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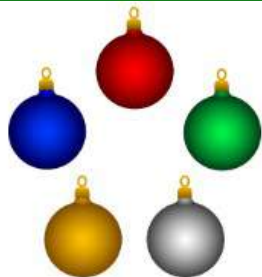
**News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe**



Meet Primmy how nice to put a face to a story.  
We have followed her holiday antics, and as you can see “butter wouldn’t melt”  
You can find part 3 on page 3.  
Please remember this Christmas a dog / cat or any other pet is for life!

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[www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk](http://www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk)

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# TADMARTON FESTIVE FIESTA

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### Primmy's holiday Part 3

Well heard from my folks today, sounds like a very strenuous time to me, never mind whilst they are forging on I'm having a very relaxed time here in the Cotswolds with all my wishes catered for.

I must say the grub here is really top dollar, Uncle T & Auntie Gilly are really great cooks they had duck last night and I saw them preparing some for me today I won't want the orange salad though. Auntie Gil did get a slight ticking off when uncle T discovered I'd been given the end of one of his special and very expensive sausages, apparently dogs don't eat sausages, news to me. Another very unusual delicacy came my way whilst going upstairs when I came upon a Pterodactyl sized Arachnid (fancy words for big spider) on the step, Auntie Gil was rather sad that it disappeared in one gulp!!

Between you and me I'm having to watch my step a bit, my great idea for a mine on the lawn hasn't gone down too well; it started out all right with just an exploratory hole in the neat grass but grew to a site about 10 x 10 feet and about 3feet deep, well the Elephant has to see the Rabbit. I thought it was a bit short sighted on my host's part as the area is full of Roman ruins and artefacts and I had hoped to make a killing and thank them for their hospitality, never mind best laid plans and all that.

Still don't understand why I'm not allowed to chase things I would have got a cat in the woods the other day had uncle Tim not put the brakes on, he's a bit cunning A. he see's things before me and B. He wraps my lead around his stick so I can't snatch, however he is teaching me to walk "to heel" as he says, sounds like rubbish to me. I have to be more careful with Auntie Gil as she is a lot lighter than T.

Sadly I think I'm only here for a couple more weeks I know I'll miss being here, I'll keep you posted if I have any more exiting adventures.

L o L

Primmy

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## **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY S.O.S.**

### **SWALCLIFFE & TADMARTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Our society has been a source of great enjoyment to many villagers from both Swalcliffe & Tadmarton over the last 40 years and indeed we are celebrating our Ruby Anniversary in November.

However at our AGM on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October it became clear that support for the society is declining and we urgently need new members in order to secure it's future and take the society forward. The programme includes talks from experts, visits to beautiful gardens, a plant sale and for those who enjoy sharing their horticultural and culinary successes, a horticultural show.

We would urge anyone who enjoys gardening or simply gets pleasure from visiting gardens to consider joining the society and you would be assured of a very warm welcome.

<b>What's on!</b>
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01.11.23	Taddy Film Matinee		02.12.23	Swalcliffe Xmas market	P 31
04.11.23	Kids and Caffeine	P 25	02.12.23	Kids and Caffeine	P 25
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24.11.23	Open Day Sibford Gower Primary School	P32	18.12.23	Dance Fit	
24.11.23	Senior lunch Club		22.12.23	Senior lunch Club	
25.11.23	Festive Fiesta	P 2	30.12.23	Taddy Film club	P 22
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27.11.23	Dance Fit		01.01.24	Dance Fit	
29.11.23	Taddy Film Matinee	P 22	03.01.24	Taddy Film Matinee	P 22

Please order your Christmas Wreaths during our Festive Fiesta event or by phone 01295-780451/ 07711794133 before the 6th of December and we will ensure delivery of a fresh wreath made by our very capable volunteers which will look fabulous way past Christmas.

All proceeds to  
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Village Hall.

Merry Christmas



# Tadmarton Charities

As in the past I thought it would be helpful to give a little background to the charity especially for new people to the village

Tadmarton Charities is an amalgamation of the Poor's Land Charity, the Macdermot Charity and the Macdermot's Educational Charity. The Poor's Land Charity arose from the Inclosures Act of 1775 when a small area of land, which is now part of Tadmarton Golf Course, was made available to help the poor and needy of the parish. Subsequently this land was swapped for the 16 acres which the charities now own. This comprises of 2 fields which run down from the golf course road and up to a field owned by the Banbury Ornithological Society.

The 16 acres of land provide a rental income which in most years covers the income distributed to those recipients in the parish who have regularly received support. In addition, the Charity has an investment holding in M & G Charifund which contains monies received for granting a right of access to the Banbury Ornithological Society land back in 2005 and a small sum held in a Building Society Account. These holdings do not routinely distribute income but are used for the ongoing administration of the Charity and to enable additional distribution of funds where deemed appropriate. Over the last few years this has been required.

The Trustees are strictly bound by the trust deed which allows us to **'relieve either generally, or individually, those residents of the Parish who are considered to be in genuine need, or suffering hardship, or distress'**. It is interesting to look back and see that in 1867 the charity delivered coal to 70 families who were deemed to qualify.

However there are still people and families who are in genuine need and it is the trustees job to allocate funds to them.

They do of course rely on people applying for themselves or nominating others.

The Trustees would now like to hear from any person who feels that they, a neighbour, friend, or family member, might qualify for consideration for the 2023 distribution.

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Church Services**

Please note the varying times of the Benefice Services

**November**

**Sunday 5th 11.00am Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe (GE)**

**Sunday 12th 10.55am Remembrance Day Service (HS)**

**Sunday 19th 11.00am Holy Communion (GE)**

**Sunday 26th 11.00am St Nicholas Service (JT)**

**December**

**Sunday 3rd 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford (JT)**

**Sunday 10th 11.00am Holy Communion (GE)**

**Tuesday 12th 7.00 pm Traditional Carol Service (JT)**

**Sunday 17th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)**

**Sunday 24th 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton (JT)**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Family Communion (BF)**

**Sunday 31st 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)**

**Sundays (ZOOM) at 11.00am from Tadmarton**

**Meeting ID: 851 3086 9357**

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**Tuesdays in Tadmarton Church**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

**Rector: Vacant**

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**The Rev'd. David Pym (DP)**

**The Rev'd Glyn Evans (GE)**

**The Rev'd Brian Fairbank (BF)**

**The Rev'd Hazel Scarr (HS)**



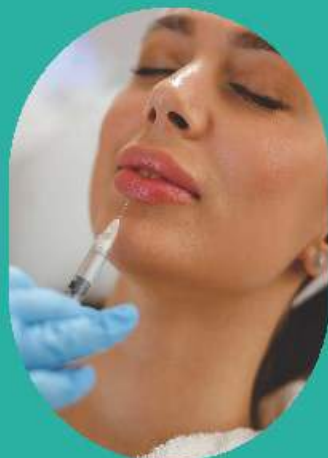


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Services for Swalcliffe Church for the next couple of months:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November – 11am Benefice Eucharist  
(The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance  
(The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 6.00pm Evensong  
(Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am Holy Communion  
(The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am Holy Communion  
(The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm Evensong with Carols  
(Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - 6.00pm Carols on the Green (and in church)

Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December – 11.00am Family Communion

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 9.30am BCP Matins  
(The Rev'd Dr David Pym)

In addition there will be Benefice Eucharists on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Shutford at 10.30am-11am, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at Tadmarton at 10.30am-11am and on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January at Sibford at 10.30am.



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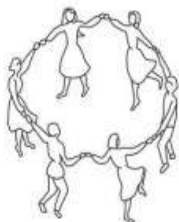


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## St Nicholas Church Tadmarton

Our Harvest Festival was held at the beginning of October , an evening service which was very well attended followed by the Harvest Supper in the village hall. The supper again was well attended with a very special guest Polly who cares for the homeless in Banbury. Tadmarton church regularly supports Polly throughout the year. This year we raised a magnificent £622 which was split between Polly and Banbury Foodbank. Thanks go to all who decorated the church so beautifully and also to Carrie from the Lampet Arms who at very short notice helped with the cooking due to illness. Very many thanks go to all who made the evening such a success.

At the end of October Linda and John Whitney celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary a wonderful time to celebrate with family and friends. Congratulations to them both.

The pudding club was held in the village hall which is a favourite with many people. A lovely evening which was way more than just eating a few puddings, well done to those who put in all that hard work. Proceeds were split between the church and the village hall.

Our annual remembrance service will be held at 10.55 on November 12<sup>th</sup>, time to remember all those who gave their lives for us.

November 26<sup>th</sup> is our special St Nicholas service and on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December is our Traditional Carol Service at 7pm, come and enjoy singing your favourite carols with the Benefice Choir.

During the next couple of months we make some important steps in finding a new vicar. Chris Dean and Maggie Stevens will speak for Tadmarton as the Benefice agrees a profile and advert to attract prospective candidates. They will form part of the team who ultimately interview short listed candidates early next year.

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### **An 'ELFY way to kick off Christmas**

Get festive, have fun and support our community this Christmas by signing up for our Santa Fun Run on Sunday 3 December. Join hundreds of stylish Santas taking part in our 1.5km or 5km fun run at Spiceball Park, Banbury. We ho ho hope you can join us! Tickets are available to buy on our website now! [www.khh.org.uk/santa](http://www.khh.org.uk/santa)

### **Remember a loved one**

We will be holding our annual Lights of Love event on Thursday 7 December at St Mary's Church, Banbury. We'd love you to join us for a special gathering where we come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Find out more [www.khh.org.uk/lights](http://www.khh.org.uk/lights).

### **That's tree-mendous**

We're bringing our brilliant Tree-cycle scheme back once again! So instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to collect and recycle your tree. Head to our website to find out more and check if your postcode is included in the scheme. [www.khh.org.uk/christmastree](http://www.khh.org.uk/christmastree)

### **Talking shop**

As well as raising vital funds for our hospice, our seven charity shops across the area help people to shop more sustainably. But we couldn't run our shops without a brilliant team of volunteers. Could you spare some time to volunteer at one of our shops? We desperately need help across all of our stores to make sure we can keep offering the same great service people have come to know and love. If you'd like to find out more about how you could volunteer in one of our shops, visit our website here: [www.khh.org.uk/volunteer-shops](http://www.khh.org.uk/volunteer-shops)

### **How does your garden grow?**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Open Garden this year and for helping to raise nearly £6,000! We're already starting to think about our Open Gardens for next year... Could you help us grow our scheme and sign up to host your own event? Why not encourage your neighbours to take part in a whole village event? If you'd like to find out more, visit [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens).

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5		1		9		13		4		14		20
9	21	13	3	7		9	25	7	9	1	11	
1				4		1				9		11
4	10	5	13	3	20		3	8	1	11	2	9
9		26				8		22				1
	18	8	22	10	5	20		8	17	10	5	7
8		1		5		20		24		6		21
26	9	21	13	1		5	20	9	2	9	20	20
4		5		4		26		11		26		7
3	8	22	22	9	26	9	11		16	8	22	20

**CODEWORDS**  
 are like crossword puzzles - but have no clues! Instead, every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number representing the same letter throughout the puzzle. All you have to do is decide which letter is represented by which number! To start you off, we reveal the codes for two or three letters. When you've filled in these letters throughout the puzzle, you'll have enough clues to start guessing words and discovering other letters.

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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The Autumn term has continued to be full of fun here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The children have particularly enjoyed being involved in the Big Apple Festival: it is always lovely to be involved in local community events. They created some beautiful artwork – some large scale pastel drawings, copies of which were displayed in the Village Hall, and some 15 minute observational drawings in their sketch books.

You can see examples of both here.



Children who attended the event said,  
 Martha: *"Neil Fletcher's stall was amazing. He painted the festival while it was happening. It looked really beautiful."*  
 Emily R: *"The inflatables were really fun. It was nice that they had one especially for the younger children."*  
 Euan: *"I liked the live music. It was appropriate for all ages and I liked that."*

Cecily: *"The stall, artwork and the scarecrows in the scarecrow trail were really amazing!"*

Esme: *"The apple pressing was good. The juice was really fresh and a very reasonable price!"*

Leo: *"I liked all the stalls. One sold really nice knitted things. I got a dangly dragon with a moustache. It's hanging on my door. The money from the stall went to charity, which was good."*

Please don't forget that we currently have a counter collection box in the Tesco store in Shipston on Stour. To vote, you need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction, which you can place in the collection box with our school project information on it. We are up against some deserving competition and could really do with your support. Our planned project is to develop the outdoor areas behind Oak and Willow classrooms as a pupil Wildlife and Science Garden to be used by all of the children.

We will be holding an Open Morning for parents of prospective reception parents (September 2024 intake) on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00. If you are planning to apply for a place for your child, or want to explore whether we might be the right school for your family, please do come along to meet the staff, ask questions and have a look around.

***"From little acorns... mighty oaks do grow"***

*To find out more about our wonderful, welcoming village school and the things that are going on in each class, please take some time to visit our school website at*

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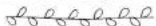
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The collection belonged to the mother of a local resident who explained: "When my mother passed away in 2020 during the first wave of Covid, she left me her collection of Christmas Teddy Bears.

Every year she would order one from each store, and they would be displayed on a special chair in her sitting room for the whole of the Christmas period. They were to be admired, and never played with!

She would have been very pleased to know they were going on to be enjoyed by other bear lovers and for such good causes".

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