

SIBFORD SCENE

SEPTEMBER 1979 NO.28

MRS JEAN POULTON - NURSE EXTRAORDINARY

Over 150 people gathered in the Village Hall on August 1st to mark the retirement of our District Nurse and Midwife, Mrs Jean Poulton.

Miss Axtell spoke for the Area Health Authority of the way that Mrs Poulton had always put service above simple duty. Dame Anne Stephens spoke for us all of Mrs Poulton's professional skills and personal qualities, of the way that we have trusted her to know the answer, whatever our trouble. 'She's seen us all totally undressed', and yet her presence has brought comfort and relief. 'Nurse Poulton's come. It will be all right'.

Doctor Agnew toasted her as a nurse by vocation, regardless of reward, and one with whom he had found it a privilege to work, 'side by side, shoulder to shoulder, and, occasionally, cheek to cheek'!

Mrs Poulton told us that after her training at St. Mary's, Paddington and working in Slough, she applied for the post here quite out of the blue, but on arriving (on St. Valentine's Day 1952) felt she had come home. Since then, of course, she has married and joined what Dame Anne called 'that gang of Poultons' who serve Sibford in so many ways, and brought up her own children. Now, in retirement, she intends to throw herself into gardening and decorating.

Among the many gifts that were presented were some Waterford glasses from the A.H.A., a bowl and cheque from the Ferris, a carriage clock and cheque from everyone else, a mixer from her colleagues and a bouquet presented by Helen Soden.

It was a delightful, though sad, evening, beautifully organised by Dame Anne and the committee, enabling the whole community to show their gratitude and affection to Mrs Poulton and to wish her, and her husband, many happy years of retirement.



HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

The programme for the Autumn Term is now published. If you have never been to the Centre, why not give it a try? The atmosphere is pleasant and the classes of the highest standard. Not many rural areas have such a facility, so it deserves support.

MONDAY

Afternoon - Soft Furnishing
Evening - Yoga
Upholstery
Buddhism and Islam
Fungi (4 weeks)

TUESDAY

Afternoon - Bridge
Evening - Ladies' Keep Fit
Parish Survey
Group Guitar

WEDNESDAY

Afternoon - Flowercraft
Evening - Let's Look at Birds
Creative Writing
Painting

THURSDAY

Afternoon - Pewterwork
Evening - Conversational French
Yoga
Painting
Motorcycling (5 wks)
Speaking in Public
(5 wks)

ENROLMENT EVENING

Monday, September 10th

CLASSES BEGIN

Monday, September 17th

Further details from Alan Sibson
Hook Norton 737737

MR BOB PADBURY

We have heard from Mr Padbury that he is now settled in his flat in Orpington and he sends kind regards to old friends and neighbours.

His new address is -
24 Tower Road,
Orpington,
Kent.

MUSIC SUCCESSES

The following pupils of Mrs Mabel Payne were successful in their pianoforte exams during 1978-1979.

Grades III and V Dawn Wealsby
Grade V Katrina Agnew
Grade III Marie Colman
Elaine Hutchinson
Vanda Kaye (Epwell)
Grade I Elizabeth Abbott
Jeremy Abbott
Susan Broady
Jeffrey Hutchinson
Timothy Neal (Epwell)
Suzanne Stewart
Catherine Stewart
Step II Joanne Evans
Susanne Kay (Epwell)
Erica Sabin
David Wright

BRIDGE PLAYERS

Are you interested in playing Bridge at Epwell Village Hall? If so contact Mrs Wager at Swalcliffe 429.

VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

Many of you will know that discussions were afoot on possible ways of helping the refugees who are coming to Banbury for English courses.

We now know that single accommodation will be required for fathers of families from the end of September. Anyone interested should contact the Mayor's secretary, Mrs Carol Ince. Banbury 52535 Ext. 293.

LEO

RECIPE EVENING. Either make or write down your favourite recipe. Or just come along. Everyone most welcome.
Tuesday 25th September, 8.00 p.m.
at Temple Lodge, Sibford Gower.

Ann Spicer

SIBFORD FOLK DANCE CLUB

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Sibfords, the Sibford Folk Dance Club meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday evening from 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. and we would like more of you to come along and enjoy yourselves with us. Anyone over the age of 13 years will be made very welcome.

Don't stay away because you know nothing about it, or you are too young or too old. If you can put one foot in front of the other, we can teach you folk dancing. Come along and try it, I promise that you will be agreeably surprised.

In September we are hoping to form a Junior section of our club. We would like lots of children and young people from 9 to 13 years inclusive to come along. We shall hold 4 meetings on September 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please be punctual as you must leave at 8 p.m. The charge will be 10p per child per session. By September 25th we must have at least 12 wishing to continue to make the venture worthwhile. If we achieve this number we shall continue to hold the meetings every Tuesday evening.

David Cuthbert

POSTE RESTANTE

Eric and Mabel Payne wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their very kind thoughts and most generous Gift Token given them on their retirement from Post Office duties. They have had many happy years serving the community and hope all will remember that they still live in the same house, Cedarholme, if help is needed in any way.

A final joke to close the episode. A dear old gentleman back 14 years ago produced a letter packet at the counter. When it had been weighed in the usual manner, a true Oxfordshire voice said, 'Oh don't worry about weighing it, my dear. It is two shillings and sixpence. I looked it up in OLD MOORE'S ALMANAC.'

CHURCH NOTES

DAY OF PRAYER

Each year there has been a Day of Prayer for the work of our four parishes. This year it takes place in Sibford. The date is Saturday 15th September. The day begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at 6 p.m.

Anyone can take part - the whole day is silent, so why not step aside for a short time into your Parish Church on Saturday 15th.

MARRIAGE

The Church's teaching on Marriage and its attitude to divorced people has long been a bone of contention to many. As you may know, the Synods of the Church (the Parliaments, if you like) have been, or will be, chewing this bone. Your Parochial Church Council invites you to its meeting on Thursday 27th in Church at 8 p.m. when we shall have a chance to hear what is suggested and to make our own position clear. It promises to be a most challenging meeting. You will be most welcome.

Timothy Wimbush

WANTED

Has anyone got a length of HAND CROCHETED LACE suitable to repair an Altar Cloth? I need a length of about 2 yards by 2½ inches wide. Swalcliffe 460

WHY NOT SING IN SIBFORD?

Is there any interest in reviving a Sibford activity by forming a choral group? I would very much like to get together a group of about 20 singers who would enjoy such works as Faure's Requiem or Vivaldi's Gloria, for example, mainly for the pleasure of singing together rather than necessarily for public performance.

If there are those who are like-minded, may I invite them to ring either Mabel Payne (Swalcliffe 216) or myself (Swalcliffe 763) so that we can gauge the support and sort out when and where.

Tony Rye

FAMILY GARDEN PARTY

Sibford Playgroup would welcome anybody wishing to come to their Family Garden Party at Langsat House, Swalcliffe (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs C. Harris) on Saturday 1st September at 2.30. It will be an afternoon for all the family, with tennis, swimming, table-tennis, tug-o'-war, pistol shooting etc. All the activities are free. Teas and ice creams will be on sale throughout the afternoon.

Entrance fee (at the gate) will be: Adults 50p, Children and O.A.P's 25p. Forget the gardening and come and join us!

A LETTER FROM MRS POULTON

May I through the courtesy of Sibford Scene say thank you very much indeed to all the kind people of Sibford Ferris for the beautiful crystal bowl and cheque given to me on my recent retirement. I would also like to thank all the people of the Sibfords who gave so generously towards the carriage clock and cheque presented to me on August 1st from all the villages and colleagues.

I shall always have happy memories of my years working amongst you, and do sincerely thank you for making me so welcome into your homes.

Jean Poulton

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

Mrs Neil Marten will speak on her work for the Save the Children Fund. This meeting will be at the Friends School.

TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Annual outing by Heyfordian Coach.
Leave Sibford 9 a.m.
Picnic lunch on hills outside Bath.
1 hour stop at Wells Cathedral, leaving about 2.30 for Wookey Hole, staying about 2 hours. Cafeteria snacks available.
Return 5p.m. via Marlborough and Laycock.

If any non-members of the club are interested in this outing, contact Mrs Lowe of The Colony to see if there are any spare seats.

M.B. Flinn

W.I.

TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

There will be a speaker from Associated Countrywomen of the World, with which the W.I. has links.
Village Hall 2 p.m.

BILL and EDWINA SABIN would like to thank all those who supported their Pig Roast last month. They made a total profit of £450 for the Oxford and District Heart Circle.

NEWSPAPER

6cwt has been collected and delivered since the beginning of July. Thanks to everyone who ties bundles tightly and brings them to Mrs Flinn (Gower) or Mrs Harbour (Ferris).

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Annual Show of the Sibford Horticultural Society which took place on Saturday 18th August was once again an unqualified success. We are pleased to announce that the exhibits exceeded the total for last year, which is remarkable bearing in mind the recent inclement weather.

The major prize-winners were-

DR H. TAYLOR CUP for outstanding flower exhibit	Mrs G. Hutchinson
SOCIETY CUP for outstanding vegetable exhibit	Mr c. Freeman
SIBFORD ROSE BOWL for exhibitor with most points in the Show	Mr C. Freeman
VILLAGE CUP for exhibitor with most points in Section C	Mrs G. Soden
THE CHILDREN'S CUP for best exhibit 12-16 years	Catherine Foster
THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE for best exhibit under 12 years	Charlotte Foulds
THE LARGE PICTURE for best flower arrangement	Mrs G. Hutchinson
THE SMALL PICTURE for best cookery exhibit	Mrs J. Foulds
THE FLORA AWARD	Mrs Kenny
THE AMATEUR GARDENING AWARD	Mr F. Tustain

The Committee would like to thank the helpers for all their hard work, the demonstrators of crafts for their interesting displays which gave the visitors much pleasure, and last but not least, the villagers for supporting our Society.

Mrs K. Turner

THE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

Early September is the time to prune raspberries, loganberries and blackcurrants. With the first two, cut away all the growth that has borne fruit this year and any weak shoots of this year's new growth, leaving five or six sound, vigorous growths which should be tied in firmly to canes and/or wires to give next year's fruiting wood. Blackcurrants are not quite so easy but the same principle remains: to remove wood that has fruited this year and to leave wood that will ripen this Autumn and flower next Spring, taking care to leave the centre of the bush open.

While the scateurs are in your hands, prune rambling roses (not climbers), tying in this year's new wood ready for next year's flowers. Half-ripe cuttings of shrubs root well at this time. Slips about 4"-5" long may be cut diagonally immediately below a leaf joint, leaving on the leading shoot and another pair of leaves. Push into a pot about 5" diameter, filled with a loam that is a 3-2-1 mix of peat, sand and loam, six shoots to each pot. Keep moist and stand in a shady place out of doors.

This month is the last chance to sow lettuce. Arctic King or Valdor, sown now, should head up in the Spring out of doors, while Kwiek or Kordaat given a little heat in the greenhouse will give lettuce in the dark days of January and February.

JARDIN

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Since the article in the last Scene milk bottle tops have been rolling in. Some people find it easier to leave them in the porch at West Town Cottage. You are welcome to do this rather than send them to school if you haven't access to a Primary school pupil.

For the information of new collectors, we collect aluminium foil bottle tops or pie cases, but please make sure you have washed and dried them before packing them up, otherwise they are not accepted.

Joan Shields

EPWELL VILLAGE HALL

Activities arranged for the Autumn include -

WHIST every Tuesday at 7.30 from 25th September. Admission 30p includes refreshments.

W.E.A. 8 week course on The English Country House and its Contents. (Illustrated) Course begins Friday Oct 5th at 7.30.

Further details from W.R. Cook, St Anne's Cottage, Epwell. (609)

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club team reached the final of the Cherwell District 6-a-side cricket tournament, when they lost to Steeple Aston. They played 5 matches and were the highest scorers of the 75 teams entered.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES

<u>FRIENDS</u>	Meeting for Worship	Sunday 11 a.m.
<u>METHODISTS</u>	Morning Service	Sunday 11 a.m.
<u>HOLY TRINITY</u>	2nd Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	9th Holy Communion and Baptism	10.30 a.m.
	16th Evensong and Holy Communion	6 p.m.
	23rd Holy Communion	10.30 a.m.
	30th Harvest United Eucharist at Tadmarton	10 a.m.
	Sunday School	11.30 in Church each week
<u>SATURDAY 1st</u>	Playgroup Garden Party, Langsat House, Swalcliffe.	
<u>TUESDAY 4th</u>	Friendship Club - Mrs Neil Marten - Friends School	
<u>TUESDAY 4th</u>	Junior Folk Dancing begins - 7-8p.m. Village Hall	
<u>SATURDAY 8th</u>	<u>SIBFORD FETE</u>	
<u>MONDAY 10th</u>	Hook Norton Evening Centre Enrolments from 7 p.m.	
<u>TUESDAY 11th</u>	W.I. Village Hall 2p.m.	
<u>WEDNESDAY 12th</u>	Horticultural Society - Members' Slides - 8 p.m.	
<u>SATURDAY 15th</u>	Day of Prayer in Sibford Church 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	
<u>TUESDAY 18th</u>	Friendship Club outing to Wells and Wookey Hole.	
<u>FRIDAY 21st</u>	St Matthew - Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.	
<u>TUESDAY 25th</u>	Whist begins at Epwell Village Hall 7.30	
<u>TUESDAY 25th</u>	Leo Recipe Evening 8 p.m. Temple Lodge	
<u>THURSDAY 27th</u>	P.C.C. Meeting on Marriage 8 p.m. in Church	
<u>SUNDAY 30th</u>	Harvest United Eucharist at Tadmarton 10 a.m.	

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