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"BREATH OF SPRING"

Whilst local actors from The Sibberts have been busily rehearsing their latest production, "Breath of Spring", in the last few weeks, local children have also been busily directing their artistic talents to the same theme.

Children from both the Primary and Friends schools were invited to enter a poster competition on the "Breath of Spring" theme. Whilst there wasn't a staggering quantity of entries, their quality certainly impressed Heinz Barth, of Burdrop, who had kindly accepted The Sibberts' invitation to judge the posters.

Heinz, no stranger to posters and the graphic arts, as Director of his own company devoted to them, finally concluded that Sean Wood (Friends School) and Peter Buckingham (Primary School) were worthy prizewinners. Highly commended entries were also contributed by Nina Staniford, Rebecca Moir and Rebecca Key (Primary School) and Clare Raffael, Natalie Hall, Chris Wollerton, Afshean Ashadi and Justin Blatchford (Friends).

It is likely that the posters will be displayed in the Village Hall when The Sibberts perform the comedy, "Breath of Spring" on the nights of May 3rd, 4th and 5th. If you haven't got tickets yet.....hurry! Tickets are available from Greens Shop and Sue Heckles (Tel. 733).

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RED CROSS

On May 8th members of the Sibford Youth Club will once again make the annual collection for the Red Cross. Refugees, P.O.W.s, the sick and distressed at home and overseas are the business of the Red Cross, the great organization which has the international trust and knowhow to bring relief.

Please give generously and please give a cheerful welcome to our young collectors who are doing their good turn for the Red Cross.

Anne Stephens

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On Friday morning, 4th May, at Barn Close, Burdrop, the home of Col. and Mrs Frith, the above Society is holding a Coffee Morning from 10.30 till noon. The missionary worker whom we have been supporting for years, Niall Watson, has now returned permanently from Kenya; and this will be a chance to meet him and to make lots of money for the Society. Cakes, Bring & Buy, Raffle and all the usual 'fun of the fair'.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13th - 19th MAY

As usual, this follows hard on the heels of Red Cross Week: about which we can do absolutely nothing! There have been two fund-raising events fixed for the week:

Tuesday morning 10.30 till noon - Coffee Morning with usual attractions.

Friday lunchtime, 12.30 onwards - Austerity Lunch.

Both these events are at The Rectory, and I hope you will be able to support them. If not, I shall be more than happy to receive suitably marked donations through the letterbox of the said house.

Timothy Wimbush

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A KIND GESTURE

Mr Gilbert of The Carpet Man, Banbury, has very kindly shampooed the carpet in Holy Trinity Church. That good turn completed our spring-cleaning. Thank you very much, Mr Gilbert.

DANGER TO YOUNG LIVESTOCK

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting we were made vividly aware of the dangers to young livestock caused by empty crisp packets. These are increasingly seen lying around the village, and if blown into fields, they can be eaten by young lambs, causing them to DIE.

Please prevent this happening by picking up any packets already lying around and dispose of them safely, and please make sure that no more are dropped!

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GOWER NOTES

All villagers will be welcome at the A.G.M. of the Gower Parish Council at 8.15 p.m. on Friday 18th May at the Village Hall.

N.B. Judging starts this month for the Best Kept Village Competition.

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VILLAGE HALL

The A.G.M. of the Village Hall Committee is to be held on Friday May 11th at 8.15. Open to all.

CROSS

C is for the cross that Jesus was put on.
R is for the rough cross.
O is for the olive trees in the garden.
S is for the sponge that Mary dipped on Jesus' face.
S is for the shock that Jesus had.

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During the Spring term the Juniors have been doing a topic on Communication and Transport. In that time we have been on some enjoyable trips to the Goodhead Press, Cheney's the printers, the Telephone Exchange and the Sorting Office. Also, the older children spent a day at the Science Museum in London.

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Our parents have been especially busy this term. At the back of the old building many mums and dads have been helping to improve the old school garden, orchard and 'tite' area. We now have a new pond, a nature area and a larger playing space. We are very grateful to Mrs Brown and the members of the Friendship Club who gave generous donations towards our new fruit trees.

Parents have also been busy in the classroom. There have been two enjoyable education evenings led by Yvonne Ward, the Primary Adviser, who spoke about reading, and Christine Headlong who explained the work of the school library service and its connections with our school.

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At the end of term we held a music concert the Friendship Club, Playgroup and parents. and played various instruments. There on violin, guitar, piano, recorder, part of the concert was a musical play "Beginners". This involved sailors of treasure and lots of corny jokes.

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In the concert we sang
were special pieces
trumpet and cornet.
called "Swashbuckling
and pirates in

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The School P.T.A. has continued to work hard raising money for us. Recently a jumble sale was held which raised £130 to be put towards new equipment. This term we have had a new radio cassette recorder and a video recorder bought for us. We have been very concerned with Road Safety as there is a road which divides our school. So as part of our work we have made our own video film showing the dangers when crossing the road. We also entered 3 teams in a Road Safety competition, although we did not win we scored high marks and enjoyed it very much.

E is for Easter
A stands for Apostles
S is for Simon who carried the Cross
T stands for tomb
E is for Easter Sunday
R stands for Roman.

written by

the children of

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

EARLY CALLERS

When potential emigrees from the big city consider buying their village cottages or whatever, they usually half expect that certain services could not be as good as those formerly enjoyed.

I think it meet that one such who has lived in Sibford these twenty years or so express profound thanks, widely affirmed, to two particular services rendered by, first, Nigel Judd whose daily clatter in out letterboxes and courteous attention is so welcome. Secondly to the unfailing George "all for his self-effacing manner when the clinkety-clink for the 364 days of the year is heard, to say nothing of the kindly help he gives apart from his normal routine. Whatever shall we do if this government carries out a threat to centralise milk deliveries ?

F.R.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL DOG OWNERS

Dear Friends,

May a fellow resident and close neighbour of yours humbly seek to engage your co-operation ? I know my front lawn is not much to write home about horticulturally, but my young children and their friends do like to play on it: they are at the roly-poly and rough-and-tumble sort of age.

This does not seem unreasonable, but it is becoming very unpleasant, as is the task of mowing, because a number of dogs which are sometimes allowed to roam free regularly defecate and urinate on my lawn.

Could you please keep your dog under control all the time, and not let it out to go and make a mess on somebody else's lawn - mine!

Yours hopefully,

A Gower Resident

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday May 1st 2 p.m.
Mr J. Gibbs will talk on the River Stour and its source. (Friends School).

Wednesday May 2nd
Mystery coach trip 10 - 6.
Fare for members £2.
Further information from Mr T. Webb, Wayside. (8211)

Tuesday May 15th 2 p.m.
Mrs Asser will talk about her Kestrel. (Friends School)

AUSTERITY LUNCH

The Austerity Lunch on May 2nd will be in aid of Amnesty International. (Friends Meeting House).

JUMBLE SALE

The recent sale at the Village School raised £131. Thanks to all concerned, especially Jill Judd and the donors of raffle prizes.

W.I.

Tuesday May 8th 2 p.m.
Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall. Election of officers and Committee.

Mrs Millward will talk about Resolutions for the National W.I. Annual Meeting.

THE GARDEN IN MAY 1984

Now is the time to plant bulbs, corms and tubers. I see that miniature mini pygmy dahlias are offered in the catalogue this year as well as anemone flowering dahlias, which are also low growing, and both these varieties should be useful in the smaller garden. It is time also for gladioli corms and it might be useful to try some of the more exotic bulbs such as acidanthera, zephyrthanthus, nerines, eremus and the miniature gladioli nanus gladiolus. Planted in May, these should give a show of colour in late summer.

Why not experiment with one or two hanging baskets this summer? They repay the trouble involved. The best lining is moss. Use a substantial layer pressed well into the metal frame, and fill with a good compost: John Innes 3. You can insert trailing plants such as lobelia and ivy leaf geraniums from the outside as you fill the basket. When the soil reaches the top, firm it down well and plant up with geraniums, fuchsias, ageratums, marigolds.

You will by now have taken the first cut on your lawns. Don't forget the grass verge if you have one, bearing in mind that the village is entered for the West Kept Village competition, and the first inspection is this month.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances the plan for monthly mini-markets at The Barn has had to be cancelled.

