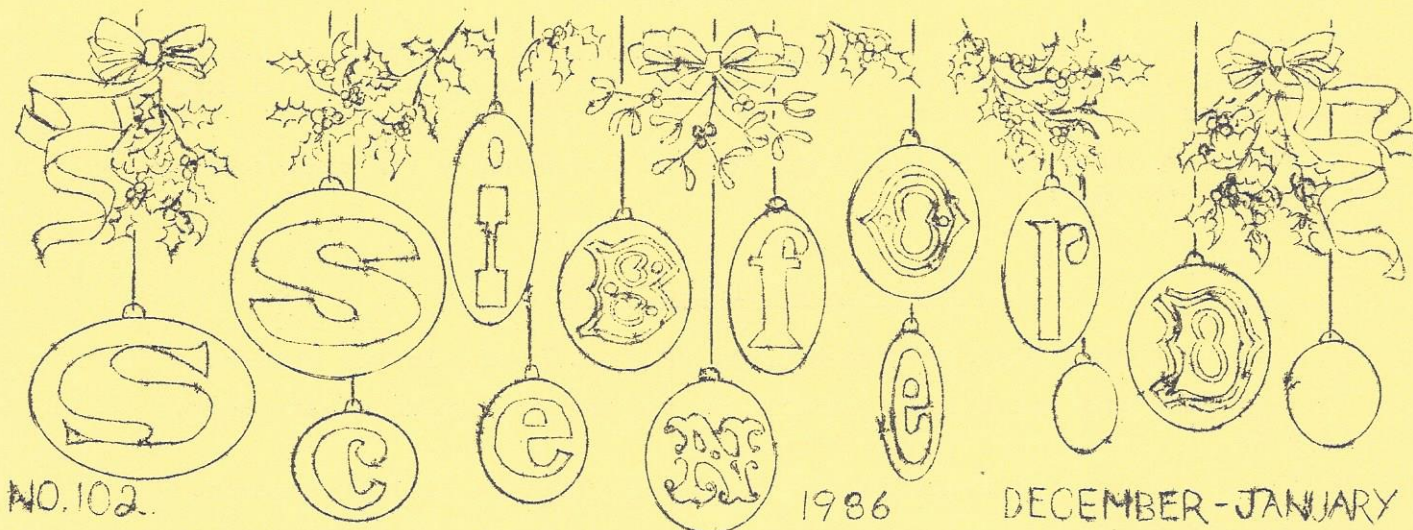


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A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS,
CONTRIBUTORS, DELIVERY 'STAFF' AND TO EVERYONE WHO MAKES THE SCENE POSSIBLE

DRAMA GROUP

An evening of Entertainment entitled 'A Taste of Things to Come' will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th December.

Two short plays will be presented and refreshments will be provided. As this is the first production by the Drama Group for some time we hope that we get a full house to enjoy a hilarious evening.

Tickets available price £1 from:

David Moir - Hillcot
Chris Bateman - Friends School
The Bishop Blaize or at the door.

NEWSPAPERS

AWAY FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON?

Don't forget to cancel your newspapers for Christmas and New Year,
by DECEMBER 16th. It's no good ringing us on Christmas Eve !

Gill & Nigel Judd - Swa. 243

FOUND Boy's wrist watch found in Burdrop.
Enquiries to The Rectory or ring Swa. 555.

A WILLING DISTRIBUTOR

After a fair stint of pounding the pavements of Barley Close month after month in rain, snow and hail, Mrs. Jo. Bateman has decided to hang up her paper boy's bag and retire from distributing the 'Scene'.

Thank you from us all and thank you too Petra Berry for volunteering to become Paper Boy!!

YOUTH CLUB CAROL SERVICE

This will take place on Monday Dec. 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Do come along and bring your friends to what is always a very happy occasion.

There will be refreshments for all in the Village Hall afterwards.

We have invited a group of our friends from the P.H.A.B. Club in Banbury and are hoping to boost their funds by holding a raffle in the Village Hall after the service.

We would like to give a special welcome to parents of Youth Club members, because we do value your help and support.

David and Dian Baker. Joan Shields.

"THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL"

Once again my very sincere thanks to you all for your donations to our cause and may I thank you on behalf of all the ex-service personnel and the dependants of those who lost their lives who will be helped by your generosity.

Our house-to-house collection gathered £259.65, up by £64.99 on last year's collection - "Wonderful Job"! The Remembrance Service collection was £66.25 kindly donated by Holy Trinity P.C.C.

An additional sum of £36.89 was received from Holy Trinity Church, for which we were most grateful. This gave us a grand total of £362.79.

Very many thanks to you all.

John Mulley. Hon. Organiser, Sibfords.

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| DAVID LAMB INSURANCE CONSULTANT FRIENDLY PERSONAL SERVICE AND COMPETITIVE RATES ON ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE SWALCLIFFE 357 | RALPH C. HOGGINS TYSOE for SOLID FUEL SUPPLIES AND SIGAS BOTTLED GASES RING TYSOE 281 |
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SIBFORD SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS

- November 8th A bonfire night party was enjoyed by the whole school.
- November 10th Theatre visit to Stratford-on-Avon to see *Macbeth*.
- November 13th Casuals Day - Pupils were allowed to wear casual clothes instead of school uniform on payment of 50p each. The money collected will be divided according to a vote by the pupils between six charities. NSPCC 37%, RSPCA 29%, Horton Hospital new Emergency Accident Department 14%, Greenpeace 13%, Simon Community 5%, Boys Town 3%. The total collected is likely to be about £140. The sixth form, who wore school uniform for a change are also organising a sponsored swim for the NSPCC to be held on Parents Day.
- November 15/16th Youth Hostelling weekend in the Wye Valley.
- November 16th Three members of Sibford Friends Meeting accompanied a number of pupils from Sibford School to visit places in Adderbury. 4 pupils visited East House (Quaker residential home for the elderly), 3 children visited Adderbury House (Council Home for the elderly) and 7 visited the Cheshire Home (for the physically handicapped). The Social Services Committee hope to repeat this visit on a regular basis on weekends when most pupils are at school - this term on 30th November and 14th December.
- November 22nd PARENTS DAY - Interviews with teaching staff.
- November 29th OPEN MORNING 9.30 am - 12 noon
Have you considered a small independent school for the secondary years? Visit Sibford School and see what we can offer, meet staff, ask questions and see the school at work. Daily transport is available between Stratford/Sibford and Banbury/Sibford.
Make a day of it and stay for the afternoon.
- CHRISTMAS FAIR 2.00 - 4.30
Come and do your Christmas shopping in the main school hall amidst a traditional Christmas atmosphere.
- December 10th BANBURY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP It has been suggested that the Social Services Committee might run a trip for the elderly or handicapped residents of the Sibfords who find the bus journey too difficult and/or too expensive. They could also arrange for anyone who wanted help to be accompanied by a pupil to carry parcels etc., A minibus will run shortly after 3.00 pm. If you would like to go on this trip please ring Mrs. Stevenson at the School on Swalcliffe 441 or let Mr. Dyer at the shop know - and say whether you would like a porter!
- December 17th Traditional Christmas Tea in school hall for ex staff and guests .
- December 18th Christmas Lunch and Carol Service for all pupils and staff.
- December 19th Term Ends
- January 12th 1987 Spring Term commences

SIBFORD P.T.A. NEWS

Many thanks to all the families who supported us on Bonfire Night, almost £100 profit was made to add to the currently depleted P.T.A. funds.

Sadly, for the first time since this event was started, an element of hooliganism crept in. Two groups of teenagers made a nuisance of themselves - dangerously - by setting off fireworks irresponsibly - one of which landed on the refreshment tent.

It is hoped this unsocial behaviour will not be repeated in future.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES FOR DEC. & JAN.

- Tuesday Dec. 2nd 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Speaker Mr. B. Phillips will talk and show slides of Chocolate Making in York followed by Tea and Biscuits.
On the same evening - Free Shopping Trip to Banbury Castle Shopping Centre.
- Monday Dec. 8th Christmas Lunch at Wykham Arms at 12.30. Members and Guests only.
- Tuesday Dec. 16th 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs. Coker of AGE CONCERN OXFORDSHIRE, followed by Tea and biscuits.
- Tuesday Jan. 6th 2p.m. in the Village Hall. Games followed by Tea and biscuits. If snow - cancelled.
- Tuesday Jan. 20th 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs. Conway will speak and show holiday slides. If snow - cancelled.
- Tuesday Feb. 3rd 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. A Whist Drive. if snow - cancelled.

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| DECOR SERVICE CONTACT BRUCE HORN your local PAINTER AND DECORATOR SWALCLIFFE 658 | GOWER FURNITURE TRADITIONAL UPHOLSTERY ANTIQUE RESTORATION FURNITURE MAKERS SWALCLIFFE 8101 |
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SIBFORD FERRIS PLAY AREA

Are there any Mums, Dads, volunteers, out there that would be interested in forming some sort of 'support group' to organise a fixed play area in the Ferris??

A piece of ground has been given to us to use and the parish council will be giving their moral support.

Please phone Swa. 8263 for more details. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs. J. Huckfield and Mrs. B. Jones.

SIBFORD W.I.

A well attended meeting in November heard a talk on Home exchange for holidays, and a competition for the best craft item which was won by Mrs. Hutchinson with paper art which she learned in Japan. Mrs. Arvin came second with a lovely soft toy - a duck.

Next month's meeting on December 9th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall will hear Mrs. Grundy speak on "A winter break in Tenerife". Anyone welcome to catch a little sunshine in the midst of winter.

Competition - a Holiday Photograph.

HELP THE BLIND SEE

In India there are more than 10 million people who become blind every year due to cataract disease. Thousands of children become blind before the age of 6 years, due to lack of Vitamin A.

70% of these people can regain their sight, if only they can get the right treatment. It's for this reason that Eye Camps are organised in the poorest, rural areas of India. All treatment is given free of charge, and volunteers are required to work without pay at these camps.

I would like a chance to go and work in these camps. I have to raise £500 before I can go, and I'm starting by doing a 20 mile sponsored walk. I would greatly appreciate any donations or sponsors towards my trip.

I shall be travelling to Rajasthan and working with eye hospitals in poor desert areas for 1 - 2 months. My final month will be spent working in a blind school for children in South India - again without pay.

There are many people who have helped me organise my trip, and I'm very grateful to them for their help. I would greatly appreciate any further help with raising the money, or any donations or sponsors. I hope to start work there in January. For further information, please ring me on Swalcliffe 219.

Katherine Stewart.

COFFEE MORNING

There is to be a Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning at Joan Broady's house in Backside Lane. It will be held on Wednesday 3rd December, and will start at 10.30. Proceeds will be given to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Please come along if you can and support this most worthwhile cause.

**** CHRISTMAS GIFTS ****

Large selection: suit all ages. Whether it's toys, fancy goods or practical gifts, we have them, plus wrapping paper, bows, cards, etc. Call anytime at 10 Cotswold Close.

David and Dian Baker.

LOST On Friday 21st November in Sibford Gower,
2 Black Rubber Car Mats.
Reward: Tel: Swa. 435.

SIBFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS' PARTY

The annual party is to take place at 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 13th Dec. in the Village Hall.

The Sibfordians - a group from different village groups, who have organised this traditional event for some years now - have tried especially hard this year to leave out nobody from their invitations.

The 'qualification' for this purpose is that one partner should be 60 years old. Anyone who fits that category should by now have received a blue invitation card. But we can't always guess who has reached that 'milestone': and it's not the information which can easily be gleaned from elsewhere.

If you have received an invitation, may we ask that you respond to it by the required date? (Even if you would prefer not to be invited, could we have that information, so as to save wastage of effort and resources). If you or your partner - or if you live alone, of course - ought to have received an invitation, and you would like to come, please let us know at the Rectory (555) as soon as possible.

The 30th Anniversary of the opening of Sibford Village Hall 1957-87

Open Weekend - June 27th and 28th 1987.

A Committee has been formed and held a meeting on Nov. 19th comprising: Dr. Agnew, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Horn, Lieut. Col. Frith, Mr. B. Phillips, Mrs. Webb. Mr. R. Spicer and Mr. N. Fletcher have joined but were unable to be present this time. Lots of ideas and help is needed for this event.

A.L. Bennett.

* CHRISTMAS IS ALREADY UPON US. *

* Please order as soon as possible to meet your floral requirements over the festive season. *

- * Dried Arrangements Holly Wreaths *
- * Christmas Arrangements Door Sways *
- * Table decorations Ribbon Rings *
- * Topiary Trees or whatever. *
- * Just choose your colour scheme. *

* Call or telephone - Gillian Brookes, 'The Potting Shed', *
* Sunrise, Swalcliffe. Tel: 295 *
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* Fresh flowers also available for sale. *
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LEO CLUB

Another very enjoyable evening was held on November 18th at The Court House when 19 ladies watched a Cake Icing Display by Gill Judd. Everyone was enthralled to watch her expertise and she gave us all some very good ideas. We also welcomed 2 new members.

On December 16th we go to The Kings Arms for our Christmas Dinner. Please meet at The Court House at 6.45 so that we can leave promptly at 7 p.m. (a coach will be provided).

We are hoping to take a trip to Stratford to see Kiss Me Kate in March and Ellen Warwicker would like to know fairly quickly which of our members are interested. If there are enough interested we can obtain a Group booking.

WARRINER NEWS

Concerts The Memorial Concert at Bloxham Church at the end of October raised over £400 for Leukaemia Research and British Heart Foundation. It was a most enjoyable evening. Thank you to Ann Marcovitch for organising it and to all the children and Music teachers who participated.

The Autumn Concert at School was held on 13th November and gave us a long and varied programme from children of all abilities, ending with an excellent performance of "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" by the Warriner School Chior.

Carols School Carol Service is on Monday December 15th at 7.30 p.m. in Bloxham Church - all children and parents are welcome.

Winter Weather As winter is upon us once more, I should like to remind you of the "Bad Weather Procedure". If the weather is bad in the morning listen to Radio Oxford who will have a list of schools closed, or phone the village reps. If the weather deteriorates during the day school buses may run early but only if the school closes. Conditions are frequently much worse in Sibford than in Bloxham and if you are worried about your child getting home you are, of course, free to collect him or her from school early by car even if the school is not officially closing.

We like to include accounts of any outings or trips in this news, so if anyone has anything to report please contact your Village Reps who are:

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| Ann Marcovitch | 8163 |
| Carole Moir | 8241 |

SIBFORD BROWNIES

On Thursday 18th December in the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. Sibford Brownies are holding a

BLUE PETER SIGHT-SAVER BRING AND BUY SALE

We hope that lots of people will come along and support this very worth-while cause. Mrs. Vivienne Scouse would be pleased to receive any items in advance at her home - Meadowbank, Burdrop, Swa. 8320 if anyone is having a turn-out and does not want to keep the items themselves.

We look forward to seeing everyone on 18th December at 6.30 p.m.

Three more brownies, Emily Corbett, Helen Gasson and Kirsten Richardson, will be making their Brownie Promise this month to become full members of Sibford Brownie Pack. We are also sadly saying goodbye to Lucie White and Samantha Garrett who are leaving us to join Guides. Good luck Lucie and Sam - we shall really miss you.

Many many thanks to Penny Lace for her invaluable help this term in helping with brownies and also to the many parents and supporters who help us with badge testing. Also my grateful thanks to Victoria, Tiffany and Susanna who loyally come along every week.

We shall also be saying goodbye to Tiffany who leaves Guides in December. She has worked long and hard with Sibford Brownies.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This annual week runs from 18th to 25th January. For eleven years in Sibford we have held a deliberately United Act of Worship, and this has varied according to the host church. This year, on 25th, the Society of Friends have invited us to a special 'Unity Meeting' at the Meeting House. It would be a real testimony to the growing more closely together of the churches if we could have a record attendance this year.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We were very pleased that at the recent bazaar held at the Village Hall, the church funds were boosted by just over £300. Our thanks to Erica Wimbush and Anne Spicer, who were the organisers, to those who gave generously of their time and other things to run the stalls, and to those who came and spent so generously and freely to support the local Parish Church. In addition we were most grateful to the support of several Banbury traders in donating prizes and other gifts.

For Sale:

2 fully kitted Action Men, plus many specialised outfits and equipment.
Also Army tank and Aeroplane/Pursuit craft. A complete Action Man O tfit - £16.00 or will separate.

Contact Ashley and Martyn Hicks - Swa. 259

FETE RESULT

The fete held on 6th September at Backside Lane, organised by Stuart Broady, Gavin and Joanna Simmonds and Ben Leyburn, raised £113.73. for the appeal for Katharine House Hospice. They are to be congratulated on their initiative: and they wish through these columns to thank those who came and spent so generously, or those who contributed through giving prizes.

SIBFORD GUIDES

On November 20th Guides held a Bring and Buy Sale and raised the grand sum of £100.47. Half of this is to be given to Katharine House and half is to be retained for the Guides Camp Fund. Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the evening and to the Guides and their parents who gave so generously to the stalls.

Congratulations to Alison Baseby, Biba Woodall, Lucy Abbott, Susan Nesbitt and Holly Gibbs who, on November 6th, were all enrolled into Sibford Guides

CHURCH NOTES DECEMBER/JANUARY

7th Dec. and 14th Jan. 8am Holy Communion (said)
14th, 21st Dec; 11th, 18th Jan. 10am Holy Communion
28th December 10am United Benefice Eucharist - Epwell
25th January 10am United Benefice Eucharist - Sibford

Carol Services in Sibford Church:

Monday 22nd at 7pm. We welcome the Youth Club and members of the PHAB Club to this service; refreshments will be available in the Village Hall after the service, and there will also be a raffle - proceeds of which will go to the PHAB Club.

Tuesday 23rd at 7pm. This service has been planned and will be run by members of the Scout movement.

We would wish to make it clear that everyone in Sibford (or from anywhere else, come to that) is most welcome to join us for either or both of these occasions - indeed it wouldn't be much 'fun' if you didn't come!

COMMUNION SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS:

11.30pm (24th) Midnight Mass with carols and address
7.30am (25th) Early Communion for Christmas Day (said)
11.30am (25th) Family Christmas Morning Communion - with carols & address.

Additional Communion Services:

26th (S. Stephen) 10am (said)
1st January 10am (said)
6th Jan (Epiphany) 8pm sung with hymns and address

(The Wednesday morning service has been suspended for the time being)

C H R I S T M A S

Christmas is the time when we remember the birth of Jesus as a baby in the stable at Bethlehem. The name means the 'Mass (Eucharist) of Christ'. There is real danger these days of the essential importance of the day being obscured by the 'tissued fripperies' (John Betjeman) which have mushroomed around it. Birthdays are for the most part happy occasions: to participate in someone's birthday properly, we send cards of presents, or at the very least try to wish them 'Happy Birthday'.

On Jesus' birthday there are opportunities provided to greet him in the church at one of the services which are set out above. I would stress that everyone is always welcome to come and share in the worship which we offer in the Parish Church: we look forward very much to seeing many of at one or more of these festive birthday services.

T.H.

Services for the Society of Friends Sundays at 10.30am
Services for Methodists Sundays at 11.00am

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Tues. 2nd Friendship Club - Chocolate Making in York, 2 p.m. Vill Hall
Wed. 3rd) Drama Group - 'A Taste of Things to Come' - Village Hall.
Thurs. 4th) Drama Group - 'A Taste of Things to Come' - Village Hall.
Wed. 3rd Coffee Morning - 10.30 a.m. Joan Broady, Backside Lane.
in aid of Cancer Research.
Mon. 8th Friendship Club Christmas Lunch. 12.30 Wykham Arms.
Tues. 9th W.I. 2 p.m. Vill. Hall. 'A Winter break in Tenerife'.
Sat. 13th Sibford Senior Residents Party - Vill. Hall 5.00 p.m.
Mon. 15th Warriner School Carol Service, 7.30 Bloxham Church.
Tues. 16th LEO Club - Christmas Dinner at The Kings Arms.
Tues. 16th Friendship Club, 2 p.m. Vill. Hall - Age Concern.
Thurs. 18th Brownies Bring and Buy Sale at 6.30 p.m. Vill. Hall
for Blue Peter Sight Saver Appeal.
Mon. 22nd Youth Club Carol Service in Church at 7 p.m. All welcome.
Tues. 23rd Carol Service at Church at 7 p.m. organised by the Scout
movement, but everyone welcome.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Tues. 6th Friendship Club. Games and Tea. 2 p.m. Vill. Hall
Jan. 18th/25th Week of Prayers for Christian Unity
Sun. 25th Unity Meeting at Friends Meeting House.
Tues. 20th Friendship Club, 2 p.m. Vill. Hall - Speaker - Mrs. Conway.
Tues. 20th LEO Club, The Court House 8 p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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| Youth Club | Village Hall | Monday 7 - 9 p.m. |
| Drama Club | Village Hall | Monday & Wednesday - 3.15 - 6.00 p.m. |
| Swimming Club | Friends' School | Monday & Wednesday - 6 - 7 p.m. |
| Folk Dancing | Village Hall | Tuesday 8 p.m. |
| Badminton | Village Hall | Wednesday 8 p.m. |
| Brownies | Village Hall | Thursday 5.15 - 6.45 p.m. |
| Guides | Village Hall | Thursday 7 p.m. |
| Cub Scouts | Village Hall | Friday 6 p.m. |
| Scouts | Village Hall | Friday (following Cubs) |
| Playgroup | Village Hall | 9.30 daily except Tuesday (term time) |

New Addition to Diary:

Mums and Toddlers Friends School 10.00 - 12.00 Mondays (term time)

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