport for the evening trip to The Manor, Little Compton, on June 13th please let me know.

On March 14th at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall, we shall hear from Mr. Frederick (B.B.O.N.T.) "Travel Talk Abroad".

May I say a warm welcome to the new members who have joined our Society recently.

John Sabin

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OUR GARDENS IN MARCH 1984

Once again we are back on the starting line, some better prepared than others, but the late starters won't be so far behind. The ground is still very wet and cold, so work it over when we have some dry days, and if you are able to cover it with cloches, that will be a great help. Broad bean, Masterpiece Green Longpod and The Sutton (dwarf) are good value for first sowings.

If you haven't already ordered your seed for 1984, you could do no better than spend the odd half hour looking round the seed racks in Clow's new Garden Centre where you will find an extensive range of Suttons seeds and competing makes. It saves a lot of time and the cost of postage.

When planning the vegetable layout, you could consider the new use of an old technique of intercropping, which is currently arousing interest among experts. People have repeatedly discovered that mixed planting makes for better quality or higher yield or both. An example of mixed planting is a bed of flowers, echiums, antirrhinums, marigolds and nicotiana, intersown with radish, lettuce, cabbage and tomatoes. There is a lot of experimental work going on, and it is worth keeping an eye on magazines for information.

Plan your cropping programme and buy no more seed than you need. It is not worth keeping seed over to the next year. Two new lettuce, Lake Nyah and Marmer, sound interesting.

The first produces bright green lettuce for cutting in July and August. Marmer are usefully sown under glass for cutting March / April.

New flowers include, from Suttons, a fibrous rooted begonia, Nonstop Mixed, which, sown now, will produce double flowers in a splendid range of colour in the summer.

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends Sunday 11 a.m.
 Methodists Sunday 11 a.m.
 Holy Trinity 4th 8 a.m. Holy Communion
 7th Ash Wednesday 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 8 p.m. Holy Communion, hymns & address.
 11th 10 a.m. Holy Communion
 18th 10 a.m. Parade and Family Service
 25th 10 a.m. Holy Communion
 Special Lenten services - see page 6

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club Monday 7.30 Village Hall
 Luncheon Club Tuesday 12.30 Friends Hall
 Folk Dancing Tuesday 8 p.m. Village Hall
 Badminton Wednesday (except 2nd) 8 p.m. Village Hall
 Brownies Thursday 4.45 Village Hall
 Guides Thursday 7 p.m. Village Hall
 Cub Scouts Friday 6.30 Village Hall
 Playgroup Each morning except Tuesday Village Hall

Thursday 1st New Keep Fit session 2 - 3 Village Hall
 Friday 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer 2 p.m. Methodist Ch.

Tuesday 6th Friendship Club outing to Slimbridge
 Wednesday 7th Austerity Lunch 12.15-1.45 Friends Meeting House
 Saturday 10th Belvedere Singers 8 p.m. Village Hall

Tuesday 13th W.I. visit to Hook Norton Pottery
 Lent Discussion Group 8 p.m. The Rectory
 Wednesday 14th Horticultural Society 8 p.m. Village Hall
 Thursday 15th Brownies Bring & Buy 5.30-6.30 Village Hall
 Saturday 17th Youth Club Jumble Sale
 "Myself Staring at Me" Mission Room 7.30

Tuesday 20th Friendship Club General Meeting 2 p.m.

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