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LOOKING BACK

It's been quite a summer. First the RAISE THE ROOF SALE, which got the Fund off to a fine start with a profit of over £320. That day also marked the start of the fine weather that has blessed the other village events this summer. May it last for the Fete.

Then there was 'THIS IS YOUR LIFE - MARY POULTON', when Dr Aemonn Andrews Agnew confronted an amazed Mrs Poulton with her past, including three generations of two families that she has taught in her long career. Everyone wanted to thank Mrs Poulton for her many years of kindly service to the children of the village and to wish her a long and happy retirement. We hear that she has since climbed Ben Nevis (again), so clearly intends to be active!

THE ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS were much enjoyed by all - and it was a very wide cross-section of the village that took part in the cheerfully informal picnic, sports, barbecue, folk-dancing and disco. It was all an excellent antidote to the hours in front of the telly.

THE RAINS came and went and the power supply, as usual, failed.

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LOOKING AHEAD

And now it's September and the Fete is almost here. Everyone has already received letters outlining the attractions and there is a note from Tony Rye on page three. Let's hope for a beautiful day and a huge profit for the roof.

Lest anyone has not heard, it is in the field behind the Village Hall at 2.15 on Saturday 12th September.

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INTO OCTOBER

HARVEST

This year the P.C.C. has decided to hold a Saturday Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper. The service will be in Church and the Supper in the Village Hall. Date 3rd October. More details later.

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The next edition will be the 50th. We would especially welcome contributions from readers for this edition.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Despite the unsettled weather of the past few months, we are pleased that the standard of those entries at our annual show on Saturday August 15th was good. It was encouraging that the entries in each section were only a few less than last year.

Our congratulations to the Prize winners:

The Dr Taylor Cup, The Sibford Rose Bowl and The Village Cup -
Robin and Ann Spicer

The Society Cup - Mr F. Tustain

The Mrs F. Padbury Rose Bowl - Mrs G. Hutchinson

The Mrs F. Padbury Cup - Miss Elaine Hutchinson

The Children's Cup - Freddie Inns

The President's Prize - Sandra Crook

The Banbury Marquee Hire Trophy and The Flora Award -
Miss Dawn Wealsby

The Chairman's Cup - Joanna Hall

The Judges felt that many other entries deserved an Award of Merit Blue Ribbon for high standard.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Committee members for their hard work and gifts and to anyone who helped us in any way to achieve the nearly £300 which was taken. Naturally our expenses are quite high, but we hope to make a small profit.

We now look forward to our next monthly meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday September 9th: Mrs Glaister on "Alpine House Culture".

A very special thank you to Mr and Mrs Webber for their very generous contribution of 24 gardening books for our library. It is hoped that members will find these a great asset.

What a delightful photograph of Sarah Huckings in the Banbury Guardian.

John Sabin

LETTERS TO THE VILLAGE

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking most sincerely all those who planned such a wonderful evening to mark my retirement, and also my many friends who came to wish me well.

I have so many memories of Sibford Primary School, of the wonderful colleagues that it was my good fortune to work with, the supportive parents, and lastly, but by no means least, of their children with whom I have shared so many happy years.

I hope that you will extend to Mrs Greenhalgh, my successor, the same same warmth and co-operation that you have always given me.

May God bless you all.

Mary Poulton

Thank you for your Get Well wishes in the July issue of the Sibford Scene. You will be pleased to hear that I am now well on the way to a full recovery, and hope to resume my full duties in the near future.

May I take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to everyone who helped in any way either to myself or my family during my prolonged incapacity. Cards (I received over 100), gifts, enquiries, visits, cooking, were all very much appreciated.

It is so nice to be back in Sibford among so many friends. Thank you all once more.

Pauline Inns

THE VILLAGE FETE

By now there can be no-one in the villages who does not know that Saturday September 12th is Fete Day.

The entry forms for the Sponsored Decorated Wheelbarrow Race together with details of classes, route etc. are being sent out.

Why is the Fete such an important event in the life of the villages? First, of course, to give everyone in the villages a yearly opportunity to meet and to enjoy themselves in a traditional way. Secondly, to help maintain our Village Hall.

We are fortunate in having a really excellent Hall; even more fortunate in having so many activities that make use of it. We try to keep hire charges to the minimum, so rely heavily on the Fete to supplement the running and maintenance costs. We have just had the kitchen and committee room re-roofed. It is known by everyone that the renewal of the main roof is urgent.

The Committee has been having difficulty in meeting all the requests for use of the Hall. We would like to consider extensions or alterations that would allow more than one activity to take place at the same time. Many users would agree that there is a need for more storage space. So we do need your help.

We would still be grateful for items for the stalls, gifts for raffle and sideshow prizes, and offers of help on the day as I outlined in my letter at the beginning of August.

The Committee hopes that you will all come along on the 12th and spend a pleasant afternoon.

Tony Rye
Chairman, Village Hall Committee

P.S. A personal note:

This being my first involvement with the Fete, I am immensely grateful to the Committee members and others for their help. However, to err is human, and I would welcome comments from anyone about things that have been left out, might have been done better, or suggestions for future occasions.

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YOUNG PIANISTS

Successes in Piano Exams were as follows:

Jason Tubstain	Grade I (First Class)
Rowley Brown (Epwell)	Grade I (First Class)
Elizabeth Abbott	Grade III
Dawn Wealsby	Grade III Theory (First Class with 98%)

These conclude a year of 100% successful candidates, and good results have been gained throughout.

Mabel H. Payne

Afternoon classes 1.30-3.15.
Enquiries to Mrs Linda
Buchanan, 6, Whittons Close,
Hook Norton. H.N. 730052

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

Enrolment night is 14th September from 7-8.30 at the Hook Norton Primary School. Classes begin on 21st September.

MONDAY

Afternoon - Homecrafts

Evening - Drama Workshop, Stately Homes, Upholstery.

TUESDAY

Afternoon - Hairdressing

Evening - Ladies Keep Fit,
Picture Framing, Guitar.

WEDNESDAY

Afternoon Cookery, Icing (5 wks &

Evening - Yoga, Painting,
Writers Circle, Sociology.

THURSDAY

Afternoon - Pewterwork

Evening - Exercises for Over-60's
Yoga, Painting, French Conversation

LADIES KEEP FIT

The Slimming Club's Keep Fit Class has graduated to the Village Hall. Tuesday mornings 10-11 a.m. (First morning Sept. 15th)
There is more space in the Hall so there's room for more people. Possibility of a Creche for those requiring it.
You don't have to be slimming, but interested in some gentle(?) graded exercises.
Contact Sue Lambert (544) if interested.

W.I.

Seventeen members were present on July 14th. The President thanked all who had prepared and served teas at the Raise the Roof Sale on July 4th. The two films shown by Mr Wren of the Thames Water Board were watched with interest. They dealt with the people and processes that guarantee our water supply and its purity. The disposal of sewage, pollution control, flooding and recreational facilities were all considered, and Mrs Dyer expressed general thanks to Mr Wren for his visit.

Mrs Wren kindly judged the competition - small baskets of garden flowers - and awarded 1st prize to Mrs G. Soden.

Teas were provided by Mrs Dyer and Mrs Conway.

Tuesday September 8th

A talk on work for the Deaf in Oxfordshire, by Miss Bean.
Competition - A pot of Jam.

KEEP NOVEMBER 19th FREE

In the evening there will be a showing of two films by the Red Arrows Aerobatics Team. These will be very exciting, and everyone is invited. Someone who has seen these films tells us it is almost like flying in the aircraft! All details in the next Scene. Proceeds to Raise the Roof and W.I.

Watch this Space!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

SIBFORD FETE

The Friendship Club has again been asked to have the Children's Snacks Stall. Gifts are always welcome, but small cash donations help us to buy sweets, crisps, soft drinks and ice cream in bulk to sell and make the necessary profit.

Tuesday 15th Sept. Village Hall
Mrs Hutchinson has very kindly agreed to demonstrate and talk on 'Autumn Flower Arrangements'.

Tuesday 22nd September

CLUB DAY OUTING. This year we are going to St Fagans Castle and the Welsh Folk Museum near Cardiff. We shall see craftsmen working traditional crafts and visit the very old Welsh cottages that have been erected on the site. Entrance for O.A.P's is 15p. Visitors may join the party if any seats are vacant. Enquiries to Mr Henry Poulton. Time of outing 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday 29th September

Friends School
Mr Bob Freedland, well known for years of work in the re-habilitation part of the Neithrop, will talk about his work there, his role as Deputy-Chairman of Age Concern Oxon, and his work at the Cheshire Home. He can help us all in many ways, and give advice as to how we can help sick or disabled friends and neighbours.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A WHIST DRIVE will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 18th September commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The proceeds of the Drive will be donated towards the building of a Rehabilitation and Assessment Unit for the Disabled - to be known as the Churchill Centre - in the Legion village at Maidstone. It is hoped that this cause will attract a good attendance.

Tom Woodhouse
Hon. Sec.

THE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

There is a real end-of-season air on September mornings and the gardener doesn't have to look far to find jobs needing attention. The warmth and rain have brought on great growth in shrubs and trees, so the secateurs and pruners will be kept fully employed over the next few weeks, taking out wood that has flowered this summer, unless, of course, it is going to give a show of berries during the autumn.

It seems likely that the top fruits are going through a poor year, which is not surprising when we recall the cold winds at fruit-setting time, so we can press on with pruning. You can test the new shoots of apple and pear by bending them back: if the base of the shoot is stiff and resists, pruning can begin. Don't cut the leading shoot back, of course. Cut other shoots back to four or five good leaves from the base. Pruning is best done on a dry, sunny day when the wounds will heal quickly.

Black currants can be pruned by cutting off the dark coloured wood that has fruited, leaving in young shoots, but leave the centre of the bush open, having removed weakly or crossing growths.

Hedges should be pruned at this time, usually with shears, but using secateurs on conifers and evergreens. Burn all the trimmings; they are useless on the compost heap.

Winter-flowering bulbs are in the shops now and the gaily-coloured catalogues come through the letterbox. Don't be tempted by bargain offers: it pays to buy fewer bulbs and pay the right price for them. You can start the season with flowers at Christmas by careful selection, prepared hyacinths, then paper-white and the yellow February gold narcissi.

JARDIN

FOR SALE

4-berth Cabin Cruiser, with full-size cooker and toilet. Chrysler 10 electric-start engine.

Moored Fenny Compton Marina
£1200 or offers.

Swalcliffe 631

Economical Self-drive hire.
Maxi at Mini rates. Dormobile
Motor Caravan from £49 per
week. No mileage charge.
No V.A.T. Comprehensive
insurance included.
Swalcliffe 522.

RITA'S CHOICE of Stow on the Wold is holding a closing-down sale. The range of goods offered covers children's clothes from babies to teenagers, and a limited range of ladies' clothes all at greatly reduced prices. If you would care to come and look, and maybe pick up the odd bargain, you are cordially invited to come to Beyond the End, Sibford Gower, (Mary Poulton's house, next to the Church) on Wednesday 2nd September at any time between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

~~STEEL GARDEN FRAME app. 6ft.x4ft
x 18 ins. Some glass. Available
free to anyone who will take it
away. Phone Swalcliffe 460~~

FOLK DANCE CLUB

September's Saturday Dance features Paddy O'Neill with the Quarry Turners.
September 19th 8 - 11.30 Village Hall

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Sunday 11 a.m.

METHODISTS

Sunday 11 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY

6th Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.

13th & 27th Holy Communion 10 a.m.

20th Evensong and Holy Communion 6 p.m.

Thursdays Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. in the Village Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Monday 7.30 Village Hall
Luncheon Club	Tuesday 12.30 Friends Hall
Folk Dancing	Tuesday 7 p.m. Juniors, 8 p.m. Seniors. Village Hall
Brownies	Thursday 6 p.m. Friends Hall
Guides	Thursday 7 p.m. Village Hall

Wednesday 2nd Clothes Sale at Beyond The End 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday 8th	W.I. 'Work for the Deaf' 2 p.m. Village Hall
	Holy Communion (The Blessed Virgin Mary) 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 9th	Horticultural Society 'Alpine House Culture'
Saturday 12th	SIBFORD FETE

Monday 14th	Hook Norton Evening Centre Enrolment 7-8.30
Tuesday 15th	Keep Fit begins 10 a.m. Village Hall
	Friendship Club 'Autumn Flower Arrangements'
Friday 18th	British Legion Whist Drive 7.30 Village Hall
Saturday 19th	Folk Dance 8 p.m. Village Hall

Monday 21st	Hook Norton evening classes begin
Tuesday 22nd	Friendship Club Day Outing to Wales

Tuesday 29th	Friendship Club at Friends School
	Michaelmas Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

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