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# SIBFORD SCENE

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## HENRY POULTON

Henry Poulton was very much part of Sibford's fibre: for over 50 years he had served Church and Village in many different ways. He had been a Churchwarden for 43 years, as well as builder, undertaker, milkman and friend.

He had been ill for only a short while, and had been supported by his wife, Amy, and his family in his last weeks. Further, he had been most faithful to his Lord - and had received his Communion most regularly.

For over 30 years he had been in The Observer Corps, and, in younger days, had been most keen at Football and cricket, and he maintained a close interest in most sports until close to the end.

Something over 200 people were present at the Eucharist of Thanksgiving, which was how the family chose to commemorate his passing. Sibford has lost another of its characters, and somehow will never be quite the same again.

T.W.

## HOLY TRINITY

At the Annual Church Meeting, Messrs Eric Payne and David Soden were elected to serve as Churchwardens for the current year. Other P.C.C. members were elected as follows: Mrs Colquhoun, Mrs Mary Poulton, Dame Anne Stephens, Col. and Mrs Frith, Mr Keen, Major Long, Mr Mulley, Mr Robin Spicer and Mr Webb.

Our thanks were expressed to both Mr and Mrs Law who had served for many years: and we were pleased that Geoffrey was getting better so quickly.

April contains the great festival of Easter, and a full list of Church Services may be found on page 7.

T.W.



BADMINTON CLUB

A small and friendly part of the Sibford scene, we meet every Wednesday (except 2nd) from 8 to 10.30 in the Village Hall. New and old members will be made very welcome.

If you haven't played before, come along and we will lend you a racquet until you get the hang of things.

Remember, summer is on the way and a game of badminton might just help to trim that figure (men and ladies) for those summer clothes.

Ring Swalcliffe 754 for further details.

Glynis Morbey

KEEP FIT

There are still spaces for any ladies with surplus energy on Tuesdays 3rd and 10th at 10 a.m. and Thursdays 5th and 12th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall (50p). Creche facilities (35p) are provided at The Rectory.

We shall resume after the Easter break on May 1st and 3rd and so on until half term review.

E.J. Wimbush

FRIENDS OF SIBFORD SPORTS CLUB

A reminder that subscriptions are due by May 1st for the year ending April 1985.

Single £2  
Family £5

Swimming

All families using the swimming pool are asked to participate in the supervision rota. The times are as follows:-

Monday 6 - 7  
Wednesday 6 - 7  
Friday 6 - 7 on request

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## BANBURY BIRD HOSPITAL

What do I do when I find an injured or sick bird?

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The Bird Hospital is not a charity, but is run by the Christies out of their own generosity. Over the years of non-stop caring for sick birds they have developed expertise in this most exacting work. We are indeed fortunate to be able to take advantage of this.

Some years ago local bird lovers contributed towards materials for the building of flight pens at the Bird Hospital. These aviaries now need modification.

I am going to have a coffee morning to raise funds for the Bird Hospital on Tuesday April 17th at 10.30 a.m. at Tadmarton Manor. Everyone will be welcome. Entrance, to include coffee and a biscuit, will be 25p. If you cannot come, but would like to feel involved with the work done at the Bird Hospital, please send a cheque made out to me or to Cliff Christie.

Home made cakes, sweets, biscuits; plants; raffle; bring and buy. Please Come!

10.30 a.m. 17.4.84. Tadmarton Manor.

Jane Asser

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## SCHOOL GARDEN

There has been great activity in the Primary School garden this spring, with children, teachers, parents and two great yellow machines co-operating in a major project. The old orchard is to be revitalised and the area round the spring, so overgrown as to be inaccessible for most of the year, is to be cleared and replanted to encourage a variety of wildlife. The P.T.A. would like to thank all who have helped so far, and to ask if anyone has any surplus fruit trees or shrubs that they could donate to this project. If you can help, please ring Jeffrey Elliott at the school (270) or your local P.T.A. representative.

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## GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Gower has again been entered in the Best Kept Village Competition, with judging taking place on two separate occasions in May and June. Comments from the Judges' report last year highlighted litter, the state of some verges and weeds in prominent flowerbeds as being the main areas of concern spoiling an otherwise "Quite well looked after village".

Perhaps with a little care, we could achieve and be proud of a "very well looked after village".

If the disposal of large household items is a problem, you can contact Cherwell District Council, Technical Services Dept. (Banbury 52535). Given about 10 days notice, they will arrange FREE COLLECTION of most household items (e.g. beds, fridges etc.) Items which do not qualify for free collection are fixtures and fittings, such as boilers or radiators, and garden rubbish.



### AUSTERITY LUNCH

The Austerity Lunch on April 4th will be in aid of the "Life for the World Trust", a Christian organisation hoping to expand its very successful work with young drug addicts.

Margaret LeMare

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### CUB SCOUTS

The 1st The Sibfords Cub Scouts will be holding their Annual Meeting of the Group at the Friends Hall, Sibford Gower, on Wednesday 2nd May at 8 p.m. Everyone with an interest in Scouting, past, present or future, is warmly invited.

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### YOUTH CLUB

The recent Youth Club Jumble Sale made the splendid sum of £112. Many thanks to all who helped, bought and gave.

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### SIBFORD GOWER

All villagers are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 13th April at 8.15.

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### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

As a result of the Service on 2nd March, we were able to send off £14.50 to the funds. This money will be distributed by the organisation mostly among Christian literature associations. Our thanks to the Methodist Church for being host to about 25 women this year.

E.J. Wimbush

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### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club is running a full-day mystery tour on May 2nd, leaving Sibford crossroads at 10.30 a.m. and returning at approx. 6 p.m. A stop will be arranged to enable passengers to have their own lunch or obtain a pub lunch.

Fares will be "members £2, others £3. Contact T. Webb, Wayside. Phone 8211.

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Thank you for the wool given over the past years. We hope that supplies will continue to come to Mrs Rose Haynes, Pound Lane, or Mrs V. Rollett Grasholme, Sibford Gower.

A.L.B.

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### CHIROPODY

Mrs Collinglee will be coming at 9.30 a.m. on the second Wednesday in the month to the Village Hall Car Park.

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### W.I.

The March meeting took the form of a most interesting visit to the Hook Norton Pottery, where Mr. Russell Collins gave an instructive tour and described the processes used.

Afterwards, the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. May Jarvis in Hook Norton, where she kindly served us tea. Several new members attended and the W.I., as always, welcomes these and any others who might like to join us.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 10th at 2.30 in the Village Hall. A speaker from Sainsbury's will give a talk on "Value for Money". There will be cake and plant stalls and a raffle. The meeting is open to all and refreshments will be served.

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## MIDDLE AGED DELINQUENTS IN SIBFORD ? !

Yes, it's true folks.....

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" BREATH OF SPRING ".....AT THE VILLAGE HALL.....

on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Tickets £1.50, with reduction on Thursday, and for children and Senior Citizens on Thursday and Friday performances.

Book early.....Tickets from Green's Shop and Sue Heckles, The Cottage, Sibford Ferris. Tel. 733.

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### THE BELVEDERE SINGERS

We were delighted to welcome again The Belvedere Singers, and it is a pleasure to put into words our appreciation of the enjoyment they gave us. Their professional yet easy performance was a joy to listen to and to watch and we managed to persuade them to take several encores. The evening was made all the more enjoyable by the delicious supper and wine provided by Janette Skeath and her team of helpers from the Village hall Committee, and we offer them all our thanks for a really enjoyable evening.

Kate Long (member of the audience)

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### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

After such a successful evening when The Belvedere Singers came to the Hall, I should like to thank those Committee members who helped me with the refreshments. After expenses, the evening raised £110, which makes all the hard work really worthwhile. Thank you.

Janette Skeath

### A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Village Hall Committee is to be held on Friday May 11th at 8.15 p.m.. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome.

### TREASURER

After holding the office of Village Hall Treasurer for over ten years, Norman Coxon has told us that he would really like to give it up, and the Committee has reluctantly accepted his resignation to take effect from the A.G.M. in May. This means that we have to find a replacement. The secretary would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be prepared to take it on. Please contact Janette Skeath at Nansen House, Swa. 494.



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SIBFORD 'MINI MARKET'

As the spring weather will soon be with us, it has been suggested that an outdoor, monthly MINI MARKET would be a good idea, to be held on the last Saturday of the month in the drive of The Barn. This will provide an outlet for home industries, plant and produce growers, culinary arts, crafts etc. and the wealth of talent within our community, (including our professional jumbling ring!) Stalls will be provided at a cost of £3 for the day and can be shared by two or more people if desired. There is plenty of wall space for artists, picture dealers or any other wall craft. The next date for Sibford Market Day is Saturday 19th May. Stall bookings to be made by Saturday 5th May please to Patsy Edwards - 343.

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MORNING COFFEE & AFTERNOON TEAS

will be served at The Barn on opening days, every Friday and Saturday, beginning Friday April 27th.

NEWS, NEWS

....For the Sibford Village column in The Banbury Guardian. Much news must go on in the village that I never hear about, so please let me have reports of anything which may be of interest:- club activities, births, marriages, christenings, house moves, deaths, accidents, special achievements, funny incidents, anything you find interesting may well interest others in Sibford. Please write or phone report preferably by Saturday, or at the latest, Sunday evening, or, by arrangement, Monday.

Jean Jones(631)



IN YOUR GARDEN

We are sorry to report that Jardin (Geoffrey Law), although making progress, is not well enough yet to write this month's column. We send him every good wish for a speedy recovery.

J.A.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER

Lenten weekday services:

Tuesdays 3rd & 10th 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
Wednesdays 4th & 11th 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
Thursdays 5th & 12th 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
Fridays 6th & 13th 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Holy Week Services:

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th Holy  
Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8.00 p.m. Eucharist of The Lord's Supper  
(Epwell)

Good Friday: 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
1.30 p.m. Preaching the Passion (Tadmarton)  
7.00 p.m. Evening Service

Easter Night: 11.15 p.m. (Saturday) Service of waiting for  
Easter Day and 1st Eucharist of Easter.

Clearly this list is only a sketchy outline. For further  
details, please consult the Rector (Swa. 555).

I do hope that as many of you as possible, not bothering too  
much as to whether you belong to a Church or not, will feel  
free and able to join us for some of these occasions. We'll  
do our best to make you welcome.

Easter Monday and Tuesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends Sunday 11 a.m.  
 Methodists Sunday 11 a.m.  
 Holy Trinity 1st 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
 8th 10 a.m. Holy Communion  
 15th Palm Sunday Service 10 a.m. at Swalcliffe  
 22nd Easter DAY 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
 11.15 a.m. Family Communion Service  
 29th 10 a.m. United Benefice Eucharist at Epwell.

For other services in Lent and Holy Week, see p.7

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  
 Keep Fit Tuesday 10 a.m.; Thursday 2 p.m. Village Hall

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Tuesday 3rd Friendship Club entertained at Village School  
 Wednesday 4th Austerity Lunch 12.15-1.45 Friends Meeting House

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Tuesday 10th Sainsbury's Talk at W.I. 2.30  
 Wednesday 11th Chiropodist in Village Hall War Park 9.30  
 Horticultural Society "Conifers". 8 p.m.  
 Friday 13th Sibford Gower Parish Meeting 8.15

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Tuesday 17th Coffee Morning for Bird Hospital, Tadmarton  
 Friday 20th Good Friday  
 Sunday 22nd Easter Day

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