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SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TADMARTON PARISH and IT'S HISTORY

MANOR

In the 10th century the land of the two Tadmartons formed a royal estate. In 956 King Edwy is reputed to have granted 10 hides of it to his thegn Beorhtnoth, 5 hides to another thegn Beorhtric, and another 5 hides to the *princeps* Beorhtnoth. (fn. 37) These 20 hides later came into the possession of Abingdon Abbey, who retained them until the Reformation. After the Conquest Abbot Aethelm was induced to grant the vill to Robert d'Oilly, Sheriff of Oxfordshire, but he subsequently regained possession in return for an annual rent of £10. (fn. 38) D'Oilly seems to have caused the abbey much trouble at this period, among other things taking possession of a meadow in Oxford which belonged to Tadmarton manor. He renounced his claim to the rent-charge on the manor, but did not restore the meadow. (fn. 39) His relatives continued to give trouble: in Henry I's reign Robert's brother and heir, Niel, was compelled, after a long dispute, to pay the customary rent (*gafof*) of 6d. for the meadow in Oxford. (fn. 40)

In 1086 the manor was still assessed at 20 hides, of which 5 were held of the abbey by an unnamed knight. (fn. 41) The latter's identity is uncertain, but in 1104 one Anskill and Robert his son exchanged the lands, church-houses, and meadows which they held of the abbey in Tadmarton for 1 hide of land in Chesterton (Warws.). (fn. 42) The deed states that the Tadmarton land was assessed for geld at 5 hides, and no doubt it was identical with the Domesday holding.

In Henry I's reign Simon le Despenser exchanged the lands which he held of the abbey in Berkshire for Tadmarton manor and 3½ hides at Garsington, to hold at a fee-farm rent of £15 a year. (fn. 43) There are no further references to the abbey directly exploiting land at Tadmarton and this grant probably covered the whole vill; its distance from the abbey's other Oxfordshire possessions probably explains its alienation at this early date. Simon le Despenser was a nephew of Reynold, Abbot of Abingdon. (fn. 44) In Stephen's reign Simon settled the manor on his daughter and her husband, Walter son of Hingham, to hold on the same terms as himself. Walter failed to pay the rent due to the abbey, so Abbot Ingulf seized the manor. (fn. 45) Owing to prevailing conditions his control does not appear to have been very effective. Both Walter and the Despensers gave trouble and, since its royal charters were said to 'profit it little or nothing', the abbey secured two bulls from Eugenius III in 1146 and 1152, confirming its possessions. (fn. 46) On the accession of Henry II a suit was begun before the king, between the abbey and Simon le Despenser's son, Thurstan, to whom the manor had reverted. (fn. 47) Although judgement was given in the abbey's favour, the Despenser family continued to hold land in Tadmarton until the end of the 13th century.

In 1284 Adam le Despenser proved his title to 4 houses and 2 yardlands there, held in chief, claiming descent through his brother Thurstan, who had died without issue. (fn. 48) In the following year he conveyed the property to the abbey. (fn. 49) At the same time the family were disposing of their other manors in the county. (fn. 50)

The fate of the manor after 1154 is not clear. In 1243 the whole vill was stated to be held in free alms by the abbey, but no tenants are named [\(fn. 51\)](#) and there is no entry in the Hundred Rolls. In 1284 the abbot unsuccessfully claimed, in addition to the manor, one knight's fee in Tadmarton formerly held by John Bret of Mollington in Cropredy. [\(fn. 52\)](#) The abbot also claimed free warren in virtue of a grant by Henry III. [\(fn. 53\)](#) In 1291 the abbey had £24 14s. 6d. in lands and rents in the village. [\(fn. 54\)](#) No further evidence is available before the 16th century, when the abbey farmed out the manor. [\(fn. 55\)](#) In 1538 Abingdon Abbey surrendered Tadmarton with its other manors, [\(fn. 56\)](#) and in the following year the king granted it to Sir Thomas Pope and others. [\(fn. 57\)](#)

By 1545 Pope had secured sole ownership. [\(fn. 58\)](#) He had already obtained much monastic property in north Oxfordshire. Tadmarton followed the descent of two of his estates, Ardley and Wigginton. [\(fn. 59\)](#) As in the case of Wigginton the proposed settlement on Trinity College, Oxford, did not take place and Tadmarton remained in the Pope family until sold after 1660 to Ambrose Holbech (d. 1662) of Mollington. [\(fn. 60\)](#) It then passed to Richard Brideoake who was lord of the manor in 1692. [\(fn. 61\)](#) The Brideoake family, who also held Wigginton, then held the manor until at least 1718 when Ralph Brideoake was returned as lord: [\(fn. 62\)](#) he was presumably the Ralph Brideoake who died in 1728 and was buried in the family vault. [\(fn. 63\)](#) Although another branch of the Brideoake family retained an interest in land in Tadmarton until the late 18th century, [\(fn. 64\)](#) the manor had passed by 1763 to Crescens Carter (fl. 1735–75), probably a kinsman of the George Carter (d. 1707) whose body was brought from London to be buried in the Brideoake vault and who was presumably related by marriage. [\(fn. 65\)](#) Crescens Carter was lord of the manor in 1775 but by 1785 it had passed to the Revd. Bartholomew Churchill of North Leigh who still held it in 1823. [\(fn. 66\)](#) In 1833 it was held by 3 men, perhaps trustees, i.e. John Dixon, Thomas Howard, and Jonathan Brundelt. [\(fn. 67\)](#) In 1839 it was bought by the trustees of John Charles MacDermot, of St. John's Wood, London, who was lord in 1852, but was not resident, the manor-house being used as a farm-house. [\(fn. 68\)](#) In 1892 the estate was put up for sale by order of the mortgagees, but only one farm was sold and the rest was either withdrawn or failed to reach the reserve. [\(fn. 69\)](#) MacDermot appeared as lord in 1895, when the manor-house was occupied by George Wade, [\(fn. 70\)](#) but thereafter manorial rights seem to have lapsed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Records of the manorial courts have with a few exceptions disappeared. (fn. 71) Of the vestry records the earliest to survive are the churchwardens' accounts of 1725. In the early 19th century the vestry met 7 or 8 times a year, but later it lost its importance and met only once a year to deal with church business. In the earlier period 5s. was allowed for beer at each meeting. (fn. 72)

It is clear from the churchwardens' accounts that they and the overseers worked closely together. On one occasion in 1729 the same men held both offices, (fn. 73) and, as in most parishes, the churchwardens were to a certain extent responsible for occasional relief and the relief of vagrants. They also shared with the overseers the responsibility for maintaining the fire-engine which Tadmarton shared with Swalcliffe; from 1771 onwards there are records of payments to Swalcliffe for cleaning and oiling it, and an annual contribution of 10s. was made. The churchwardens were conscientious in fulfilling their obligations under the 1598 statute to reward destroyers of vermin. (fn. 74)

Between 1725 and 1735 there was a town estate, worth £15 10s. a year, in the hands of six different persons; it was carefully administered in the time of the rector, Robert Harrison (1745–80), after which there is no further mention of it nor of the use to which it was put. (fn. 75)

One constable was chosen each year but certain men, like Richard Hartley or William Austin, served the office again and again. From c. 1790, in addition to his regular duties, the constable took over from the churchwardens the job of rewarding the catchers of vermin. In other ways Tadmarton's constable encroached on what was often the responsibility of churchwardens and overseers; in 1747, for instance, he paid for the inquest on and the burial of a pauper, and in 1752 it was the constable who gave 1s. to a travelling woman, suspected of having smallpox. Although his expenses were originally met by a constable's levy the account was settled in 1793 by the overseer and this became the regular practice. (fn. 76)

There were 2 surveyors at Tadmarton and their expenses were met either by levy or by the system of 'selling the highways'. The average annual expenditure on the maintenance of the roads was £9, but very large amounts could be spent on occasion: the expenses of the surveyors for 1775–8 for instance totalled £65, spent chiefly on labour and digging stones. In 1814 it was decided that the surveyors' accounts should be examined at a vestry and signed by the majority of the inhabitants. From 1825, however, the accounts were verified on oath by one man and allowed by the others. The surveyors' duties included provision of a town bull: in 1766, for instance, they hired Crescens Carter's bull for the season. (fn. 77)

By 1801 there were 2 overseers a year, one accounting from April to October, the other from October to April. The office was filled on a rota system but substitutes were allowed: in 1828 Edward Hawtin was paid £3 for doing the overseers' office for John Colegrove. This is probably the origin of payments of £2 10s. for a term of office, which became customary after 1829. The overseers' accounts were approved in the Easter vestry by the churchwardens and 2 others. They made all the usual payments and were in addition responsible for the carriage of the poor's coal and for making up any deficit in that account. They rented cottages for the use of the poor, and in 1806 were paying £17 a year for the lease of 20 cottages. The overseers engrossed many more than their original duties with the passage of time. By 1803, for instance, almost all the most important financial burdens were borne by them: they paid the constable's account and the vestry, and had taken over from the constable the responsibility for the militiamen; in 1804 the overseer paid out £5 bounty money. [\(fn. 78\)](#)

The cost of poor relief had risen steadily throughout the 18th century from £21 in 1725 to £72 in 1776, and to about £159 in 1784. [\(fn. 79\)](#) In 1801 20 persons were being regularly relieved and in 6 months £345 was spent. The overseers' office was much more burdensome at some seasons than at others; the bill for bread in the winter was usually double what it was in the summer and autumn. The roundsman system was working by 1801, although only one or two men were involved each week. By 1805, however, 8 men were on the rounds. At some date between 1808 and 1828 it was thought expedient to keep the 'round' account separately. In 1828 the system cost the parish from £3 to £4 a month, except in December when the cost rose to £12 12s., and in 1830 the 'round' account for the first half of the year came to £58. Medical charges for the poor cost a great deal and in 1802 one doctor's bill was nearly £8. Thereafter the overseers made bargains with doctors to treat the poor for a year at a fixed sum. Although in 1803 only 17 persons were being regularly relieved, by 1805 the number had more than doubled.

Henceforth the number of those relieved rarely fell below 30 and there were usually 5 men on the rounds. By 1830 there were 40 on the overseers' books, including 9 widows and at least 6 orphans. In 1831 Tadmerton spent about £740 on poor relief including the sums which now began to be paid to the unemployed. Even before the passing of the Poor Law Amendment Act, however, expenditure had begun to decline and the total for 1833–4 was under £533. The old system of relief continued to operate until May 1835 when the last entry under the old system was made. The total expenditure on relief in 1836 was £342; [\(fn. 80\)](#) by 1851–2 this had been reduced to £235, raised by a rate of 1s. 11½d. [\(fn. 81\)](#)

- [37.](#) *Chron. Abingdon* (Rolls Ser.), i. 191–9.
- [38.](#) *Ibid.* ii. 7.
- [39.](#) *Chron. Abingdon* (Rolls Ser.), ii. 12–15, 133; cf. Kennett, *Paroch. Antiq.* i. 97–98.
- [40.](#) *Chron. Abingdon* (Rolls Ser.), ii. 133.
- [41.](#) *V.C.H. Oxon.* i. 408. The abbey claimed that all the land had formerly belonged to its demesne: *ibid.*
- [42.](#) *Chron. Abingdon* (Rolls Ser.), ii. 136–7.
- [43.](#) *Ibid.* 166–8; cf. *V.C.H. Oxon.* v. 139. For the Despensers see J. H. Round, *King's Sergeants and Officers of State*, 190.
- [44.](#) Round, *King's Sergeants*, 189.
- [45.](#) *Chron. Abingdon* (Rolls Ser.), ii. 183.
- [46.](#) *Ibid.* 190, 192, 197.
- [47.](#) *Ibid.* 187.
- [48.](#) Bodl. MS. Lyell 15, f. 166v.
- [49.](#) *Fines Oxon.* 217–18.
- [50.](#) *Manors and Advowsons of Great Rollright* (O.R.S. ix), 78.
- [51.](#) *Bk. of Fees*, ii. 832.
- [52.](#) Bodl. MS. Lyell 15, f. 167.
- [53.](#) *Ibid.*
- [54.](#) *Tax. Eccl.* (Rec. Com.), 43.
- [55.](#) See p. 154.
- [56.](#) C.P. 25(2)/52/372/36; *Valor Eccl.* (Rec. Com.), ii. 163; *Dugdale Mon.* i. 530.
- [57.](#) *L. & P. Hen. VIII*, xiv, p. 588.
- [58.](#) *Ibid.* xx, p. 216.
- [59.](#) *V.C.H. Oxon.* vi. 10 and see p. 162.
- [60.](#) See p. 162.
- [61.](#) MS. Oxf. Dioc. c 456, f. 69.
- [62.](#) *Par. Colln.* iii. 304 and see p. 162.
- [63.](#) *Par. Rec.*, misc. notes.
- [64.](#) O.R.O., S. & F. colln. (uncat.).
- [65.](#) O.R.O., gamekprs' deps.; *Par. Rec.*, misc. notes.
- [66.](#) *Tadmarton Incl. Act*, 15 Geo. III, c 77 (priv. act); O.R.O., gamekprs' deps.
- [67.](#) O.R.O., gamekprs' deps.
- [68.](#) Gardner, *Dir. Oxon.* (1852).
- [69.](#) Bodl. G. A. Oxon. b 85b (56): *Sale cat.*
- [70.](#) *Kelly's Dir. Oxon.* (1895).
- [71.](#) For exceptions see p. 154.
- [72.](#) *Par. Rec.*, overseers' accts. 1801–11.
- [73.](#) *Ibid.*, chwdns' accts. 1725–1907.
- [74.](#) *Ibid.*
- [75.](#) *Ibid.*; MS. Oxf. Dioc. d 557.
- [76.](#) *Ibid.*, constable's accts. 1742–1820; overseers' accts. 1801–11.
- [77.](#) *Ibid.*, surveyors' accts. 1765–1836.
- [78.](#) *Ibid.*, overseers' accts. 1801–11, 1828–36.
- [79.](#) *Ibid.*, chwdns' accts.; *Poor Abstract*, 400–01.
- [80.](#) *2nd Rep. Poor Law Com.* 292–3.
- [81.](#) *Poor Law Unions*, 21.



Services for Swalcliffe Church in March and April

Sunday 12th March – 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 19th March – 4.30pm Mothers' Day family service
(Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 26th March – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Dr David Pym)

Easter Day 9th April – 6.00am First Communion of Easter
(The Rev'd Neil Bowler)
11.00am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)

Sunday 16th April - 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Neil Bowler)

Sunday 23rd April – 6.00pm BCP Evensong
(Jocelyn Merris LLM: Preacher The Rev'd Neil Bowler)

Sunday 30th April – 9.30am BCP Matins (Jocelyn Merris LLM)

There will also be a Benefice Eucharist and Procession of Palms on Palm Sunday, 2nd April, at Epwell at 10.15am. The next Benefice Eucharist will be at Swalcliffe Church on Sunday 7th May at 10.30am.

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The 'CRAFT CUP' for the most points in Section B (B1 – 7 only)
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The 'MEN'S COOKERY TRAY' for the best exhibit in Section B9
The 'HANDICRAFT CUP' for the best Handicraft/Painting in Section B8

Tea, coffee and cake will be available in the hall during the afternoon

SECTION A

1. 3 stems of large trumpet daffodils Div.1
2. 3 stems of large cupped daffodils Div.2
3. 3 stems of small cupped daffodils Div.3
4. 3 stems of double flowering daffodils Div.4
5. 3 stems of jonquilla daffodils Div.7
6. 3 stems of miniature daffodils
7. 3 stems of any type not listed above e.g. poeticus, species etc.
8. Single bloom of any type of daffodil
9. 3 tulips - one variety
10. Single bloom of any type of tulip
11. 3 stems of hyacinth
12. 3 stems of the same of any other bulb or corm *
13. 3 stems of polyanthus *
- 14.1 Bonsai * Any Colours
15. 3 stems of hellebore (orientalis type) *
16. Potted cactus – any size
17. Potted succulent – any size
18. Potted flowering plant not included above, up to and inc. 5” pot
19. Potted flowering plant not included above, over 5” pot
20. 5 stems of heather *
21. Potted foliage plant – any size
22. 3 stems of decorative shrub from one type *
23. 3 blooms of pansies *
24. 3 sticks of rhubarb

Note: Section A All potted plants **MUST** have been in your possession for at least six months.

FLORAL TROPHY

'A New Dawn' (Not to exceed 15" deep, 21" wide and 24" high)

NOTES: SECTION B Classes

PLEASE USE SIZE OF TIN STATED. Use jars that do not have wording on sides or lids. Label and date. Fill jars to top. **DO NOT USE WAX DISCS UNDER METAL SCREW TOPS.** Tarts should be removed from tin and displayed on a plate. Paper should be removed from bottom of cakes etc and **NO DOYLEYS PLEASE.**

SECTION B B1-7 FOR CRAFT CUP OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN

1. 1 jar Marmalade – 1lb approx. straight-sided jar
2. 1 jar Chutney – 1lb approx. straight-sided jar
3. Barabrith (own recipe)
4. Soda Bread(own recipe)
5. Lemon Shortbread (own recipe)
6. 3 Custard Tarts (own recipe)
7. A Floral Table arrangement suitable for a dinner party max. 12 inches overall.
8. A Hand-crafted Article/Painting (JUDGED FOR HANDICRAFT CUP)
9. Chocolate Cake (own recipe) (MEN'S COOKERY TRAY)

SECTION C - PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Animal Siblings
2. Flowing Water
3. Castles
4. Countryside

Note: Photographs not to exceed 5" x 7" and in the event of a tie, the Judge's decision will be final.

CHILDREN'S SECTION Non resident children welcome. Ages to be displayed.

- 5 and under A Vegetable Animal
 10 and under Garden in a Seed Tray
 14 and under 3 Chocolate Chip Cookies

RULES

1. All exhibitors shall be members of the Society or reside in the parishes of Swalcliffe or Tadmarton. Children's section open and entry is free in this category.
2. Entry forms and fees to be submitted on Thursday 30th March between 7pm and 9pm. to Lindsey Smith - 4, Old Glebe, Tadmarton (780698).

Telephone entries accepted. or e-mail to lindseysmith52@gmail.com.

ENTRY PRIOR TO SHOW DAY WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

Odd late entries may be accepted at the Hall up to 10.30am BUT NO LATER, on the day of the show. Each entry will be 15p prior to the show or 20p on the morning of the show. Please could you use your entry form which the committee are always happy to help with the completion of.

3. The hall is open from 9am on the day of the show for the reception of exhibits, which must be staged by 11am. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.** The hall will be closed to all but the committee at 11am prompt.
4. Exhibitors must stage articles for exhibition and competition. No vases or containers will be provided. The committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
5. No exhibit may be removed before 4pm.
6. Exhibitors may only exhibit one entry in any one class.
7. Points: All classes in Section 'A' and 'B' will be awarded as follows:
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Sunday 19th 11.00am Mothering Sunday Service (NB)
Sunday 26th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

APRIL

Sunday 2nd 10.15am Benefice Palm Sunday at Epwell (NB)
Friday 7th 2.00pm Good Friday Meditation (NB)
Sunday 9th 11.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion (NB)
Sunday 16h 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)
Sunday 23rd 11.00am All Age Family Service (NB)
Sunday 30th 11.00am Holy Communion (NB) Followed by APCM

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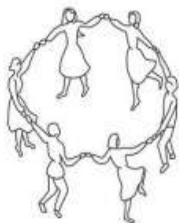
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At our meeting in March we will be welcoming Tom Duncan who will be telling us about:

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 Thursday 9th March 2023 – 7pm.
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Please note new time:

**We will be serving refreshments from
 7pm followed by the speakers at 7.30pm.**

Why not come and join us, we have a wide and varied range of topics and activities throughout the year and we welcome visitors and new members.

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We have continued with the World War Two learning focus here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School over the course of this half term, providing some exciting, immersive opportunities for the children in Oak Class to enrich their learning.

They spent a day at Holdenby House as evacuees where they learned about all sorts of war time experiences, including cooking with rationed ingredients and Make Do & Mend.



The learning fun continued back at school with children working collaboratively to make Anderson Shelters. They found out how these were structured and disguised and were very pleased with their finished models.

The children had a very interesting time when they visited ex-governor, Mr Fred Inns, who welcomed them to visit his real Anderson Shelter. As always, Fred took the time to talk with the children and share his extensive knowledge. They loved every minute of it and learned a lot. We can learn a lot from books and films but the experience of sitting inside a real Anderson Shelter is something the children will remember forever. Thank you so much, Fred, for inspiring the children in their learning journey.



Thanks also to our own Mrs Wright who worked so diligently to clear the raised beds, for and with the children, in preparation for their Digging for Victory afternoon.

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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Can you walk the walk?

Join us for this year's Moonlight Walk on Saturday 20 May and get ready to MOVIE! Choose from a six-mile or ten-mile walk and help us put the FUN into fundraising. From Darth Vader to Disney princesses, Mary Poppins to Marvel characters – the costume options are endless! So gather your crew, dress to impress and take part in our annual fundraising walk through Banbury to help raise vital funds for our hospice. www.khh.org.uk/moonlight

Rose to Remember

Remember a loved one at our special Rose to Remember event this June. Purchase your hand-crafted metal rose, designed especially for Katharine House Hospice, and dedicate it to the life and memory of someone special. The roses will form part of a stunning temporary installation at Sulgrave Manor for two weeks in June. We have a limited number of roses available, so visit our website for more information and to order yours today. www.khh.org.uk/rose-remember

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Can you help our hospice and take part in our Open Garden scheme this year? Whether you've taken part for us many times before or are just interested in finding out what it involves, then we'd love to hear from you! We are always so grateful to the green-fingered supporters who have made Open Gardens for Katharine House such a success over the years – and we hope it continues to grow. www.khh.org.uk/gardens

Three cheers for our volunteers

Could you spare some time – either on a regular basis or occasionally? We're looking to recruit volunteers across a number of areas, including: shop volunteers, gardeners, hospice companions, receptionists and patient drivers. Our volunteers are a vital part of Katharine House and we simply couldn't run the hospice without them. Find out more about how you can make a difference here: www.khh.org.uk/volunteering.

Shop from your sofa

As well as our six local shops we also have an eBay store selling a wide variety of items, ranging from men's and women's fashion, through to books and DVDs. So if you can't make it into one of our town centre shops, why not take a look online from the comfort of your own home? www.khh.org.uk/ebay
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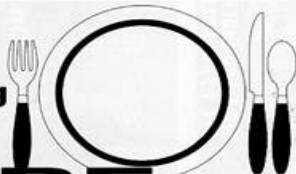


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Saturday 26th March 2023

TADDY LITTERPICK

Saturday March 24th
village hall at 9.30am

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VILLAGE LITTER PICK



Dear friends,

A number of years ago now, on one of my visits to a primary school in the parish where I trained to be a Priest I talked with the children about what Lent is.

At the end of the assembly one little girl in the youngest class, put her hand up, obviously very excited to ask me a question. She asked.

“Reverend Neil why didn’t Jesus get his mum to pack him a packed lunch so that he had something to eat in the wilderness?” Before I had time to reply she continued with a smile. **“My mum always packs my lunch every morning and she never forgets to put a milky way in. I’m sure Mary would have done the same had Jesus asked.”**

Lent is definitely a time that raises many questions for us.

Now one of the additional things I like to do each day during Lent, is to read for half an hour at breakfast.

One of my favourite authors is Henry Nouwen, who was a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. The book of his I read several years ago during Lent, was **The road to peace: writings on peace and justice** and a few lines have lived with me ever since.

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions.

Whether or not you will be observing Lent this year, these questions might be ones that might help us all in the journey of our lives, whoever we might be, and whatever we might or might not believe.

Love & prayers
Revd Neil

PS: Do you or someone you know need healing and/or reconciliation in your life? If so, why not come to the Healing & reconciliation service at Holy Trinity church, Sibford, **on Sunday 12th March 6pm.** The service will have times of music, the laying on of hands on a persons head as prayers are said for healing and anointing with oil that has been blessed by the Bishop of Oxford.

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Stratford (Mac Donalds)	0604	0732	0752	1017	1315	1638
Ettington	0618			1031		
Halford	0627			1040		
Alderminster			0805		1328	1651
Shipston (Garage)	0640	0821	0821	1053	1343	1713
Lower Brailes	0648	0829	0829	1101	1351	1723
Sibford Gower	0656	0836	0837	1109	1359	1731
Sibford Ferris	0657	0837	0838	1110	1400	1732
Swalcliffe church	0700	0839	0841	1113	1403	1735
Tadmarton Church	0701	0840	0843	1115	1405	1737
Lower Tadmarton	0704	0845	0845	1117	1407	1739
Broughton	0708	0849	0850	1121	1412	1744
Banbury Bus Station Bay 2	0718	0900	0900	1131	1422	1754
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Tadmarton church	1152	1156	1447	1447	1752	
Swalcliffe Church	1154	1158	1449	1449	1754	
Sibford Ferris	1157	1201	1452	1452	1757	
Sibford Gower	1158	1202	1453	1453	1758	
Lower Brailles	1207	1211	1502	1502	1808	
Shipston Garage	1216	1220	1511	1511	1818	
Halford	1228	1232		1523	1828	
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Stratford (Mac Donalds)	1246	1254	1602	1541	1847	

³⁶TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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Sunday 9th April 1.30pm to 4.30pm

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Golf Course Gardens 07867-560958

GARMENT ALTERATIONS AND CURTAINS MADE

Linda Morse—garments, curtains and blinds made 01295 720930

HOLIDAY LETS

Linda Lane—Cottage in Cornwall 01295 780242

Jane Fitzpatrick—Cottage in lower Tadmarton 01295 780451

Margaret 01295-720168

PAINTER & DECORATOR

C.A. Berger. Interior, Exterior Painting & Carpentry. 01295 738633

Mullins. Interior & Exterior. 01295 264117

Noah's Ark. Bespoke murals, Exterior & Interior decorating. 01295 811026

PR Handyman services help with your home 01295 722490

RTM Property Maintenance 07484 846630

OVEN CLEANING

Cookerburra Oven Cleaning Services – Banbury 01295 277789

PLUMBING & HEATING

David Butler plumbing and heating 01295 780668

PLT Plumbing all domestic plumbing 01295 368150

Adam Lawrence , ADROX 07540 850491

SCHOOLS

Sibford School. Independent co-educational 01295 781203

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary 01295 780270

Swalcliffe Park School for Boys with Autism 01295 780302

STOVES

Iron and Wood. Wood Burning stove centre. 01295 253916

Are you running your own business and thinking about advertising?

Why not consider our local link.

Anyone advertising in The Link will get a presence on our website with an optional direct link to their website or Facebook page.

There is also an option to only advertise in the directory for £10 per annum.

We Need You!



Do you like organising/helping with activities, crafts and games?

Working with small groups of young people?

Want to use your skills and develop new ones?

Can you spare 1.5 hours per week - does not need to be every week

If you said yes to any of these, then we need your help in preparing boys & girls aged from 6 to 14 with skills for life, whilst having fun!

1st Bloxham Scout Group needs helpers!

We can find a volunteering role to suit your time & skills and give you the training you need.

Established in 1910, Scouting has a long history in Bloxham. Make 2023 the year you come and join our friendly team of Scouting Leaders, Executive & Helpers, and our vibrant children.

Scouting has been proved to help build resilience and well-being, and you can help us make a difference for young people from Bloxham and the surrounding areas.

What's in it for you?

Fun!

Builds confidence and looks great on your CV

Can count as the service element for DoE Awards

Try new activities

Pass on your skills and knowledge

Have the opportunity to shape, encourage and inspire the next generation

Volunteering is proven to be beneficial for mental health & wellbeing

Contact us: 1stbloxhamscouting@gmail.com or Google "1* Bloxham Scout Group"

- Beavers (6-8 years) is currently not running because of a lack of volunteers – waiting list for children
- Cubs runs on Wednesdays – boys/girls aged 8 – 10.5 years, 6.30 – 7.45pm
- Scouts runs on Thursdays – boys/girls aged 10.5 – 14 years, 7 – 8.30pm
- meetings are at Bloxham Primary School
- more details on our website: Google – [1stBloxhamScoutGroup](https://www.1stBloxhamScoutGroup.org.uk)

March



Birthstone: Aquamarine
Flower: Daffodil

"A dry March and a wet May? Fill barns and bays with corn and hay." (Farmer's Almanac.)

"Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year." (Ogden Nash.)

April



Birthstone: Diamond
Flower: Daisy

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."
(William Shakespeare.)

"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year." (Mark Twain..)

Hi from Taddy St Nicholas Church.

Dates to remember: Mothering Sunday 19th March -Sunday Service.
Followed by refreshments in the Village Hall and there might be a few delicious surprises there?

On Tuesdays there is a Holy Communion Service at 10am followed by the weekly Coffee morning. Anyone across the Benefice is welcome to join us at our gathering which is getting larger and larger. Delicious cakes are baked by Shirley so don't miss out!

Our Lent Lunch takes place on Tuesday 7th March at 12.00 noon - 2.00pm. There won't be a coffee morning but come and join us for tasty soups, selection of artisan breads, cheese & biscuits and grapes followed by village hall splendid coffee and fruit cake. All donations for the homeless in Banbury run by Polly and the very important Food Bank at these difficult times for families.

Please come and join us, you will be most welcome.
We hope to invite Polly but that has yet to be confirmed.

There are plans on the horizon for another Pet Service, A Songs of Praise Service and a Summer sponsored walk. Money raised from the Sponsored walk will help with the upkeep of our beautiful St Nicholas Church.

This brings me round to saying.....what improvements have been achieved with lots of help from Rev Neil. Please come and venture along the Church yard and enjoy the beautiful snow drops and look forward to the daffodils that are peeping through the ground. Enter the Church if you wish and see our inviting space, you won't be disappointed.

Our Benefice Service was well attended and the choir was in top form. Rev John held the service which was enjoyed by all. Maggie continues to make our voices sound rather good playing the organ. Thanks Maggie we love you.

A big thanks to the Village Hall Committee for enabling us to enjoy our refreshments in such a warm inviting place.

Spring is on it's way and if you didn't have a Epiphany moment, enjoy a beautiful Spring moment.

Bye from us a Taddy Church.

What's on!

01-03-23 Taddy Matinee	P27	08-04-23 Egg Trail	P 15
04-03-23 Kids and Caffeine	P 2	09-04-23 Craft in Company	P 36
07-03-23 Computer club	P 36	15-04-23 Horti Spring Show	P 17
09-03-23 Horti Meeting	P 24	22-04-23 Kids and Caffeine	P 2
11-03-23 Kids and caffeine	P 2	28-04-23 Senior Lunch	P 36
12-03-23 Craft in Company	P 36	29.04.23 Kids and caffeine	P 2
18-03-23 Kids and Caffeine	P 2	29-04-23 Taddy Film Club	
24-03-23 Senior Lunch	P 36	02-05-23 Computer club	P 36
25-03-23 Kids and caffeine	P 2	03-05-23 Taddy Film Matinée	
25-03-23 Taddy Litter pick	P 33	06-05-23 Coronation Party	P 7
25-03-23 Taddy Film Club	P 29	13-05-23 Kids and Caffeine	P 2
29-03-23 Taddy Film Matinée	P 29	14-05-23 Craft in Company	P 36
01-04-23 Kids and Caffeine	P 2	20-05-23 Kids and Caffeine	P 2
04-04-23 Computer Club	P 36	26-05-23 Senior Lunch	P 36
08-04-23 Easter Spring walk	P 15	27-05-23 Kids and Caffeine	P 2
		09-09-23 Macmillan Coffee	P 7

May this season of new life...



...be filled with love and happiness!

New Fitness Class
at Tadmarton Village Hall

DANCE YOURSELF FIT

**Pop along on Monday evenings
7pm to 8pm**

The class is a combination of Line Dancing/
Ballroom/Latin Fitness and Aerobics
There will be virtual instructors on the big
screen. An informal and fun hour with
loud(ish) music and dimmed lights.

Suggested donation £2.50 per week.
This is a PAYG class on a first come first served basis

TADMARTON 250 CLUB

It's that time of year again, Taddy folk! If you had tickets for 2022/23, you will be contacted to see if you wish to purchase tickets for 2023/24.

If you missed out last year and would like to join in, then please give either Mery (780451) or Helen (780426) a call. Draws are held monthly – 61 prizes to be won throughout the year from £5 to £60!!

Tickets cost £6.00 per year

January 2023 Winners

149 – John Griffiths £15

26 – Liz Rawnsley £10

16 – June Birch £5

76 – John Wilson £5



February 2023 Winners

232 – Pam Dickenson £15

159 – Dave Whitney £10

50 – Mark Yeomans £5

26 – Liz Rawnsley £5



All Proceeds in aid of Tadmarton Village Hall Trust
THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!!!!!!