

SIBFORD

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every year the Bishop of Oxford makes a special appeal to the children of the Diocese to raise money for a charity of his choosing. This year he has chosen to support the proposed building of a home for handicapped children at Witney. He will receive this money personally in the Cathedral on the last Tuesday in May.

In other years the children of the Sunday School have raised the money individually by coercing their family and friends, by doing odd jobs or by dipping into their piggy banks. As the project chosen is based much nearer to us than in other years, we felt that we would like to raise more money than usual.

We have therefore decided to hold a COFFEE MORNING at my house - BEYOND THE END (next door to the Church) on FRIDAY 12th APRIL from 10.30 am till noon.

We would welcome gifts of cakes, articles for Bring& Buy stall and raffle prizes. Do please come along on the 12th. and support the children so that by corporate effort they can make a worthwhile contribution to this very worthy cause.

With many thanks, Mary Poulton.

INSIDE:-

Primary School entertainment, Welcome to Sibford, Jardin, Cub & Brownie News, Forthcoming Events, Friendship Club, W.I., Warriner News and lots, lots more.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

What a marvellous evening we all had! The singing was magnificent, the Circus hilarious and the character acting by the children in "Midsummer Nightmare" brilliant - we laughed till we ached!

A very big thankyou to Jeff Elliott, Liz Francis & Judith Stanford for putting in so much extra time and effort to give the children this wonderful experience.

Primary School Parents.

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What a great night out we all had at Chippy Theatre on Wed.13th March, when children from the primary school performed their long awaited "Entertainment" evening. They hired the theatre for the day, ran the box office, did the lighting and make up and produced most of the material themselves. The singing was lovely, the dancing super, the acting outstanding and the Fairies well well what can I say - amazing! I haven't laughed so much for ages, the whole evening was pure magic.

On behalf of all the parents who were lucky enough to see this splendid performance, may I take this opportunity to thank teachers, parents and most of all the children for their much appreciated "Entertainment". (Anon)

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Sir,

A note to say how much this parent, and I know many others, enjoyed seeing, listening to and being a part of a very professional entertainment at Chipping Norton Theatre presented by our children. For their experience - incredibly good; to see them learning to give to and lead an audience ;also to express situation humour is of great credit to them and the teaching staff of our school. (sic)

I spotted two at least who could tread those boards professionally later if they chose to. The learned in these matters would say, I am certain, that this was a grand example of the best in modern teaching method.

Governors - do not lose this team.

Jeffrey and all - we wait to see you 'Cap That!'

John Mulley.

Sibford Gower Primary School :- Many thanks to all those who ordered, collected and delivered "Webb Ivory" before Christmas. £115 was handed over to the P.T.A. who were very grateful. Gill judd.

BROWNIE & CUB NEWS

On Saturday 2nd March, some of the 1st The Sibfords Cub Pack went by coach to see the Gang Show at the Apollo Theatre, Oxford.

The Theatre was really full by 2 o'clock when the Show started. All the people in the show have to be in the Guide or Scout movement. The 'Gang' had practised very hard for months to make the show really good. The show was a mixture of songs, comedy and plays. There were some really funny parts and I laughed a lot. My favourite play was called 'The Voyage of the Venturer' when the King's three sons went on a sea voyage to look for a special gift to bring back to their father to show why they should be King. The costumes and scenery were very colourful. Another good effect was when water showered down the back of the stage while everyone was singing songs about rain.

The scout bands played brilliantly and the finale was amazing with everyone on the stage together. From out of the ceiling thousands of small union flags fluttered down onto the audience. It was a brilliant afternoon.

ASHLEY HICKS

SIBFORD BROWNIES

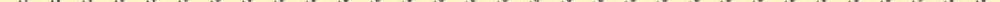
Our present Brown Owl, Elizabeth Wheeldon is unfortunately having to give up this position from the end of term and this thriving enthusiastic Pack are urgently in need of a new leader. Anyone interested would be well supported by a number of helpful Brownie Mothers who would be willing to assist on a rota basis. Help can be arranged for a few weeks to enable anyone who is interested to learn the ropes. If you are at all interested, please would you contact our District Commissioner - Mrs. Olive Springall, on Banbury 810032?

CUB SCOUT JOB WEEK

This takes place during the week after Easter - April 7th-13th.

It's often hard to think up suitable jobs at the moment when two eager Cubs arrive at the door! With advance warning, it's often possible to save up some very useful work for the boys to do.

On the afternoon of Sunday 28th. April, scrubbed and shining, the boys will be taking part in the annual St. Georges Day Parade through Banbury.



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SIBFORD W.I.

April Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9th. at 2.00pm. in the Village Hall.

The speaker will be Mrs. Russell who will speak on 'FASHION THROUGH THE AGES'

COMPETITION

All visitors very welcome.

AUSTERITY LUNCH

There will be an AUSTERITY LUNCH in aid of the SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND on Wednesday April 3rd. The lunch will be held in the Mission Room between 12.15 and 1.45pm and will be the last one until the Autumn.

M. LeM

CONSULTATION EVENINGS

The School has so far been lucky and has avoided any major disruptions due to the current teachers' strike action. Unfortunately however, recent Parent/Teacher Consultation evenings have been cancelled. This of course is to be regretted but the staff stress that any parent may phone or write to make a special appointment to see either Mr. Ruddock, their child's Tutor or a particular subject teacher if they have anything which they wish to discuss.

DRAW

The School are hoping to raise about £1700 to buy equipment for : Computer Assisted Learning to be used by all subject departments. The first prize is a Home Computer or the equivalent value of Software. Many other lovely prizes have been donated by local shops, firms etc.. The tickets are 10p each and the winners will be drawn on April 27th. Children from School will be selling tickets around the village, so please try to contribute as generously as possible.

Carole Moir

FRENCH TRIP

On March 11th. a party from the Warriner School set off to Carbourg in France. We arrived at the Bon Sejour, our hotel, which was a five minute walk away from the beach. The Hotel was clean and friendly and the food was French T English mixed, cooked to a high standard. The places of interest we visited were :-

Bayeux Tapestry, Cheese Dairy, Caen, capital of Lower Normandy, War Time Museum, Lisieux Cathedral, Honfleur Harbour and a wine factory.

The trip was very well organized with a lot of things to do. The thing which I enjoyed most was visiting the Bayeux Tapestry. The Hotel organized a Disco with French and English songs which we all enjoyed. Friday lunchtime we left Carbourg for the long journey home.

by Sharon Hall

(2nd year).

NORTH OXFORDSHIRE GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS AND DYERS

The North Oxfordshire Guild aims to be of interest to those interested in textile crafts! It is for everyone - from beginner to professional. We hold 10 evening meetings a year, several dayschools and an exhibition of work. Membership is £6 per annum. Visitors welcome.

Contact:- Secretary Jean Williamson, Hook Norton (0608) 737555.

PROGRAMME APRIL-JUNE

- April 9th. shells Sue Ryley from Woodstock Museum reveals a world of sea-shore shapes and colours to inspire our textile design.
(unconfirmed) Netting Cottage, Hook Norton.
- May 14th. Cotswold Woolen Mill Richard Martin talks on Filkins Woolen Mill.
A lively speaker - not to be missed. Netting Cottage.
- June 11th. SORTING FLEECE Muriel Summerfield explains and demonstrates how to sort a fleece - just in time for shearing. Kineton Gallery,
Kineton - transport shared.

SWALCLIFFE EVENTS

Whist Drives - Swalcliffe Village Hall, Wednesday 10th April 8.00pm.
Continuing fortnightly. 50p. Refreshments & Raffle.

Coffee Mornings - in the garden of Miss J. Gifford King, The Cottage, Swalcliffe
on Thursday 25th April 10.00 - 12.00.
Stalls:- cake, bring&buy and Bric.A.Brac. + Raffle.

SIBFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB (SFC)

1. This club was founded about 18 years ago, and for most of this time was under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Flinn. Mrs. Flinn retired last year and since then the Club has been run by a committee.
2. The object of the club is to bring the senior members of the villages together in a spirit of fellowship, and its' aims are:-
 - a) to develop a sense of communal responsibility,
 - b) to organize talks, entertainments, outings and events as required by the majority of members,
 - c) to raise money for the efficient running of the club.
3. Communal responsibility in this context is to :-
 - a) provide help in cases of sickness, hospitalization, death etc., e.g. provide transport to visit hospital, shopping etc.
 - b) to advise on Age Concern, Action in Retirement, Finance budgeting, Disablement etc.
 - c) to give comfort in any way, and financial assistance if necessary.
4. The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month except August, and usually at the Village Hall, Sibford Gower.
5. The subscription is £1 per year.
6. For further information, contact any of the following:-

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| Mrs V.R.Rollett | Swa. 309 |
| Mrs M.A.Law | Swa. 460 |
| Mr S.E.Webb | Swa. 8211 |
| Maj.L.J.Long | Swa. 652 |

7. This club could be deemed to be an extension to the Sibford Friendly Society, which was in being some fifty or more years ago, and is believed to have been founded by the late Frank Lascelles (Pageant Master). The two banners of this Society are laid up in Holy Trinity Church. The motto of the Friendly Society, attributed to Stephen Grellet (1773 to 1855) was: -

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

8. The difference between the two is that, whereas the membership of the present club is for senior citizens, the Friendly Society provided for adults of all ages.
9. The SFC does not have a motto to date, but we commend to our members the following :-

"If you can lend a needed hand,
Or someone's sorrow share,
If you can show by word or deed
You sympathise and care,
Please do it now - for if you wait
Another day could be too late."

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OUTING

L. J. L.

Caroline McCausland who delighted us with her singing and playing and to the very many Sibfordians and members of St. John's Church in Banbury who enabled it to happen. Particular thanks must also go to 'Doctor Agnew and his Daughters' whose song and dance routine was very moving!

A.M.R.

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Recognised Village organisations using the Hall 100 hours or more in a year will receive a 10% discount.
Private Hire bookings will be required to pay a Deposit of 25% non-returnable in the case of late cancellation.
Chairs and Tables and Crockery may be hired by arrangement with the Booking Secretary :- Miss A.L.Bennett, Thurlstones, Sibford Gower, Swalcliffe 235.

A.G.M :- The Village Hall Annual Meeting will be held on Friday May 10th at 8.30pm. in the Village Hall. All villagers are invited to attend this Important Meeting.

YOUTH CLUB JUMBLE SALE

The grand total of £204.50p. was raised at our recent event. Many thanks to those who gave so generously and to those who gave donations.

Thanks also to those who turned up on a bitter cold day!

Much appreciation to all the committee members for their help, not forgetting club members who so ably manned the stalls.

DAVID BAKER

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THE GARDEN IN APRIL

At the time I write, Spring is officially due in two day's time but the ground is covered by a light fall of snow after a very sharp frost at dawn. Indeed the soil is very cold and there is little sign of growth, the daffodils are tightly rolled and the buds on the shrubs appear dormant still: to sow seeds would be to court disaster. It is evidently a season to work according to conditions not to follow the calendar. Countrymen used to say "So many mists in March, so many frosts in May", perhaps we are in for a late season. As Easter is late perhaps it would be a good idea to postpone the Good Friday planting of early potatoes for a week or two. Later in the month, when the soil has really warmed up, sow cauliflower for autumn use, also cabbage and broccoli for autumn and next winter; continue sowing beet, carrots and lettuce. Dwarf french beans can be sown in shallow trenches about the end of the month and runner beans started in boxes.

There is still time to sow annuals once the soil is ready while dahlias should be started off in boxes ready to plant out in May but do protect them from frost and be guided by weather conditions. They are greedy plants and for successful flowering need rich soil and a good spadeful of manure under each tuber when planted out. As the seed bed empties, sow wallflowers and sweet William to plant out in the autumn for next year's flowering.

JARDIN

A £10 voucher for two people for lunch or dinner at Burlington Bertie's restaurant in Oxford is on offer. This was a prize in a raffle which the winner cannot use. A small donation to the Friendship Club will secure this valuable prize. Phone SWALCLIFFE 460.

WELCOME TO SIBFORD PARTY

Thankyou to all who arranged and participated in the 'Welcome to Sibford' party in March. It was a most enjoyable evening. There can be few villages which make such an effort to welcome newcomers. We now feel well and truly part of the Sibford Scene!

A 'New' Family

CALENDER FOR APRIL 1985

CHURCH & OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES - see p.9

WEEKLY EVENTS

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| Youth Club | Monday | from 7.00pm in the Village Hall (not 8th) |
| Keep Fit | Tuesday | at 10.00am in the Village Hall (not 9th) |
| Luncheon Club | Tuesday | at 12.30pm in the Friends Hall |
| Folk Dancing | Tuesday | at 8.00pm in the Village Hall |
| Badminton | Wednesday | at 8.00pm in the Village Hall (not 10th) |
| Brownies | Thursday | at 5.00pm in the Village Hall (not 4th&11th) |
| Guides | Thursday | at 7.00pm in the Village Hall (not 4th&11th) |
| Cub Scouts | Friday | at 6.30pm in the Village Hall (not 5th) |
| Playgroup | Monday, Wednesday, THURSDAY and Friday from 15th on | at 9.30am in the Village Hall. |

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| Wednesday | 3rd | Austerity Lunch | see p.3 |
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| Sunday | 7th | Cub Scout Job Week begins | see p.3 |
| Tuesday | 9th | NOGSWD 'Shells' | see p.4 |
| Wednesday | 10th | Whist Drive at Swalcliffe | see p.4 |
| Friday | 19th | WI Monthly Meeting | see p.3 |
| Wednesday | 24th | Whist Drive at Swalcliffe | see p.4 |
| Thursday | 25th | Coffee Morning at Swalcliffe | see p.4 |
| | | Friendship Club Outing | see p.6. |

Easter Message from the Rector

In times past the people who had religious inclinations, which was a high percentage indeed, would make strenuous efforts to attend a service in their local church or chapel around Eastertime.

Sadly, to many peoples' minds, fewer seem so inclined today. Notwithstanding, there are numerous chances this year for the lucky people of Sibford.

May I urge you all, therefore, to try to set aside some time this year to go to one of the services laid on for you in this village. It's a truly splendid time of the year, is Easter. New life around you wherever you look, not least in the person of Jesus, who died, rose and lives still in the hearts of many millions. May he bless you and yours at this joyful Eastertide.

T.W.