

CA LENDAR FOR JUNE

Sundays

Methodists: Morning Service 11 a.m.

Friends: Sunday Meeting 11 am.

Parish Church:

1st 8.30 Holy Communion.

2nd 10.30 Holy Communion

3rd 6 p.m. Evensong & Holy  
Communion

4th 10.30 Holy Communion.

Sunday School: 9.30 a.m. in Church.

3rd Cricket v. Warmington (a way). First  
round George Clark Cup.

Phoenix Players. 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.

5th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Council  
Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall Committee Rm.

6th Friendship Club Coffee Morning. 10-12 noon  
Village Hall.

7th Friendship Club. Dolly Mixtures Entertain-  
ment.

8th Footpath Clearing. 7.30 p.m. Wyatt's Close.

9th. Cricket Club Dance 9-1.00 a.m. Village Hall.

10th Cricket v. Wroxton (away).

Friends' School Open Day 2 - 6 p.m.

14th Horticultural Society. Miss Spiller on  
Herbaceous Plants. Village Hall.

17th Cricket v. Alcan Sports (home).

20th Friendship Club. W.I. Entertainment.

21st Mobile Eye Clinic Hook Norton 2 - 4 p.m.

24th Cricket v. British Rail (home).

27th Friendship Club Outing to Prinknash  
Abbey.

N.B. The next issue of Sibford Scene will  
cover JULY AND AUGUST.

# SIBFORD SCENE

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HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVED

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Sibford's Town Estates Charity reaches far back into the past and its dealings are recorded in many documents, some going back to the 17th century. Until recently these have been scattered and some reputedly lost. Now they are to be preserved on trust by the Bodleian Library in Oxford, who will also undertake the task of sorting and cataloguing them.

One event that has come to light is that in 1667 the villagers took the Trustees to court in the hope of squeezing more money out of them. Last year the Charity spent over £400 on fuel distribution and over £2,000 on the school. They would like to spend more, so if you know of land that could be bought for a playground or alms-houses, please let Mr. Andrews know.

SCENE'S FUNDS

For its first year Sibford Scene was financed by donations from village organisations so that we could deliver it free to every house. Several readers said that they would like to make a donation towards the cost of their copies and these we gratefully received. This year we are appealing to our readers first. We hope that those who enjoy the magazine and find it useful will consider giving 10 or 20 pence towards its expenses. During the month of June there will be boxes in both Post Offices so everyone can have a chance to support the local publication.

## JOTTINGS FROM THE SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL.

The annual parish meeting was held on 17th May and in his report the Chairman, Mr. David Soden, said that in the past year the Council had considered 22 planning applications and continued to support the local Bus Group though the proposed additional services were subject to a County Council subsidy still under consideration.

### BUSES AND TREES

The provision of a bus shelter had again been considered but rejected on grounds of cost. Fifteen trees had been planted and it was hoped to continue a tree-planting scheme in the coming year. The Queen's Silver Jubilee had been enjoyably and successfully celebrated and, in addition to the two seats, a sum of approximately £100 had been sent to the Prince of Wales' Jubilee Fund.

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Although unplaced last year, the village had again entered the Best Kept Village Competition and it was hoped that villagers would make a special effort to prepare for judging due in May/June and July/August.

### PLAYGROUND

The Council, aware of the need for a playing area for village children, have gratefully accepted the offer from the Primary School to use the field at the rear of the Infants School. It is planned to increase the amount of 'adventure type' equipment later this summer, but existing items are available for use by all village children. Mothers with younger children meeting schoolchildren may welcome this opportunity to avoid waiting near the highway. It is envisaged that a supervisory rota system will be needed during the school holidays.

### PATHS AND PONDS

Village footpaths had been cleared in the year by the council working party with valuable help from some villagers and children from Sibford School. The first outing for this

year's programme is arranged for Thursday, 8th June, meeting at the telephone kiosk by Wyatts Close at 7.30 p.m. - all helpers most welcome. The pond was also cleaned last year and it is hoped to do this again once the weather is a little warmer, later in June. Again - all helpers most welcome.

### MEETINGS

It was agreed that matters of interest or importance arising from Parish Council meetings should be more fully reported using Sibford Scene and the Council would also welcome support from Local Government electors at their normal meetings. The next meeting - the A.G.M. - is on Monday, 5th June at 7.30 p.m. in the committee room of the Village Hall.

Maureen Hicks.

### PHOENIX PLAYERS

On Saturday, June 3rd at 7.30 p.m. the Phoenix Players will present an Evening of Drama in the Village Hall. This will include a costume play called 'The Old Lady of Cheadle,' a legendary incident in the life of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Coffee and biscuits will be served in the interval and there will be a silver collection.

### SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Grateful thanks to all who contributed and helped towards Save the Children Week.

The coffee morning was a great success and made £73 (£25 on the Save the Children Gift Stall). Many thanks to the playgroup for running the cake stall and the P.T.A. who ran the raffle, and to all other helpers on that morning.

Our door collections came to £31.33 so the Sibfords totalled over £100, a tremendous effort for our first year of supporting the Fund. Collections from all the four villages in Swalcliffe parish came to £64.65.

Sue Lambert.

### W.I. NOTES

After the Annual Meeting the new Committee is:

Mrs. A. Spicer	President
Mrs. Jarvis	Secretary
Mrs. Warwicker	Treasurer

Mrs. Abbott, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Crabtree, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Soden, Mrs. Vernon.

There will be no monthly meeting in June, but it is hoped to organise a joint outing with the Friendship Club to Prinknash Abbey on Tuesday, 27th June.

### CRICKET CLUB

Sibford Cricket Club dance is on Friday, June 9th from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Village Hall. Dancing to the Bryan Brennan Trio. Tickets are available at £1.25 including Buffet. Phone Swalcliffe 781 or 219.

A.W. Robinson.

### EYES RIGHT

The Mobile Eye Clinic will be visiting the Hook Norton Village Hall on Wednesday, June 21st from 2 to 4 p.m. Any child under school age may be taken for vision screening.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

May I thank all those who supported so wonderfully well the Christian Aid coffee morning held recently at 2, Sycamore Close. The Excellent sum of £44 was raised - a very good effort from the village. I would like to thank Mrs. Gaunt particularly for allowing us the use of her house for this event.

Timothy Wimbush.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday, 6th June - A Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, 10 to 12 noon. Entrance 15p. includes coffee and biscuits.

Bring and Buy

Bric-a-brac

Nearly New stall of good quality summer clothing in all sizes, very good baby clothes and bedding.

Wednesday, 7th at 7.15 p.m. - Members' Meeting and Welfare foods. At 8 p.m. there will be an entertainment by The Dolly Mixtures from Tysoe. This will be open to visitors and a collection taken.

Tuesday, 20th. The W.I. Drama group are giving a repeat of their successful one-act play.

Tuesday 27th. Club outing to Prinknash Abbey.

### LIFE STYLE

"Live more simply than others may simply live."

This was the theme for discussion at a week-end spent recently in the Community at Little Gidding.

The Life Style movement was begun in 1972 by the Dean of Bristol, and suggests 'a voluntary common discipline for those who are committed to a more equitable distribution of the earth's resources and the conservation and development of those resources for our own and future generations.'

The interpretation is broad and individual. There are no rules - only guide lines - for anyone who wishes to join the movement, which has several hundred followers and is loosely linked with Christian Aid.

There are two main points at issue - How a responsible person should live, bearing in mind the following:-

1. The near starvation of the third world.
2. The diminishing resources of Earth.

It was interesting and salutary to hear the ideas of others, and among the points made were:

Excessive expenditure on food and drink substantially above the national average would not be compatible with the practice of Life Style.

Neither would excessive use of fuel oil for heating or transport,

Under use of housing or land,

Or waste of any kind.

With such ideas in mind there was a good deal of discussion which set the mind thinking of how we fall short of these ideas.

Interested people are invited to write to the Dean of Bristol, The Very Reverend Horace Dammers for details of membership. There are now over 50 'Life Style Cells' for mutual support, study and action. Perhaps one could be begun in this area.

E.G.

#### THE GARDEN IN JUNE

Midsummer Day, June 24th, is the point of no return. If you haven't planted or sown by then, you have had it for this season for most plants.

This is the last chance to bed out annuals or perennials; experienced gardeners used to hold back geraniums and other tender plants until Ascot Week (June 20th this year). The same rule applies to runner beans, french beans, marrows and pumpkins. Sow lettuce in succession; salad enthusiasts can sow chinese cabbage for cutting August/September, fennel to eat raw, grated or cooked in the autumn. June is a good month to sow Kohl rabi for a tasty vegetable in September/October. Midsummer sowings of carrot and

turnip will be welcome too at this time. Turnip Sprinter grows as rapidly as its name implies and eaten young has a superb flavour. If you haven't any chives in your herb border, sow now and you won't regret it next February.

We spoke of planting out Geraniums, a neglected plant now. It is easy to grow, thrives on neglect, will overwinter in the house, simple to propagate in the Spring and nowadays there are some splendid, brilliant colours. Its richer cousin, the regal pelargonium, is a little more choosy in growing conditions, but how rewarding as a house plant. Local growers with a superb range of colours are Greybridge Geraniums (Fibrex) of Evesham.

Jardin.

#### SMALL ADS - A PENNY A WORD.

WANTED - High Chair, play pen and elderly pram for the garden. Swalcliffe 319.

DAVID BUTLER - For all your heating and plumbing needs, contact your local man. 1, The Cross, Sibford Gower (668).

#### SIBFORD SCENE

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We should like to thank Diane Baker who is taking over the Ferris distribution.