

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Methodist Church - Morning Service 11.00 a.m.
Society of Friends - Sunday Meeting 11.00 a.m.

Parish Church -

- 1st Sunday - Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
- 2nd Sunday - Remembrance Day - see calendar
- 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
- 4th Sunday - Evensong 3.30 p.m.
- Sunday School - 11.30 a.m.

Youth Club - Monday 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.

1st Friendship Club. Mr. Wager of Epwell with slides. Entrance 5p. for Club funds. Visitors welcome.

1st All Saints' Day. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

2nd All Souls' day. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

2nd Young Wives. 'Local Birds,' - a film and talk by Roland Knight. Friends' Hall 7.30 p.m.

5th W.I. Christmas Bazaar. 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Village Hall.

3th W.I. Christmas Cookery. Miss P. Buxton.

9th Horticultural Society, 'Preparing for Spring.' Talk by Mr. Alcock of Banbury H.S. 8.00 p.m. Village Hall.

11th Vision Testing at Sibford.

12th P.T.A. Jumble Sale 2.30 p.m.

13th Remembrance Sunday. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Remembrance Service 10.55 a.m.

15th Friendship Club. Entertainment by the children at the Village School.

15th Young Wives. 'Crime Prevention in the Home.' Talk and Film. Friends' Hall 7.30 p.m.

16th Vision Screening. Hook Norton 2.00 p.m.

18th Village Hall Quiz. 7.30 p.m.

23rd Confirmation. Preliminary meeting. Swalcliffe 7.00 p.m.

25th P.T.A. Christmas Disco Dance 8.30 p.m.

26th Playgroup Bazaar. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.

29th Friendship Club. Shopping trip to Northampton.

30th Young Wives. Lewis Poulton reminisces on life in Sibford. Friends' Hall 7.30 p.m.

SIBFORD SCENE

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Winter evenings are with us and indoor pursuits take over from fetes and cricket. Members of all the village societies will be showing how much they know at the annual Village Hall Quiz, to be held this year on Friday, 18th November. Last year the Methodists won the trophy after a triple tie-breaker. Are their opponents in secret training to wrest it from them in 1977? Whoever wins, it is one of the most happy and entertaining evenings open to the whole village - and so much easier to think of the answers when you are sitting safely in the audience!

Looking back to past events, the committee who catered for the Harvest Supper would like to thank those who have expressed their appreciation for the evening's entertainment.

GENEROUS SIBFORD

Mrs. Shields reports the results of two recent appeals:-

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed towards the grand total of £43.45p. in the recent National Children's Home collection - an all-time record.

And as a result of the annual sale held in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society we were able to send £28.36p. to the Banbury Branch. This money is used in printing portions of the Bible in thousands of languages for sending all over the world.

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SIBFORD PROFILE - MISS NELDER

Like most villages, Sibford is not without some interesting older residents, one of whom is Miss Nelder of The Colony.

Miss Nelder, who was born at Great Tew and went to school in Swerford, is now in her 88th year and remains a very alert and capable person, doing her own housework and cooking and, when given a lift to Banbury, walks around the shops with enjoyment. She is also a regular and enthusiastic member of the Friendship Club.

Miss Nelder is a trained nurse, having received her training at the City General Hospital, Leicester, soon after the First World War, where she gained her S.R.N. During the war she had worked as a V.A.D. in France, stationed at Le Treport, this experience giving her the introduction to her future career.

Midwifery and medical nursing were her favourites and she has over a hundred deliveries to her credit, including one set of twins. Miss Nelder worked in Leicestershire as a District Nurse and for many years was in charge of St. Luke's Hospital, Rugby.

On retiring, she came to Sibford to be with her mother. She now holds open house to many callers, who can be sure of a warm welcome.

Sibford can be proud of her long and useful life.

Enid Gilder.

LADIES KEEP FIT

This is now under way at Hook Norton School on Thursdays from 8 to 9 p.m. New members welcome.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

As if to cheer us in the darkening days towards the end of the year, the Christian Church has furnished the calendar with a goodly array of Saints' Days. Often these dates are associated with pre-Christian festivals and customs and have taken on new meaning in modern society.

November 1st and November 2nd. All Saints' followed by All Souls' Day - preceded by Halloween on October 31st. The feast of All Saints in honour of all the saints taken to mark the Church Triumphant has been celebrated since the early ninth century. Earlier still, known as Hallowmas or All Hallows, the festival coincided with the beginning of the new year in the Celtic calendar. The customary lighting of fires and harrying of witches has survived into modern times as part of the fun and games of Hallowe'en. Having disposed of witchcraft on Hallowe'en, All Saints' Day celebrates in praise and prayer 'the noble army of martyrs' whose courage and example built the early Christian church. All Souls' Day commemorates the dead with prayer and fasting to help speed their souls from Purgatory to Heaven.

'Remember the departed for Holy Mary's sake
And of your charity pray give us a big soul
cake.'

We are told that soul cakes were small round cakes, like Madeira in texture but highly spiced.

November 11th. St. Martin's Day. St. Martin was a fourth century soldier turned monk, later Bishop of Tours, a popular figure in France where hundreds of villages and even more churches were named after him. The date has added significance in Scotland where it is a Quarter Day. Martinmas often coincides with a short spell of quiet, fine weather, familiarly known as St. Martin's little summer.

November 23rd. St. Clement, the patron saint of blacksmiths was a fellow-worker with St. Paul, and it is thought that he was the same Clement who became Bishop of Rome about 90 A.D.

November 25th. St. Catherine, patroness of lace-makers, was martyred in 310 A.D. by execution on a spiked wheel, hence the revolving firework.

'Catter and Clemen be here, be here,
With some of your apples, some of
your beer.'

November 30th. St. Andrew, the supposed date of his martyrdom. He was crucified at Patras on an X shaped cross, familiar to us as the cross on the flag of Scotland, whose patron saint he is. Brother of St. Peter, he too was a fisherman on the shores of Lake Gennesareth when Jesus called them both to be 'fishers of men.'

Geoffrey Law.

C.M.S. NEWS

I had a very happy and grateful phone call from Sheila Watson in September while she was in this country starting Rebecca at King Edward's School, Whitley, where she has joined her brother, Andrew. Sheila told me she had received cheerful letters from both children and that she would stay in England until after their first week-end exeat. C.M.S. supporters will remember that we sent Niall and Sheila a present of £65 towards air fare for this trip.

I shall be collecting the C.M.S. boxes during November and should be grateful for any that can be dropped at The Forge.

We plan to have a C.M.S. evening on Monday, 30th January - details later.

Anne Stephens.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN

The Playgroup will be holding their Christmas Bazaar at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 26th November. Father Christmas will be waiting to meet you in his grotto.

There will be many amusements for the children including balloons, a bran tub and sale of good second-hand toys. There will be a bumper Christmas raffle and lots more besides.

P.T.A.

There are two events in November to which we wish to draw your attention:-

Saturday, 12th at 2.30 p.m. in school - JUMBLE SALE. We welcome anything saleable by 3.30 on the 11th. If you can get it to the school, all well and good; but if not, ring 462, 555, 608, 410 or 628, and we'll do the rest. There will also be a cake stall and refreshments.

The Christmas Disco Dance on Friday, 25th November at 8.30 p.m. There will be food (served hot at 10 p.m. prompt), a bar, raffle and lots of music. Tickets - £3.50 a double - will soon be available from committee members.

As you may know, the school plans a modest extension to the Infant block, and things being the way they are these days, we need as much money as possible. Please support us if you can.

VISION SCREENING

No, Sibford isn't going to be televised, it's the new-fangled name for children's eye tests. The van will be in Sibford on Friday, 11th November and Hook Norton on the 16th, when any pre-school child can be tested. Details on the village notice boards.

CHURCH NOTES

There might just be time for you to get to Tadmarton at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 30th October for a United Benefice Eucharist. No service at Sibford.

In addition to the usual services, there will be Holy Communion for All Saints' and All Souls' Days, each at 7.30 p.m.; a service for Remembrance Sunday, starting at 10.55 a.m.; and on 27th November, Evensong reverts to its winter time of 3.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION. It is some years since there was a Confirmation. We hope to rectify this next April. Confirmation is open to anyone from twelve to a hundred, who desires a full commitment and sharing in the life of the Church of England. Classes of instruction will begin next year, but it is essential that we know as soon as possible how many people wish to be confirmed so that we can plan our teaching to suit differing ages. A preliminary meeting is to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd November at Swalcliffe church. If you want to know more, or if you can't get to that meeting, then please let the Rector know (Tel. 555).

Timothy Winbush.

SMALL ADS

CIRCULATE SIBFORD FOR A PENNY A WORD

MAXIHIRE. Self-drive Austin Maxi hire at Mini rates. Swalcliffe 522.

COTTAGES available in Sibford and Hook Norton for self-catering holidays. May be useful for having friends to visit if room not available at home. Enquiries - Swalcliffe 371.

ADVANCE NOTICE

SENIOR RESIDENTS' PARTY - Saturday, 3rd December.

GARDEN NOTES--TOPICAL TIP

November is the month for a general tidy-up in the garden. Clear fallen leaves and other debris from lawns and borders. Lift all tender plants and cut the stems of herbaceous plants to 18" above ground - they can be cut to ground level later in March.

New trees, shrubs and roses will be arriving from the nurseries now and, if the roots are dry on arrival, soak them in a bucket of water. If planting has to be delayed due to wet or frosty weather, heel the separated plants into a trench about 18" deep and re-cover the roots with well firmed soil until conditions improve.

Maureen and Keith Hicks.

INSIDE SCENE

We should like to thank Mrs. Freeman who has delivered SCENE in the High Meadow area and wish her and her family happiness in their new home. Anne Spicer has kindly agreed to take over that round.

Could anyone help deliver in these areas? -
The Colony (10 houses)
From the Hall to the Crossroads (about 20 houses)
From the Crossroads to Temple Lodge (9 houses)

The December issue will be edited by the Rector (3, Barley Close, tel. 555). Please let him have your contributions by Sunday, 20th Nov. After that, there will be a combined Christmas-New Year January issue. Details next month.

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