

The Link July/ August 2024

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



You might have spotted the Lower Tadmarton fingerpost back in its spot. 2 and a half years after it got knocked down by a hapless driver.

Well, what a journey it has been for the local councillors, who worked through buckets of frustration to get it back “on the road”.

No doubt they held their head in pure disbelief when the Lower Tadmarton “Gate” got knocked down within weeks of the fingerpost resurfacing.

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**Last copy date for the Sept/ Oct issue is the
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What's on!

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Local Bin Collection dates

July

02 General and food Waste
09 Recycle, Garden and Food
16 General and food Waste
23 Recycle, Garden and Food
30 General and food Waste

August

06 Recycle, Garden and Food
13 General and food Waste
20 Recycle, Garden and Food
27 General and food Waste

Batteries and small electrical appliances can be put out every week on top of your bins.
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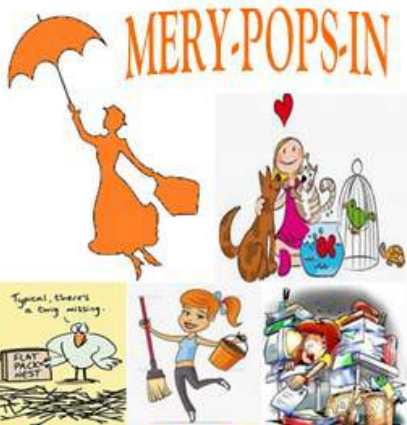


Outdoor Learning Fun: We are always trying to improve the learning environment for our children to keep it fresh, interesting and engaging. We have recently purchased some new outdoor equipment for our youngest children to support active play and turn-taking in their outdoor learning space. The equipment is a moveable balance trail which incorporates climbing slopes, beams and a tunnel with brightly coloured circular 'stained-windows' so the children can explore the changing light when they are inside. What great fun!



One of the highlights of our term has been a visit from the Wonderdome. This is a travelling planetarium, which fits neatly into our school hall. It accommodates a whole class of children at a time and the pupils climb inside to find out all about the night sky, our solar system, the history of space travel and some of the amazing things that can happen in zero gravity. The learning is presented through lightshows projected onto the interior of the dome with stunning visual effects that completely absorb them for the length of their workshop. It really is an amazing and memorable learning experience for the children, and one that supports many aspects of the WMAT curriculum. Huge thanks to our P.T.A for supporting with the costs of this.

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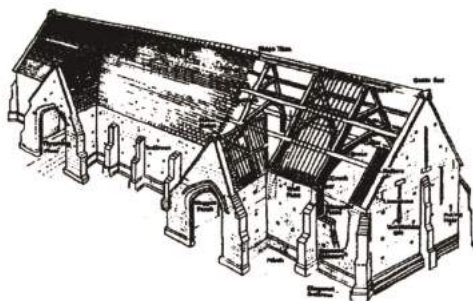
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BARN NEWS



The barn has got off to a good start this year with three special group openings yielding a total of 62 visitors contributing to a total of 91 visitors in May alone. We offer to include the church in our special openings, giving talks on the history of both places, and this is proving very popular.

The barn is opening on a shorter season this year because our volunteer numbers are fewer than usual, however we hope to address that later this year with a recruitment event as one of the special events detailed below.

Family Day at Swalcliffe Barn - Thursday 1st August, 10am-4pm

Join us at the magical Swalcliffe barn for some fun family-friendly activities. Museum Staff and volunteers will be there all day with activities that include:

- Make a model of Swalcliffe Barn
- Create your own hobby horse
- Colouring and wordsearches
- Create your own Roman pavement with real Roman tesserae with help from the Swalcliffe Society volunteers
- Tours of the barn throughout the day
- Find "Squeak" the Swalcliffe Mouse on the "Squeak Trail"
- I-Spy Trail
- Refreshments will be available all day for a small donation.

The barn will be open for exploration and as part of our new family friendly trails. You will also be able to meet some of our dedicated team of volunteers who keep the barn and local history alive and open.

Archaeology Day - Wednesday 21st August, 10am-4pm

Join us at Swalcliffe Barn to find out more about the exciting and intriguing local archaeology. Museum Staff and volunteers will be there all day with activities that include:

- **Finds Surgery:** Have *you found* an object in the ground that you would like identifying? If so Oxfordshire's Finds Liaison Officer, Ed Caswell, will be available throughout the day to identify your finds and to

provide guidance on whether your object might be useful to record with the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

- **Finds Handling:** Ed will also have a selection of objects from the Oxfordshire Museums handling collection.
- **Everyone welcome:** We will have a family-friendly activity and trail available.
- **Talks and tours** will be taking place at specific times throughout the day. Please book a place so we have an idea of numbers. This can be done via emailing handonheritage@oxfordshire.gov.uk and a form will be provided for booking. Drop in will also be possible to some of these talks depending on numbers.
- **A special homecoming:** The Roman sculpture of Rosmerta and Mercury, the most significant archaeological find from Swalcliffe, will be on view in Swalcliffe Barn for one day only.

The barn will be open for exploration. You will also be able to meet the wonderful volunteers who keep the barn open and who research local history. **Refreshments** will be available for a small donation.

Come and join the Volunteer Team - Saturday 12th October, 10am-4pm

Find out what volunteering at Swalcliffe Barn is all about.

Join us at the Barn to find out more about what volunteering means for such an important site and to the community. The Swalcliffe Society, Museum staff and volunteers will be there all day to share their experiences of volunteering at the barn.

Tours of the barn will be available, and you can chat to other volunteers about their experiences of volunteering. Discover why they think it is important to give their time to support opening the barn to visitors as they have done since 1991. **Refreshments** will be available for a small donation.

More Information

For more information on any of the above events:

Phone **01295 788127**

or email swalcliffe.barn@gmail.com

For **Archaeology Day** information and booking:

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Drop in and catch up

We're delighted to announce that Living Well's Family and Carer group, which had to pause during the refurb, has returning to the hospice. The relaxed drop-in sessions help people to share, socialise and reflect with others in a similar situation, while our team of specialists provide emotional, practical and financial advice. Sessions are open to anyone caring for someone with a life-limiting illness, and will run from 10am to 12 noon on the first Tuesday of every month. If you'd like to find out more, please email: pallcarelivingwell@ouh.nhs.uk.

Thanking our Friends

In 2023, our loyal regular donors helped our hospice by giving a total of £46,723. We couldn't achieve everything we do without them! To acknowledge this special commitment, we're changing our terminology and recognising our regular givers as **Friends of Katharine House**. A monthly gift – no matter how small – provides security and enables us to go on caring for local people living with a life-limiting illness, not just now but for many years to come. Could you become a Friend of Katharine House and support the work of the hospice with a regular gift? Find out more at www.khh.org.uk/friend.

Digging our Open Gardens

If you love spending time in the great outdoors, then don't miss out on our Open Garden events throughout the spring and summer months. We have some fabulous individual events as well as villages taking part and this year, we've also added some extra elements to make the events even more enjoyable! We have a super scavenger hunt sheet for little ones to keep them entertained while you wander. PLUS, a new Open Gardens raffle, exclusive to the events, with some incredible prizes. Find full details for all our current events at www.khh.org.uk/open-gardens.

The Accumulator Challenge returns

Do you have what it takes to compete with local businesses, schools, colleges and community groups to become the Ultimate Accumulator? From an initial £50 investment, how much can you raise between October 2024 and February 2025. Hurry – sign up before 21 July to boost your start-up fund by £25! www.khh.org.uk/accumulator

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Sunday 14th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sunday 21st 11.00am Holy Communion (HS)

Sunday 28th 11.00am Village Service (JT)

August

Sunday 4th 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford (JT)

Sunday 11th 11.00am Holy Communion (GE)

Sunday 18th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sunday 25th 11.00am Village Service Lay Led

**Tuesday 27th 7.30pm Installation of Emily Robottom Scott
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10.00 am HC

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Sunday 21st July – 6.00pm BCP Evensong
(Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 28th July – 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 11th August – 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)

Sunday 18th August – 6.00pm BCP Evensong
(The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 25th August – 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Dr David Pym)

In addition, there will be Benefice Eucharists :
at 10.30am on Sunday 7th July at Broughton and on Sunday 4th August
at Shutford, both led by the Rev'd Canon John Tattersall, and on Sun-
day 1st September at Epwell, led by our new Rector, the Rev'd Emily
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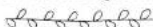
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Annexe	£ 15.00	£ 18.00
Main Hall and Annexe	£ 25.00	£ 35.00
Overnight 5pm-9am	£ 50.00	£ 75.00
Full Day Hire - up to 8hrs		
Main Hall	£ 50.00	£ 90.00
Annexe	£ 35.00	£ 60.00
Main hall and Annexe	£ 80.00	£ 120.00
Deposits		
Room Hire- Maximum	£ 300.00	
Equipment Hire Only	£ 10.00	

The Lower Tadmarton Finger Post Saga

Well its in! That's the first thing to say. After a 2 year absence, the finger post as shown magnificently on the front cover (photo by Sue Gibb) is finally back in place.

The story began back in 2022 when a young fella failed to negotiate the bend on the 5 ways triangle and ploughed straight through Mrs Lee's fence, taking with him the fingerpost. He was shaken but unharmed.

A special thanks to Mrs Lee for taking the initiative and securing the name address and insurance details of the driver, otherwise we are pretty sure the post would be history by now.

Also thanks to Mr and Mrs Gibb for retrieving and storing the broken post and fingers.

The PC then identified a specialist repair company called Leander Architectural based in the Derby area and personally couriered the broken bits up to the repairers.

From this point we held our breath as to whether a repair could take place on such a damaged and old fingerpost. But we have to say that Leander were exceptional in their communication and response. They sent photos of the repair process as it went along and confirmed that the majority would still be the original.

From this point to actually getting it back in the ground, meant some dogged determination by the PC and Clerk Christine Coles as all the purchase orders and agreements of who is paying who, and for what, were slowly brought together.

The fully restored post finally came back to the Highways depot in Deddington and was within touching distance. We even asked if we could install it ourselves, however as it doesn't belong to us, the answer was no.

Finally (and without notice) a Parish Councillor spotted men in orange jackets at the triangle digging! After an unconvincing conversation about what they had on their wagon, the Parish Councillor jumped on the wagon and rifled round to find the post. It looked so new, that initially they thought it was a fake plastic one. However they were quickly reassured when they found the delivery note and information from Leander Architectural attached. Phew, it was the original.

I think you can agree it looks magnificent!!!

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Hope to see you all



Party Packages



BRONZE PACKAGE

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- * Use of Tadmarton Village Hall for FOUR hours
- * A choice of FIVE of our toy boxes from across the range, plus ONE large item (list of available toys will be sent separately)
- * Craft essentials
- * Full use of all facilities including hi-fi, kitchen and car park
- * ONE helper to set up and pack away all the toys (using the first and last hours of your allocated time). You will be required to supply ONE additional helper.

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 You can view hall availability here: [Tadmarton Village Hall](#)

Swalcliffe Nature report

We are all likely aware that The Swalcliffe Parish Council took the environmentally supportive and innovative decision to continue the NO MOW MAY initiative this spring. The decision has been largely adhered to within Swalcliffe, though disappointingly Highways and County Councils adjoining the Parish and outside its area of control, continue, often, to mow and cut back roadside verges with the ruthlessness of latter day Vandals in classical times!

Why are roadside verges so important for wildlife? As well as designated wild areas, birds particularly need the security of uninterrupted, uncultivated, green corridors where they can travel and feed between their undisturbed habitats, unmolested from the hazards, to them, of human habitation, roads and managed farmland. This natural 'trunk road' resource is invaluable to sustain bird populations, particularly in summer for our insectivorous warbler and songbird migrants.

Swalcliffe's NO MOW MAY has been a great success adding to a notable improvement in our village's flora and fauna. An abundance of uncut *Cow Parsley*, *Forget-me-nots*, *Borage* and *Harebell*, together with other flora beyond my powers of identification, has increased the number of pollinating insects and as such, these insects as a food source, has led to an increase in Swalcliffe's avifauna. I have noted an upturn in insectivorous warbler numbers such as *Blackcap* and *Whitethroat* and even the more uncommon hedge hugging *Lesser Whitethroat*. Our *Chiffchaff* populations continue to thrive, though unfortunately, the once common *Willow Warbler* now seems to have disappeared from the woods of Swalcliffe.

For the second year running we have had a small flock of *Swifts*, screaming over the village like a squadron of Japanese zero fighters. Sadly there appears again to be the inexorable drop in *Swallow* and *House Martin* populations. While certainly this could be due to less suitable nesting sites across the UK, I am afraid netting in sub-Saharan Africa and along the North African coast prior to migratory birds crossing the Mediterranean, are major contributing factors to lower hirundine numbers in Swalcliffe, as elsewhere. We should all seek to provide new and not disturb existing, nesting sites for these vulnerable birds, wherever possible.

Ending on a more positive note, over the remainder of the summer, keep a look-out in the skies for the *Hobby*, a glorious little migratory falcon, swift shape, smaller than a *Kestrel*, with *Peregrine Falcon* like plumage and red haunches.

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Nicholas Carter

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May 2024

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Pilates - Wednesdays (Termly) 10am to 11am

Seniors Lunch Club - fourth Friday of the month 12.30pm

Kids & Caffeine - Saturdays 10am to 12 noon

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Film Club - last Saturday of the month at 7.30pm and following Wednesday at 1.30pm

SWALCLIFFE & TADMARTON
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Plant Sale on 6th May was a great success raising much needed funds to pay for the society's speakers and hall hire for the next 12 months.

We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who donated plants and cakes and to all who helped on the day - we do really appreciate it. A big thank you also to those of you who supported us by visiting during the afternoon.

If anyone bought Alison's lovely tomato plants, Alison would be pleased to have the square pots back - ready for next year!
Happy Growing!

The society will not be holding a Summer Show this year and there is no meeting in September so our next date on the calendar will be the AGM in October.

LINE DANCING IS GOING STRONG AT TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL !!

**Come and join in the fun on :
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No experience necessary , but a good sense of humour does help.

We use a variety of styles of music as well as incorporating different levels of dances so there is something for everyone.

The group is run by seasoned amateur Gwen Phipps (Who is excellent) and her apprentice Mery Wolke (who can do better).

PAYG £2.50 suggested donation per person to the Village Hall. (Age 16 and over welcome).

St Nicholas Church

We held our APCM on 21 April and I was reappointed as Churchwarden. Surprisingly I did not have to fight anyone off for the post! Indeed the same applied for the posts of treasurer and secretary which also remained with me. Luckily I do enjoy it.

We are very grateful to John Tattersall for the hard work he has put in while we undertook the process of choosing a new Vicar.



As most of you are aware we have now appointed Rev Emily Robottom Scott and she will be 'installed' on Tuesday 27 August at 7.30pm in Broughton Church. A warm welcome is extended to anyone in the parish to come along and meet her.

Just a reminder that the services on a Sunday are all broadcast on Zoom and anyone is welcome to join in wherever you are. I have joined from a Scottish isle while on holiday. It is particularly helpful to those less mobile parishioners not able to attend in person.

We are currently getting quotes to relay the church path leading from the village hall which has suddenly succumbed to cracking and tree root damage. A bit like our local roads!!

Chris Dean

Notes from the Editor

Thank you to everybody for your articles, if we could make sure they are in **A5 size/** format I would be very grateful.

I need to apologise for my editorial in the last Link. It has been brought to my attention that I could be perceived ageist, patronising and pitying. This was not my intention, I hope that those who felt this way will accept my apology.

There are 2 articles in this link with regards to nature, this warms my heart. Keep them coming.

I want to give a big shout out to those who make the most of our beautiful natural world and who work very hard to keep it alive for future generations. Thank you! Let me know how you are doing your bit...

And finally **DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE** the 4th of July.
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Stratford-upon-Avon, opp McDonalds	06:04	07:32 *x	10:17	13:15	16:38
Ettington, opp Rogers Lane	06:18		10:31		
Halford, opp Bridge Inn	06:27		10:40		
Tredington, adj Bus Shelter	06:31		10:44	13:35	17:02
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Shipston on Stour, opp Tesco Express	06:41	08:21	10:54	13:43	17:13
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Blackbird



Chaffinch

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Within seconds it told me I was hearing an Eurasian Blackcap, a bird I don't think I've ever seen. Although happy with that, I left the app running for about 10 mins whilst I finished hanging out the washing.

To my surprise, it identified a further 14 birds singing in the vicinity. They were.....

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What an amazing part of the world we live in, full of the most beautiful fauna and flora!!

Helen Yeomans



House sparrow



Blackcap



Swift



Great Tit



Wren



Goldfinch



Jay



Magpie



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27 September
25 October
22 November