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# Summer Festival

18 – 22 June 2014



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The Dymond Speech Competition, Prize Giving and Leavers' Assembly

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Dear All

I am delighted to introduce this year's Summer Festival programme and can scarcely believe that a year has passed. Looking at the range of events that are taking place, I think we can safely say that there will be 'something for everyone' and hope to see students, parents and friends over the course of the weekend.

For many this will be the first Summer Festival; for some it will mark the conclusion of their time at Sidcot. It seems like a fitting way in which to celebrate the unique gifts and talents that characterise the Sidcot community in a variety of ways. Undoubtedly it will be a fantastic occasion for all. I am, as ever, indebted to the Sidcot PTA and members of the school community for all the work they have put into arrangements. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the sun will shine!

With kind regards

Iain Kilpatrick  
Headmaster



# Welcome

As the end of another very busy year approaches we prepare for the 2014 Garden Party. On behalf of the Sidcot Community PTA committee I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents, staff and pupils for their continuous support, organising and attending various events we have held throughout the school year. These include coffee mornings in the Sidcot Hub, skittles and quiz nights, bonfire night and the Head's Forum. The Head's Forums provide an opportunity to listen to school plans and social issues that affect our children – we hope that more of you will be able to attend these in the future as the topics chosen are relevant to all.



A date for your diaries: we are pleased to announce next year's Summer Ball, to be held at Batch Country House on Friday 8 May 2015. More details to follow.

We held our AGM recently and I would like to welcome (pictured from left to right) Derrick Grove as Treasurer and Jill Walford as Secretary along with myself re-elected as Chair. Come and join us at one of our regular Monday evening meetings.

We have recently funded four gazebos which were requested by the school houses North, East, South and West. They are heavy duty 6x3m colour coded gazebos each with the house name imprinted on the canopy. We are sure these will come in useful throughout the school year – watch out for them at the Senior and Junior School sports days as well as at the Garden Party.

A huge thanks to all those parents, staff and students who helped us organise and run this year's Garden Party – without whom it would not be possible.

Finally we would like to thank those teachers who are retiring this term after many years service to the school and the SCPTA. We wish you every happiness in retirement and with your new adventures.

We hope you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you next year.

Peter Mercer  
SCPTA Chair

# Summary of main events

## Wednesday 18 June

- 1pm to 2pm Lunchtime Concert with Alex Taylor  
 6.30pm to 8.30pm Opening of Student Art and Technology Exhibition  
 with music by Alex Taylor (Arts Centre)  
 7pm Fashion Show (Arts Centre)

## Thursday 19 June

- 10.30am to 4.30pm Senior School Sports Day (Sports Field)

## Friday 20 June

- 7pm to 12am U5 (Year 11) and SFF Prom (The Grand Pier, Weston-s-Mare)  
 8pm Upper Sixth Leavers' Meal (Bristol)

## Saturday 21 June

- 12pm to 4pm Art and Technology Exhibition (Arts Centre) –  
 open to parents and pupils  
 1.30pm to 4.30pm Garden Party (School Gardens)  
 7pm Dymond Speech and Prize Giving (Large Meeting House)

## Sunday 22 June

- 10.30am to 11.45am Leavers' Assembly (Large Meeting House) followed by brunch in  
 the Refectory  
 12pm to 4pm Art and Technology Exhibition (Arts Centre) –  
 open to parents and pupils

## Thursday 26 June

- 10am Junior School Sports Day (Sports Field)

## Additional dates

Drama Department performance of  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Newcombe Gardens and Woods)

- 7pm Wednesday 25 June  
 7pm Thursday 26 June  
 4pm Friday 27 June

## Saturday 19 July

- 11am Gymkhana





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# Senior Sports Day, Thursday 19 June

**Events take place throughout the day on the Sports Field. There are six categories of events: Junior (boys and girls), Intermediate (boys and girls) and Senior (boys and girls). The four Sidcot sporting houses are North (yellow), East (blue), South (green) and West (red).**

10.30am Start of morning sports events including hurdles, 800m and 200m races and all field events. The discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot and javelin competitions will be held throughout the day.

11am to 12.30pm Refreshments in the Pavilion

12.30pm to 1.30pm Lunch for pupils in school or picnic on field with parents

1.30pm Registration – Sports Field

2pm Refreshments in the Pavilion

1.30pm Start of afternoon sports events: 100m, 300m, 400m, 500m track events and relays

4.00pm Visitors' tea in the Pavilion - parents first, followed by students

4.15pm Results announced and Sports Awards presented\*

5.30pm Evening meal in Refectory

\*In addition to the House Trophies, cups are presented to the best boy and best girl in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior sections. The Hermes Shield (for the most impressive performance of the day), Davey Cup (for outstanding performance over the term) and the 1500m cups are also presented on Sports Day.



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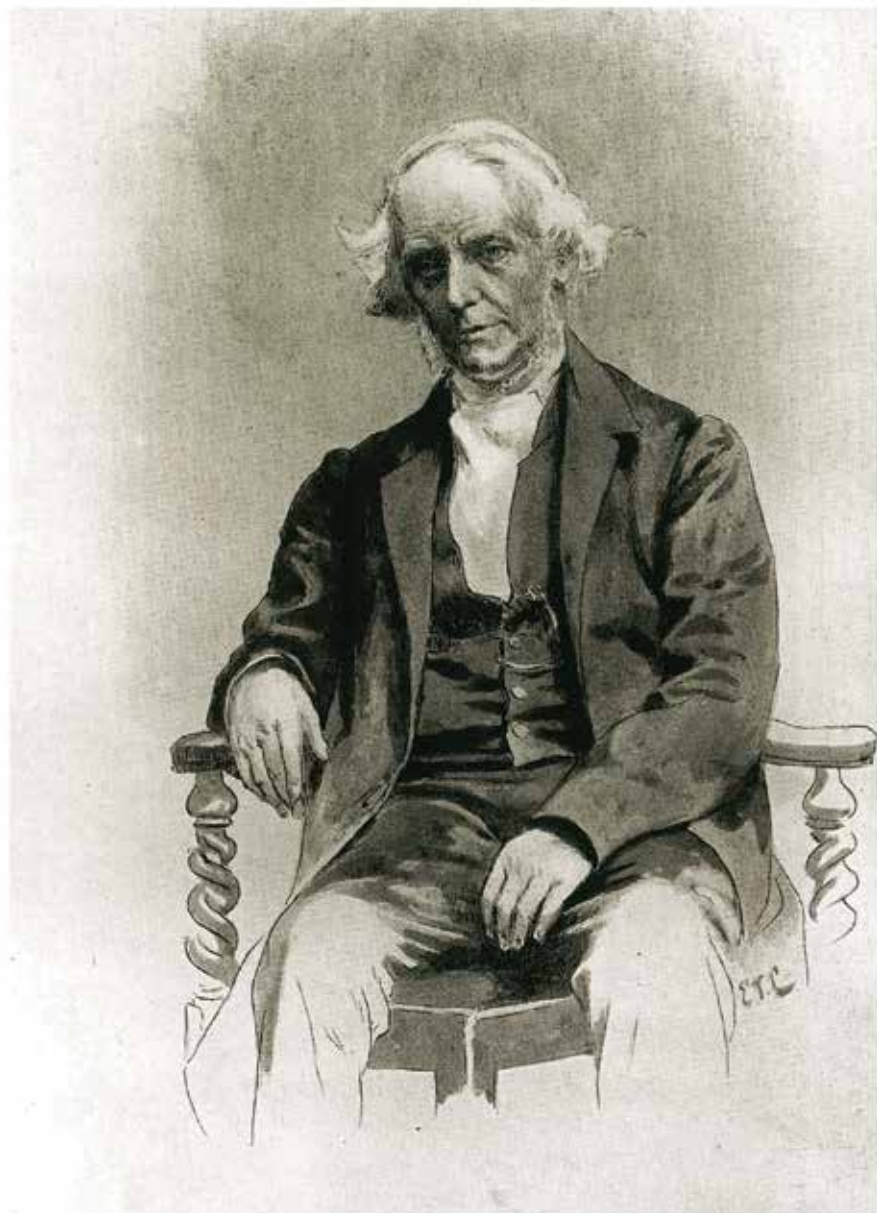


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# Garden Party, Saturday 21 June

- 12pm to 4pm Art and Technology Exhibition (Arts Centre) – open to parents and pupils
- 12pm to 5pm Show Jumping (see page 15)
- 12pm to 12.30pm Ploughman's lunch (Refectory)
- 1.30pm to 4.30pm Garden Party – school gardens  
(if wet, party will take place in Refectory & Common Room)  
Attractions – a range of stalls, children's activities, games and inflatables.
- 2pm to 3pm Performances from Jazz Band and Kit Lear
- 2pm to 4.30pm Inflatable fun in the pool\*  
(Juniors 2pm to 3pm / Seniors 3.30pm to 4.30pm)
- 2pm to 4.30pm Uniform Shop open – fitting service available and collection of lost property
- 3.45pm to 4.30pm Cream tea (Refectory)
- 5.30pm Evening meal (Refectory)
- 7pm Dymond Speech Competition and Prize Giving (Meeting House)
- 8.15pm Interval and refreshments (Refectory)
- 8.35pm Adjudication and prize giving (Meeting House)  
Dress code: students to wear 'formal Friday' wear

\*Normal inflatable rules will be in operation; non or weak swimmers must be accompanied by an adult in the pool.



Hy Dymond

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# The Dymond Speech Competition

The Dymond Speech Competition was established in 1911 by a descendant of Henry Dymond, a pupil at the school from 1810-1815 and subsequently Headmaster of Sidcot from 1854-1864. Henry Dymond was famed for his most impressive voice and the prize was originally instituted as the Dymond Elocution Prize, but is now for a speech given on a subject of the student's choice, judged for its content and method of presentation. The Honours Boards, listing winners of the competition since 1911, are in place outside the Old Library and a portrait of Henry Dymond hangs in the Old Library.

Each year a panel of three distinguished adjudicators assesses the speaking skills of the finalists at a formal evening occasion, which precedes the school Prize Giving.

## The Judges

Tim Niblock, Nominated Governor – Chair of Adjudicating Panel  
Lesley Barton, Headmistress at Fairfield School, Bristol  
Ann Harley, Conservative Councillor for Banwell and Winscombe

## Order of proceedings

- 7pm Dymond Speech Competition: Welcome and history of Dymond Speech and introduction to adjudicators and candidates followed by speeches and questions
- 8pm Refreshments for audience in the Refectory
- 8.30pm Dymond Speech adjudication and Prize Giving



We look forward to seeing you at the opening

# Student Art and Technology Exhibition 2014

Wednesday June 18, 6.30 to 8.30  
with live music, fashion show, and refreshments



# A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wednesday 25th June 7pm  
Thursday 26th June 7pm  
Friday 27th June 4pm  
Venue: - Newcombe Gardens & Woods

Please arrive 10mins before the performance starts with an umbrella  
Book you tickets at front office.



## Sunday 22 June

- 10.30am Leavers' Assembly (Meeting House). All boarders to attend together with day-students in the Upper Fourth and above. It is the last school function for members of the Upper Sixth (and some Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth) before they officially become Sidcotians. Parents and friends are warmly invited. Smart casuals should be worn. Parents and visitors in the gallery – Upper Fifth and Sixth Form leavers to occupy seating in the well. Brunch is then provided in the Refectory.
- 10.30am Meeting for Worship – (Meeting House)
- 11.45am to 1pm Brunch (Refectory)
- 12pm to 4pm Art and Technology Exhibition (Arts Centre) – open to parents and pupils
- 5.30pm to 6pm Evening meal (Refectory)



## Summer holiday fun

At Sidcot Equestrian Centre a wide range of holiday activities are available to all children aged 4 years and above. This is the programme of activities that are offered each week:

### **Mondays**

#### **Stable Day – £30**

Children will have fun grooming the horses and ponies, hacking and helping out with yard duties.

### **Tuesdays**

#### **Stable Day – £30**

#### **Jumping Clinic – £30**

Two hours of practising jumps in small groups, including core fitness – strengthening and stretching exercises for the rider. Grass track or arena, dependent on the weather.

### **Wednesdays**

#### **Stable Day – £30**

#### **Own A Pony Day – £50**

Children will have fun grooming the horses and ponies, hacking and helping out with yard duties. Enjoy two rides – a lesson and a hack.

### **Thursdays**

#### **Stable Day – £30**

**2hr Mendip Hack – from £30**  
(afternoon only)

### **Fridays**

#### **Stable Day – £30**



## Festival events



### **Saturday 21 June: Show Jumping** (£5 per entry)

Events from 11am

- Horse & Hounds Stakes (1' maximum) - timed round of teams of two people, one pony ride and one dog (one leads dog over course, one rides pony)
- 60cms Sidcot Challenge
- 70 cms open to all riders who have previously jumped
- 85 cms open to all riders who have previously jumped on grass
- 90 cms open (staff challenge) - you must be recommended by your instructor to enter this class (weather permitting)

Barbeque and refreshments will be available on the day. For more information and to book your place please contact Jane Keep at Sidcot Equestrian Centre: email [stables@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:stables@sidcot.org.uk) or call **01934 844748** or **07540 726205**.

This year, rather than hold two events at once, and due to the heavy work load on the ponies, we have decided to run the Gymkhana during the summer holidays on 19 July.

### **Saturday 19 July: Gymkhana** (£5 per entry)

Events will include: musical numnahs, musical statues, crossing the river, bending race, sock and bucket, walk, trot and run, and Monte Carlo.

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### **Extra event for the holidays**

#### **22 to 25 July or 5 to 8 August: Pony Club**

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I wonder what sort of a tale we've fallen into?

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