

The Link Sept/Oct 2023



Photo supplied by Chris Dean .

Chris has written a piece about his fish tank which you can read on page 3

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www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk

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May I say a great big thank you to each and everyone of you.

I had the pleasure to be your postie for the last 29 years and the send off I had from you all at Swalcliffe / Lower and Upper Taddy was amazing.

My wife Karen and I were warmly touched by your many cards with kind words and messages, I have kept them all and will make a scrapbook with these for I have fond memories of everyone.

From my very first day I was made to feel welcome and many of you I now class as friends.

Thank you for the copious cups of tea, coffee/squash/water/cakes/biscuits/pheasants/etc/etc over the years.

Karen and I would like to thank you all for your warmth and generosity and thank you for supporting her when she did Tarot readings at Taddy fete in Daisy's caravan.

Thank you so much for all the gifts we have received and I have one more message, please take care, treat everyone how you would like to be treated, fond regards and I shall see you around the villages.

Kindest regards,
Pete

Fishy Pets

I have kept tropical fish since my teens, which is a long time! For years they were the freshwater variety and they moved with me from house to house, which was always a trauma involving plenty of buckets and plastic bags.

Since 2008 I have kept marine fish in various tanks, getting larger all the time. I had always thought that these would be difficult to keep but the technology and equipment has improved massively over that time.

My current tank is 5 feet long and 2.5 feet wide and is still settling in but the fish are really loving their new home.

I have Nemo who is my oldest fish. In fact she was the first fish I ever bought she is now 15 years old. Interestingly she started off as a male and changed sex 7 years ago. This also happened to another fish I kept and is quite common.

The tank has a reef made up of live rock and corals which the fish can hide away in. As you will know from the film, Nemo normally lives in an anemone but in my tank she lives in a soft coral as it is safer for the other fish.

My new tank, only set up in March, was to replace one that sprung a leak which was a bit nerve-racking. One of my corals had grown so big it took up half of my old tank and now resides in a large aquarium in the foyer of a bank in London. I am hoping to pay it a visit sometime.

The fish get fed twice a day on tiny frozen mysis shrimp. Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come down and see them, all ages welcome.

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I hope you all enjoyed primmy's holiday part one in the last issue of The Link.

Here is part 2.

We will continue Primmy's holiday for a few more issues.

We hope to get a photo of Primmy for our next issue.

Primmy's Holiday 11

Hello everybody me again I thought I'd bring you up to speed about my Cotswold holiday. I'm sure you'll be pleased to know things here have settled down and I'm now fully holding the reins.

Well my dears my big (and I mean big) news is that for the first time in my life I've been flying, fortunately not for long. Uncle Tim popped me outside in my walking clobber of a little coat and my harness whilst he put his boots on, suddenly I looked down on the lawn to see it was covered in a large shadow, fear overcame me and on looking up I realized I was overshadowed by a large bird (a buzzard) who was obviously seeing me as his next meal. The next thing was he grabbed my harness and I was speeding across the lawn at a height of about six feet, I barked loudly and the bird dropped me on the other side of the lawn. Very exciting!!! Thank goodness he grabbed my harness and not my back,

I've been wondering why Uncle Tim always sat in the same seat beside the fire, well I decided to check it out and it turned out it's the most comfortable seat in the house!! I have to be careful though as he shifts me out if I'm caught out. Grandma Gill is not too happy about the 2 pairs of her shoes and a pair of gloves I've chewed either.

Still having a lovely time LoL Primmy xx

An opportunity has arisen at the Tadmerton allotments with a plot becoming available. It is a well-established plot in good condition, and fellow allotment holders are a friendly bunch with practical advice to give a novice. So, if you are interested in growing your own food, getting out in nature and being a part of the group, please contact Christine Coles, Parish Clerk, 01295 276229 or tadmertonpc@btinternet.com



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Our thoughts are with Sue and the family.
Rest in peace John.

St. Nicholas, Tadmarton, Church Services

September

Sunday 3rd 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Broughton (JT)

Sunday 10th 11.00am Holy Communion (GE)

Sunday 17th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sunday 24th 11.00am Village Service Lay Led
(HARVEST FESTIVAL moved to 8th October)

October

Sunday 1st 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell (JT)

Sunday 8th 6.00pm Harvest Festival (JT)

Sunday 15th 11.00am Holy Communion (BF)

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Pet and Animal Service (JT)

Sunday 29th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

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Services in Swalcliffe Church for September and October:

Sunday 10th September – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)

Sunday 17th September – 6.00pm Harvest Festival (Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 24th September – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 8th October – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)

Sunday 15th October – 6.00pm BCP Evensong (Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 22nd October – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 29th October – 9.30am BCP Matins (Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Morning Prayer is normally said in the Church every Friday at 9am

In addition there will be Benefice Eucharist services on Sunday 3rd September at 10.30am at Broughton (led by the Rev'd Canon John Tattersall), on Sunday 1st October at 10.30am at Epwell (led by the Rev'd Canon John Tattersall) and on Sunday 5th November at 11am at Swalcliffe (led by the Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans).

The Harvest Supper will take place in the Village Hall at 7pm on Saturday 7th October – details and tickets will be available in due course on the village website - <https://www.swalcliffe.org/>



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The full list of dates and locations is provided below. The actual address and a specific time slot will be provided at time of booking:

September 2023

Monday 18 September – Oxford City
 Tuesday 19 September – South Oxfordshire
 Wednesday 20 September – Cherwell
 Thursday 21 September – West Oxfordshire
 Friday 22 September – Vale of White Horse

October 2023

Monday 2 October – Oxford City
 Tuesday 3 October – South Oxfordshire
 Wednesday 4 October – Cherwell
 Thursday 5 October – West Oxfordshire
 Friday 6 October – Vale of White Horse

Shelley Edwards, Senior Community Engagement Officer for Oxfordshire County Council's trading standards team, explains:

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Singing for the Soul

We're excited to launch an informal singing group starting September 2023 as part of our Living Well offering. Sessions are free and open to anyone with a life-limiting illness, their family members or those who have experienced bereavement within the last two years. No experience necessary and no auditions – just singing for the joy of it! Call 01295 228500 for more details and to register your interest.

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As part of our re-launched Accumulator Challenge, we're asking teams to grow £50 into as much money as they can between 16 October 2023 and 16 February 2024 – and we have just 20 spaces available. This is your chance to compete to be crowned the Ultimate Accumulator or win the coveted prize of the Ultimate Innovator! We're so excited for the return of this popular event and can't wait to see all the creativity and friendly competition in aid of Katharine House. Why not inject a little fun into the workplace, classroom or local community space and sign up to our Accumulator Challenge today? www.khh.org.uk/accumulator

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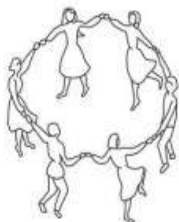


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June 2023

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104—Gail Miller £20

135—Diana Yardley £15

110—Lynne Vokes £10

54—David Field £10

184—Jonathan Irwin

99—David Morgan £5

92—Jackie Greenhalgh £5

225—Stephen Yeomans £5



July 2023

218—Magnus Grimmond
£15

194—John Whitney £10

54—David Field £5

126 M Durbin £5

August 2023

14 Kathryn Bolton £15

207—Angela Hadfield £10

55—Josh Lovesey £5

27—Carol Luke £5



SWALCLIFFE AND TADMARTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
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 Vegetables

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 3rd – Lyn Flowers

Langsat Bowl
 Most points in Section B
 Flowers

1st – Alison Saunders
 2nd – Lindsey Smith
 3rd – Louise Hillman

Asser Cup
 Most points in Section C
 Cookery

1st – Gail Duckworth
 2nd – Louise Hillman
 3rd – Alison Saunders

Malcolm Moodie Challenge Cup - Mike Hillman
 Best Exhibit in Section A

Judy King Salver - Malcolm Moodie
 Best Pot Plant

Arthur Robinson Cup - Raymond Sancroft Baker
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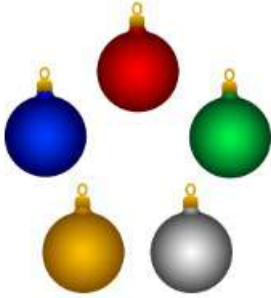
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October)

The class is a combination of Dancing 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

Sunday morning 13th August.....the day of our fundraising walk for St Nicholas Church. There are a few clouds in the sky, but we are feeling optimistic that the sun will shine by the time we start our six mile walk.

Angie planned and led our picturesque walk, starting at Sibford Church, where we had a special “send off” by Peter. He presented us with a packet of delicious biscuits to help us on our way. There was lots of chatter and Angie pointed out many features of interest. We finally finished at Taddy Church and got big congratulations from Carrie and Edith at the Lampet Arms.

Thank you so much to all the people that sponsored us.

The Harvest Supper has now been **changed** to the later date of the **8th of October**.

Please ignore the date advertised in the Aug/Sept Wykham News!

The menu is the same as last year, with tickets available from Shirley and Chris.

Proceeds to be shared between Polly for the Homeless, and St Frances Food Bank.

Our Tuesday morning Communion Service is continuing; thanks to all the retired Clergy. It is a pleasure meeting up once more. They kindly join us for our Village Hall coffee and cake morning. Great company for us and, might I say, for them too. The numbers are still growing and we all enjoy this little “get together”, with lots of chatter and joy. A big thanks to all the people who enable this to be such a success.

Thank you Gillian for the amazing Spring Clean in the church. It looks beautiful which brings me round to saying....the church is open all day, every day. So if anyone happens to pass through the church yard, you might be tempted to enter and enjoy the smell of potpourri, beautiful flower arrangements and the tranquillity just for a little while. It is like a medicine in this fast moving world.

Lindsey and Rolf held a superb afternoon tea in their garden and included a raffle, cake stall and plant stall. Thanks to them and their lots of jolly helpers, a great afternoon was had by all. A substantial amount of money was raised which was shared between the Village Hall and St Nicholas church.

Thank you Lindsey and Rolf for all your hard work.

Thank you also to the “special young Mums” in Taddy and helpers for reaching out in this village and other villages with “Kids and Caffeine”.

It is proving to be a great success. The homemade cakes donated for the Mums, Dads and helpers are yummy.

Enjoy the Autumn months and love and best wishes from us at St. Nicholas Church.

Codeword solution Sept/Oct 2023

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September Meeting

At our meeting on Thursday 14th September, we welcome Howard Drury from Ashwood Nurseries, who will be talking on; "A Garden for All Seasons".

(John Massey's Garden at Ashwood)

Hope to see you all there, Tadmarton VH.

7pm for refreshments followed by the speaker at 7.30pm.

A.G.M - October

On Thursday 12th October we will be holding our AGM followed by Cheese and Wine.

Tadmarton Village Hall – 7.30pm.

We hope to see you all at both meetings.

TADMARTON PUDDING CLUB

Saturday 14th October

Tadmarton Village Hall at 7 pm

Tickets cost £10

Children 12 years and over welcome -

Family discount available

Menu

Choice of 2 Soups

12 Puddings

all served with custard, cream or ice cream

Cheese & Biscuits

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Proceeds shared between Tadmarton Village Hall
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Have you got any events you want to see advertised in The Link.

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## Tadmarton V Swalcliffe Golf Challenge Report

As captain of the Tadmarton team I would like to say a big thank you to the Swalcliffe team for being such good sports and company on our golf challenge around: Feldon Valley Golf Course on 19 August.

The teams were as follows;  
in no particular order.

### **The Tadmarton Team:**

Chris Dean  
Tony Instone  
Jill Instone  
Gill Smith  
Nick Smith  
Geoff Flowers

### **The Swalcliffe Team:**

Peter Riordan  
Stuart Ralph  
Mike Taylor  
Barbara Taylor  
John McArthur  
David Spackman

Tadmarton prevailed and managed to retain the trophy. We only took the best 4 scores from each team to make it less dependent on players with less experience. The result was Tadmarton 143 and Swalcliffe 121 points.

Nick Smith won the individual prize with 39 points and the winner for Swalcliffe was John McArthur with 34. The nearest the pin competition was won by Tony Instone.

The longest drive was also won by Tony but I imposed a rule whereby no one could win 2 prizes so it went to David Spackman who was second longest (apologies to Gill Smith who might have won had we had VAR).

Well done to all the winners. Prizes were donated by Christopher Dean & Co,

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