

Here's Jenny, The 'Ed's' last edition.
Full ninety two "Scenes" - No omissions.
Retiring with grace!
So hard to replace!
"Thanks Jenny" You've earned your remission.

Remember March 1977? A vintage month!
Nearly nine years ago and ninety two editions gone! The Sibford Scene was launched - born out of thin air!! Now sadly Jennifer Austing feels it is time to hang up her scissors, empty the glue pot, throw away her blue pencil and push the typewriter back under the spare bed!!

Jenny was both Editor and inaugurator and The Sibfords owe her a great debt of gratitude. "Thank you Jennifer from us all. Have a well earned rest and glow in the warmth of your creation which we trust will continue uninterrupted and in similar simple form".

It may be appropriate to repeat here the opening paragraph of Scene No. 1. March 1977 - a hope completely fulfilled.

"Sibford Scene hopes to keep everyone in Burdrop, Ferris and the Gower up to date with all the many village activities. The paper will appear monthly, so please let us know what your organisation is doing. We shall also be grateful to receive brief letters, articles, news, ideas and small ads. Contributions should reach the editor or the Rector by the 20th of each Month"

So - nothing has altered or is planned to alter. Oxfordshire Country Villages, or so we are told, change very slowly! There may be one small deviation from the perfection of the past as the new editor has a tendency to use the same spelling book as the Daily Telegraph! There will be no prizes for spotting the mistakes. All mistakes should be taken as deliberate!!!

The Editor takes no credit for the professional lay out and typing which is now in the "flying fingers" of Vivienne Scouse. She is a non union member and a devotee of Edie Shah so type-setting will never be interrupted. She automatically gets 100% increase of the salary of nothing every month.

Austin Spiers

The hamlet of Burdrop may appear to be a peaceful back-water and most of the time it is and for this we are truly grateful. This peace has been severely disturbed with the sudden and sad death of Austin Spiers in whom we have lost yet another character. In the last two years we have lost lifetime Sibford residents in Owen Soden, Henry Poulton and Harry Brown; and more recent residents in Peter Agnew and Eric Benton. Austin would have been the first to say he was in wonderful company; he would also have been the first to tell me not to write about him. However, it has been my privilege to know him for thirty years. He was a popular hard working vet as a full church demonstrated on Monday, and we first met seeing patients on the same farm. A Glaswegian by birth he never lost his accent nor his sense of humour. I was privileged to share some of life's experiences with him, not the least of which was appearing in the Sibford Players Productions at our new Village Hall. Those were wonderful happy days and I don't suppose we shall ever see the like of them again.

Austin served his country for six years in the Army (foot slogging) before he trained as a veterinary surgeon. He bore his last illness with minimal fuss and it is sad that he did not enjoy a longer retirement. Our condolences go to Joy, Andrew and Iain.

S.A.A.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

It gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you all that our total House to House collection for the support and succour of those cared for by the Legion was £194.66, slightly more than last year's total. Together with the collection from the Remembrance Service at Holy Trinity (£62.49), I have sent off a grand total of £257.15.

Thank you all very much for your donations and please remember that we can always do with more at any time of the year! A big thank you to all my collectors for their efforts and if any of my readers feel that they would be prepared to act as collectors in future years (assuming that they are not already doing the job) please give me a call. (Swa. 629).

With sincere thanks, John Mulley
Hon. Organiser.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday, March 1st, 1986

Matinee Performance

of

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

(Stratford-upon-Avon Amateur Operatic Soc.)

Tickets £3 + Coach Fare

Details in February 'Scene' BUT

BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment

M. Cox, Burdrop. (Tel. 510)

Sibford Horticultural Society

Our next monthly meeting will be held in the Village Hall on December 11th at 8 p.m. The invited Speaker will be Miss E. McKee of Swalcliffe, who is a qualified Horticulturalist. "Extending the Season".

We shall have two classes of judging:

1. Christmas Table arrangement
2. Christmas Door arrangement

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis will welcome any gifts for their Sales Table - "Plants, Cakes, Bring and Buy".

Refreshments given by the Committee will be served afterwards.

Look out for the next Edition when we shall be able to give you the knitted garments etc. ready for the next Annual Show.

Annual Subscription £1.50. New members welcomed.

May I take this opportunity to wish our members a very Happy Christmas. John Sabin.

Sibford Youth Club

The Open Evening on Monday 11th November was very well supported. A silver tray was presented to David and Dian Baker as an expression of the Youth Club's gratitude for all the time and energy they have devoted to the Club in the past.

The Club is meeting regularly on Mondays from 7 until 9 p.m. in the Village Hall and a number of events are being planned, the first of which will be a trip to Oxford Ice Rink on the evening of Friday 6th December. The cost will be £3.75 for skaters and £2.75 for non-skaters. The trip is open to members and their friends and relatives. Children below secondary school age should be accompanied by an adult.

On 23rd December at 7 p.m. a Carol Service will be led by Rev. Timothy Winbush in Holy Trinity Church. This will be followed by coffee and mince pies for guests and a party for members and their friends.

The Youth Club members are at present involved in raising money for the B.B.C.'s annual appeal on behalf of "Children in Need". They have been asked to use initiative in doing this and we hope that they will be able to generate much interest and support for this worthwhile cause.

Finally, may we wish all members and friends a Happy Christmas.

Stephen and Sandra Nutt
(Youth Club Leaders)

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Our Village Hall

What Would We Do Without It?

Our Village Hall continues to serve the community extremely well. After 27 years of active utilization, it is still fully booked. The Village Hall Committee controls the day to day running of the Hall, and is made up of the usual officers and a representative of each of the village societies who might wish to use it. The Committee has the power to co-opt further members at its discretion.

The actual ownership of the Hall is vested in a charitable trust and in Sibfords case there are three trustees who, should the need arise, would have to act as the presumptive owners of the Hall. Fortunately, this need is unlikely to arise. They have to be consulted in any major policy decision and keep a watching brief on changes or alterations to the structure of the Hall. Generally they have to ensure that the conditions of the initial Deed are adhered to. So the job of the trustees is, therefore, a responsibility rather than an active task. The present trustees are Dr. S. Agnew, Mr. Ernest Hitchins and (the late) Mr. E. Benton. It is to be hoped that we will soon find another trustee to replace Mr. Benton who did excellent work a few years back as Chairman. Ideally the new trustee will be someone who is likely to live in Sibford for a substantial number of years as, unlike the Committee Officers, the trustees do not have to resign and be re-elected annually,

Dr. S.A.

THE TOWN ESTATE CHARITY (Sibford Gower & Burdrop)

The Charity has available an allotment plot of about three acres next to the B4053 road at Sibford Heath. This could be the basis for a new domestic allotment association for Sibford Gower and Burdrop if there are enough residents seriously interested, and prepared actively to participate in the organisation and running of such a project.

If there is not enough interest in such an association the Trustees will rent out the whole plot on a yearly basis.

Expressions of interest in an allotment association as well as applications for the alternative renting of the whole plot should be sent, before 31st December, to:
Peter H. Baadsgaard, Secretary to the Trustees, Quince Cottage, Bonns End Lane, Sibford Gower.

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Holy Trinity Church

A very big "thank you" to all those who helped in any way to make the Church Bazaar such a wonderful success. The Stalls were loaded with exciting wares and a steady flow of customers who braved the inclement weather helped us to achieve the splendid total of just under £400, a much needed boost to the running costs of our Church.

Thank you one and all.

Mary Poulton.

W.I. Notes for December & January

December Meeting Tuesday December 10th in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Will take the form of a presentation by TAPPINS COACHES. "Armchair Coach Travel".

January Meeting Tuesday January 14th 1986, in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. This will be a Members meeting and Bring and Buy Sale.

History Circle Please note that this gathering will not meet again until a date to be advised in the New Year 1986. Watch out for this important date and do come and contribute to local knowledge.

FAREWELL

We would like to thank the Committee, parents and members for the wonderful farewell gift you gave us on our retirement from the Youth Club.

We have had a very happy seven years running the club, and have enjoyed marvellous support from all in everything we have tried to do.

We shall always have many treasured memories of our time with the Club, and the many friends we made.

We wish Steve Nutt every success in taking over, and hope he gets as much pleasure and enjoyment out of it as we did.

David and Dian Baker

THINKING ABOUT LOSING WEIGHT??

Why wait until after Christmas? Erica Wimbush will be happy to explain and advise any person wishing to try clinically approved method of weight control.

SPREADING THE LOAD

The Sibford Scene is distributed by 12 stalwarts with from 10 to 30 households each "walk".

Wanted Urgently - A Volunteer to deliver packaged Scenes to these twelve "true men and women". Probably 1 hour on foot or twenty minutes in the car - once a month.

A wonderful excuse to exercise the dog. GO ON!! Volunteer!! Ring the Editor NOW.

SIBFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

SALE 2nd Nov. 1985. Grateful thanks to all those who kindly donated items for our stalls. The Sale realised £144. Thanks also to all the helpers, including the gentleman (non member) who helped with the washing up!

COMING EVENTS

- 3 Dec. 85. Visit to the Friend's School, Sibford Ferris. Members are requested to arrive by 2.30 p.m. Anyone requiring transport should let Mrs. Phyllis Webb know by Mon. 2nd Dec. 85.
- 17 Dec. 85. Christmas Party - this will take the form of a Christmas lunch followed by tea. Members are requested to arrive at the Village Hall by 12.30 pm. The cost of the party is being met from Club funds. Catering will be arranged for all members. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the Hon. Sec. (Swa. 652) could be informed if anyone can forsee that they will be unable to attend. Thank You.

N.B. There will be no meeting on the first Tuesday of the New Year; the first meeting will be on Tues. 21st Jan. 86 in the Village Hall at 8 p.m.

WASTE PAPER ETC. Continued thanks to all the kind people who contribute waste paper, bottle tops, stamps etc. Keep it coming in!!

JAM JARS John Long has a number of jam jars surplus to requirements - anyone wanting any of these should contact him before 5th Dec. 85, otherwise they be consigned to the Bottle Bank. Address:- Tresco, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower.

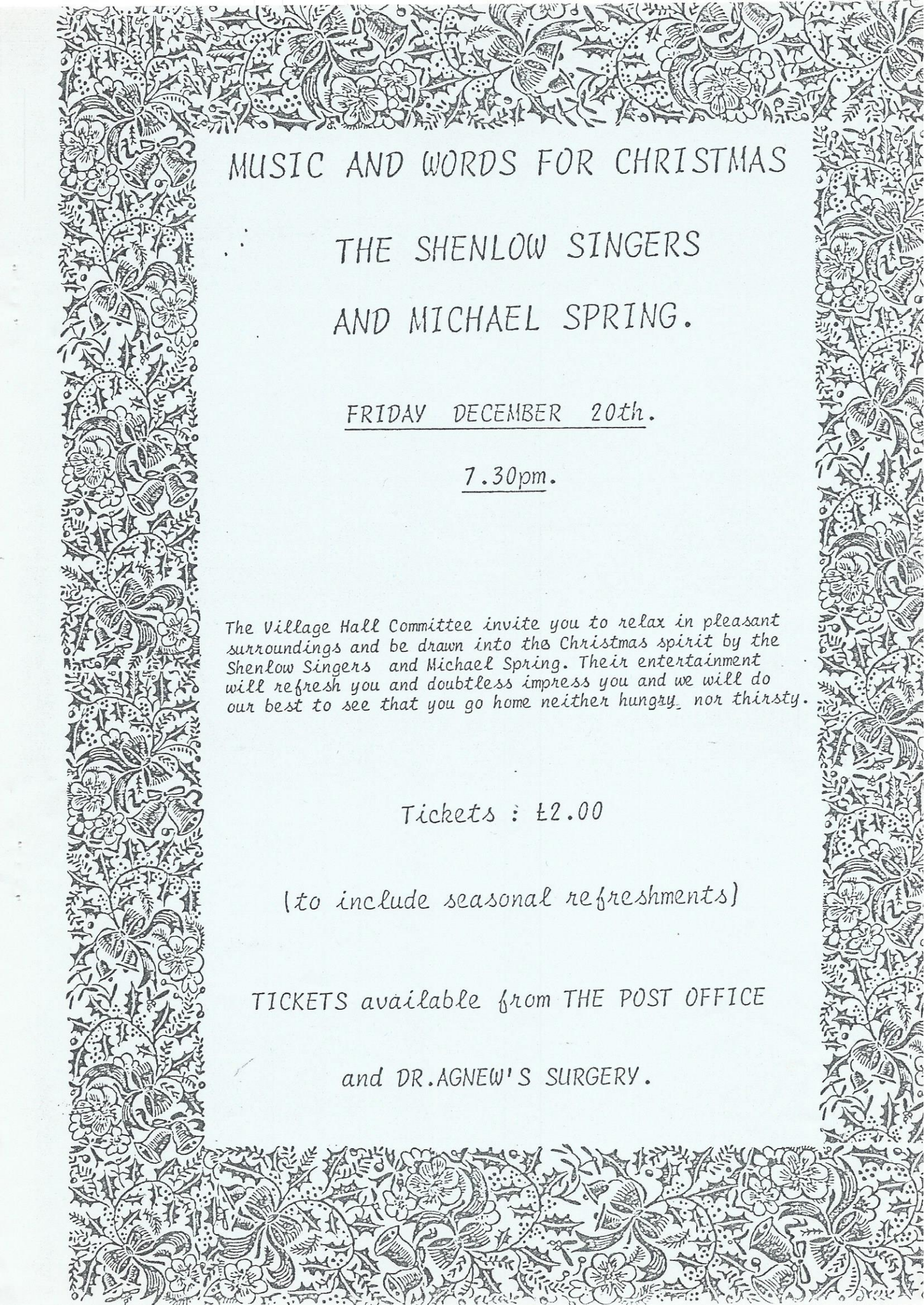
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MUSIC AND WORDS FOR CHRISTMAS

THE SHENLOW SINGERS
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FRIDAY DECEMBER 20th.

7.30pm.

The Village Hall Committee invite you to relax in pleasant surroundings and be drawn into the Christmas spirit by the Shenlow Singers and Michael Spring. Their entertainment will refresh you and doubtless impress you and we will do our best to see that you go home neither hungry, nor thirsty.

Tickets : £2.00

(to include seasonal refreshments)

TICKETS available from THE POST OFFICE

and DR. AGNEW'S SURGERY.

WRESTLING AND BOXING FOR CHRISTMAS

THE SHELDON STAGERS

AND MICHAEL SPRING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

8:00 P.M.

The Sheldon Stagers and Michael Spring will present a special Christmas program of wrestling and boxing. The program will feature the best of the best in the world. The program will be a real treat for all who attend. The program will be a real treat for all who attend.

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AND BY ADVANCE PURCHASE

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday Dec. 30th: MUSIC & WORDS FOR CHRISTMAS
Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

THE VILLAGE QUIZ

I am sure that I speak for the whole community when I express thanks and appreciation to Margaret Le Mare who, after twelve years has decided to retire from her position as researcher and questionmaster for the quiz.

Seven teams competed recently and it was to the Musicians that the Cup was awarded. It was a pleasure to have two new teams this year and we hope that if the Quiz continues they will come again and others will join in.

Janette Skeath.

PRE-CHRISTMAS SUPPER AND DANCE

On Friday 6th December at Sibford Gower Village Hall.
Hot supper, bar and disco. 8.30 p.m.

Tickets are available from:

Sheila Baseby (Sibford Gower)	Swal. 544
Cathy Hutton (Swalcliffe)	Swal. 8140
Carol Moir (Sibford Ferris)	Swal. 8241

Sibford Gower Primary School or any other P.T.A. member.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SPONSORED PARACHUTE DESCENT

I feel a word of explanation is due reference the delay in taking part in this projected activity for the Katherine House Hospice Trust. The original intention was to do the drop next Spring to give time to organise sponsorship etc. However, one was suddenly offered an opportunity to do the jump with the Airforce into water earlier this month. This jump was cancelled at short notice because of the weather. The water jump was considered to be safer for those who do not bounce so easily especially if they are above average weight. It would seem unlikely that any other jump can be arranged before Christmas and if it is postponed that far ahead one might as well wait until the Spring and jump with the R.A.F. The sponsorship has already been very generous and over £600 has already gone to Hospice Trust. For this much thanks and appreciation. Hopefully you will all understand if the jump is postponed until next year.

S.A.A.

SIBFORD YOUTH CLUB (STOP PRESS!)

The Sibford Youth Club would be grateful for contributions of boxed games (complete) or other sporting equipment in order to increase the range of activities available to its members. Please phone Swalcliffe 381 to arrange collection.

SIBFORD SCENE - DECEMBER/JANUARY

1st Dec.	8am	Holy Communion
8th Dec.	10am	Holy Communion - Bible Sunday
15th Dec.	10am	Family Service - informal
22nd Dec.	10am	Holy Communion
24th Dec.	11.30pm	Midnight Mass of Christmas
25th Dec.	7.30am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Family Communion and Carols
23rd Dec.	7.00pm	Carol Service
29th Dec.	10am	United Benefice Eucharist
5th Jan.	8am	Holy Communion
6th Jan.	8pm	United Benefice Eucharist-Epiphany
12th Jan.	10am	Holy Communion
19th Jan.	10am	Holy Communion
	3pm	United Service for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
26th Jan.	10am	Holy Communion

'Christmas comes but once a year', the old saying goes, and most of us are very glad that it's like that. What a shame, therefore, if this year it should make its one appearance with much of the village forgetting its real importance. At Christmas, we feel a real sense of community joy, which is most obviously expressed by the coming together of many people to sing carols and bring to their minds the stable at Bethlehem. May we all have a wonderfully enjoyable time - but I do hope that you will spare at least a small part of your busy schedule to reflect on the real religious significance of the festival. T.W.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS Sunday at 11
METHODISTS Sunday at 11
HOLY TRINITY 1st 8am Holy Communion
 8th 10am Holy Communion
 15th 10am Family Service
 22nd 10am Holy Communion
 24th 11.30pm Midnight Mass of Christmas
 25th 7.30am Holy Communion
 11.30am Family Communion & Carols
 29th 10am United Benefice Eucharist
Sunday School 10 am. in the
Village Hall.

WEEKLY EVENTS

YOUTH CLUB Monday 7 - 9 p.m. Village Hall
SWIMMING CLUB Monday and Wednesday 6 - 7 p.m. Friends School
FOLK DANCING Tuesday 8 p.m. Village Hall.
BADMINTON Wednesday 8 p.m. Village Hall (except 2nd)
BROWNIES Thursday 5.15 - 6.45 p.m. Village Hall
GUIDES Thursday 7 p.m. Village Hall.
CUB SCOUTS Friday 6.30 p.m. Village Hall.
PLAYGROUP Daily, except Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. Village Hall.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

3rd Friendship visit to Friends School
6th Hot Supper - bar - disco - Pre Christmas Dance
6th Youth Club Coach Trip to Oxford Ice Rink 6 p.m.
10th W.I. Meeting Armchair Coach Travel, Village Hall 2 p.m.
17th Friendship Club Christmas Party
20th Music and Words for Christmas Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

SIBFORD SCENE

EDITOR: Barry Davies, Stonecutters Cottage, Bonds
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PRODUCTION: Vivienne Scouse - Timothy Wimbush

By tradition (which the new editor highly endorses)
there will be NO SIBFORD SCENE IN JANUARY.

All information and copy for the February edition
to the new nervous editor by 20th January.

Well then:-

Have a very Merry and meaningful Christmas.

