

CALENDAR FOR SEPIEMBER

- Sundays: Methodist Service at 11am  
Society of Friends Meeting at 11am  
Parish Church: 3rd 8.30 Holy Communion.
- 10th 10.30 Holy Communion  
17th 6pm Evensong & H.C.  
24th 10.30 Holy Communion  
Sunday School reopens 17th at 11.30am
- 5th Friendship Club: Police Protection in the Home.  
8th Nativity of BVM: Holy Communion Church 7.30pm  
9th SIBFORD FETE, GYMKHANA & CHILDREN'S DAY  
11th Hook Norton Evening Centre Enrolment: 7-8.30  
12th W.I.: 'Using Garden Produce: 2pm Village Hall  
14th Sibford Parochial Church Council meets.  
17th Sunday School re-opens at 11.30am  
19th Friendship Club: Outing.  
21st S. Matthew's Day: Holy Communion 7.30pm  
23rd Playgroup Garden Party: 3pm @ Swalcliffe.  
26th Leo Club: Book Party at Temple Lodge at 8pm  
29th Michaelmass: Holy Communion at 7.30pm

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ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE

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The date for the Village Fete has been fixed for Saturday 9th September: and as in the last two years, it will be opened by a Fancy Dress Procession. Competitors should assemble at the Gower pond at 1.40pm: and though no entrance fee is to be charged, each competitor must carry a copy of the programme. The following classes have been agreed:

- Class 1 - under 5
- Class 2 - 5 to 8
- Class 3 - over 9
- Class 4 - open mounted, for those who wish to include their ponies.

The Gymkhana following the fancy dress competition is more fully dealt with on a later page.

It is hoped that every house in the Sibfords will be visited with both copies of the programme and draw-tickets: and the Committee hopes that the Village will support the Fete even more generously than they have done in previous years - particularly with gifts for the stalls and for the teas - by coming and spending lavishly, thereby continuing to support our Village Hall.

Remember the date then: Saturday 9th, either at the pond at 1.40, or at the Hall around 2pm: we'll see you there, we hope.

## An Evening Class for Every Taste

The Hook Norton Evening Centre re-opens on Monday 18th September, with the usual wide variety of classes:

- Mondays:** Afternoon - Bridge  
Evening - Local History, Upholstery,  
Coin Collecting, Crochet;
- Tuesdays:** Afternoon - Soft Furnishing  
Evening - Football Training, Fungi,  
Know your weather,  
Corndollies, Lettering.
- Wednesdays:** Afternoon - Painting  
Evening - Old Time Dancing, Painting  
The Faiths men live by.
- Thursdays:** Afternoon - Pewterwork  
Evening - Shakespeare's later Plays  
Yoga, Motorcycling,  
Look your Best.

**FEES:** £3.50 for 1½ hour classes  
£4.50 for 2 hour classes, for 10 weeks.  
Some classes are for fewer weeks with lower fees.

**ENROLMENT:** Monday 11th September from 7 - 8.30pm  
at Hook Norton School.

**ENQUIRIES:** to Mr. Alan Sibson, Hook Norton 737737

### LEO CLUB

The Leo Club's next meeting is on Tuesday 26th at Temple Lodge, at 8pm: it will take the form of a BOOK PARTY: and everybody is welcome.

## PLAYGROUP GARDEN PARTY

Games - Children's Sports -(all ages) -  
Tennis - Croquet - Ping pong - Putting  
Shooting - Pony Rides - Activities for all  
the family.

Come and enjoy yourselves: 75p Adults,  
25p children aged 4 and over - includes tea,  
prizes and all activities.

**WHEN** - Saturday 23rd September 3 - 6pm.

**WHERE** - Langsat House, Swalcliffe (by kind  
permission of Mrs Harris)

**TICKETS** - from Committee members.

### SIBFORD W.I.

The September meeting (12th Sept at 2pm)  
will feature a speaker from the County Home  
Economics Department on 'Using Garden Produce'.

The Upholstery Class will also be reopening  
on a Wednesday in the Village Hall.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Sept 5th: Police Protection in the Home.

Sept 19th: Outing for the Day to Syon Park,  
Richmond, with a picnic lunch by  
the river at Marlow.

Advance Notice: Saturday 7th October: MAMMOTH

JUMBLE SALE: at the Village Hall at 2.30pm.  
Old clothing - men's women's & children's:  
admission 5p adults, children free.

## SIBFORD ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

During our recent appeal for donations, most of you were very generous, and for this we thank you. We reckon that it costs us around £300 per annum to keep going - what with rent of pitch, new kit and so on. We also give our players a good insurance cover - £20 per week while off work due to injury.

We started out four years ago at Sibford, hence the name, Sibford Athletic Football Club, but being unable to discover a local pitch, we had to move to Banbury, where we now play, on to the Daventry Road ground owned by the Banbury Twenty Cricket Club. Originally several Sibford lads played for us, but we are now a district side - a great squad of chaps.

If any of you like football (an odd question in these football crazy times, you might say), we provide good sporting entertainment on Sunday mornings - kick off at 10.30. Details of our fixtures are in the Banbury Guardian.

Mick Canning (Manager)

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES?

May we at the Sibford Scene congratulate that ancient hostelry - the Wyxham Arms - on the acquisition of a splendid new inn sign. It does brighten up the pub frontage, and is so much smarter than that old dowdy blue one: and that noble name - represented personally in the village as well - surely deserved something smarter.

## GYMKHANA DETAILS

If you read the front page first, and if you've got a pony, you will have been waiting for these details about the Gymkhana which we promised you on that first page.

The Gymkhana is planned to start immediately after the Fancy Dress Parade is over and the judging done. The date is of course the 9th September. These outline details will be supplemented by the full programme, when available. The Gymkhana is divided into three sections:

1. 10 years and under on a leading rein.
2. 13 years and under off the leading rein.
3. 14 years and over.

### Friends of Sibford

The Buffet Dance will be held in the Dining Hall at the Friends School (adjoining the car park). The date is Friday 13th October from 8pm till 1am. We are telling you one month early so that you can book the date in your diaries.

The previous dances have proved so successful that it has been decided to make this an annual event. Tickets, modestly priced at £2, are obtainable either from Heather Stewart (219) or from Frank Rollett (309).

### Sunday School

The Sunday School, having had its summer rest, will re-open on Sunday 17th September at 11.30am. It meets in the Parish Church, and children from 4 to 12 are invited: robin Spicer (690), 7 High Meadow, can furnish further details.

## THE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

Back to work and, we hope, to more reasonable weather so that we can enjoy the remaining flowers of late summer. While we are doing that there are many seasonable jobs to keep our hands employed. Raspberries, unless you are fortunate enough to have the variety Autumn, need to have this year's fruiting wood removed, leaving four or five stems of new growth on each stool, tied firmly to your wires or stakes for protection against the gales to come. Loganberries, and presently blackberries, should be treated in the same way. If you have not already done so, prune blackcurrants by removing surplus older wood, leaving a well-shaped bush open in the centre. Most climbing roses are ready to have the old wood cut out and next year's flowering wood trained where you want it.

The beginning of the month is the last chance to sow onions and lettuce to start over winter; Solidity makes a good hard onion to harvest next June. Lettuce: Winter Density for outdoors and Premier, Valdor and Windermere for growing in frames.

Early flowering daffodils and hyacinths are on the market (quite literally in Barbury on Thursdays and Saturdays), and planted now will have a good start in life and will reward you in the winter. The more expensive ones (treated) for Christmas flowering will be available in October. These are for forcing. Plant five at a time in a mixture 2 parts peat, 2 of leaf mould, 1 loam in 6" or 7" half pots: plunge in 8"-10" depth of moist peat in an odd corner of the garden and bring out on 1st December, gradually accustoming them to warmth and light in the house. Or may be you have found a better way to grow them!

Jardin.

## SCENE'S FUNDS

Our Appeal in June raised £13.50, so provided that inflation is held in check, your local news is safe until next Spring. Your letters or articles on any subject of general interest will 'liven up your local paper - not that it's dull now! Or we don't think it is anyway. Thank you for your generosity; not least our thanks to the Postmistresses who so willingly guarded our accumulating treasure.

### WERE YOU RIGHT?

The answers to last month's quiz:- (no prizes)

1. The Friends School is 179 metres above sea level
2. That is 588 feet.
3. Mrs Isabellé Stevens has a monument in Church.
4. Post is collected at 8am & 4.30pm (9.15 Sat)
5. The Village Hall was opened on 9th Nov. 1957.
6. Temple Mill was owned by the Knights Templar.
7. The STD code for Swalcliffe is 029 578.
8. 'Keep the home fires burning' is said to have been written by Ivor Novello while staying at Sibford with Frank Lascelles in 1914.
9. Our District Councillor is Lewis Poulton.
10. Bishop Blaize was the Patron Saint of the Wool Trade (dates unknown)

Small Ads: Circulate Sibford for a penny a word

For all your HEATING AND PLUMBING requirements contact David Butler, 1, The Cross, Sibford Gower Tel 668.

Wanted: Secondhand Singer sewing machine, with round bobbin, in good working order - Valerie Vernon (698)

For Sale: Beautiful, hand-crocheted, long Evening Dress (Cream - size 12) £7.00 - Valerie Vernon (698)