### The Link Jan/Feb 2023

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



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#### <u>January</u>

Sunday 1st 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Sibford (NB)

Sunday 8th 11.00am Holy Communion (NB)

Sunday 15th11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sunday 22nd 11.00am All Age Family Service (NB)

Sunday 29th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

#### **February**

Sunday 5th 11.00am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton (JT)

Sunday 12th11.00am Holy Communion (NB)

Sunday 19th11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sunday 26th 11.00am All Age Family Service (NB)

#### <u>March</u>

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#### EDITORIAL BABBLE:

Welcome to the first bi-monthly 2023 edition of The Link. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and you are all geared up for the new year.

Can I just draw your attention to the change in copy date. This has been moved forward to the **15th** (yes up to 23:59)

We have a lot going on in the community and it is great that we have such support for the Village hall and its events. Taddy village hall has a steady schedule of events for children as well as adults and you are all very welcome (even if you are not from Tadmarton).

We have a new history series starting with the Jan/Feb issue (Page 7-10). The series looks at Tadmarton parish boundaries, Tadmarton Manor, Economy History, The church and Non Conformists. Taken from https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/oxon/vol9/pp150-159#fnn21 edited to suit our publication by Mark Yeomans.

Have you got anything you would lie to share with us or feel is of interest I am always looking for articles.

The Wykham Benefice is looking for volunteers to take on the delivery of the WB in Swalcliffe and Tadmarton. If you are looking to become healthier, walking is an excellent way and you can be help the community at the same time, interested? please contact Chris Dean on 01295 788104 or deanivy@aol.com.

There will be a foodbank collection on the 4th Feb, for more details see our full article on page 33

Should you have made the decision to volunteer in 2023 please consider helping out at your local village hall or as a Cornhill Companion.

Wishing you all a beautiful new year,

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# TADMARTON PARISH and IT'S HISTORY

Tadmarton lies 5 miles south-west of Banbury. (fn. 1) The ancient parish covered 2,070 a. in 1801 and there have been no subsequent boundary changes. (fn. 2) Some of the landmarks of an estate granted to Abingdon Abbey in the 10th century can still be recognized as the boundary marks of the modern parish: Haeslford is the ford by the present Hazelford Mill: the northern boundary still runs near Haeslburh, an earthwork east of the Shutford road, (fn. 3) Woh Burne is the Sor Brook; and Eald Ford may possibly be at Lower Tadmarton Mill where Abingdon Abbey had a fulling-mill at the turn of the 13th century. (fn. 4) The medieval custom of perambulating parish boundaries was kept up into the post-Reformation period, but in 1759 the rector complained that this custom had been long neglected. (fn. 5)

The greater part of the parish to the north and south of Upper and Lower Tadmarton lies at about 500 ft., but the land drops to 400 ft. along the stream beds and rises to 600 ft. on Tadmarton Heath in the south-west, and to 641 ft. in the centre of the Iron Age camp there. For the most part the landscape is one of undulating hills and heathland, but a couple of small copses were planted in the late 19th century, (fn. 6) and there are many elms and oaks in the post-inclosure hedges.

The parish lies on the Middle Lias or Lower Oolite strata. The land, composed of sand with a subsoil of limestone, is well-watered by streams, and there is even now much marsh. The upkeep of bridges has therefore been a constant burden. (fn. 7) In 1774, for example, £3 10s. was paid for the repair of the 'Town Bridge', and nearly £15 for Lower Tadmarton Bridge. (fn. 8) In 1866 the latter was pulled down and rebuilt with 3 arches. (fn. 9) The Town Bridge was recently rebuilt by the R.D.C. as the old bridge had been partially washed away. (fn. 10)

The chief road in the parish connects Swalcliffe with Bloxham and runs through Upper Tadmarton. Lower Tadmarton lies at the junction of this road with a road from Wigginton, which follows the line of a prehistoric track going from the Cotswolds through Tadmarton Camp to Northampton. Until well into the 19th century this route was used by Welsh drovers who could travel for over 100 miles without going through a toll-gate. (fn. 11) Eighteenth century records testify to the parish's activities in the repair of roads; as many as 22 labourers were engaged in 1768 in mending the highways. (fn. 12) Bridle roads were also important: one led in 1775 from Tadmarton Field by the ford into Bloxham Field, another from Tadmarton village to Lower Fulling Mill in Broughton, another from Lower Tadmarton to Milcombe. (fn. 13)

The area was settled early: an Iron-Age camp lies c.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile south-west of the village and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Madmarston Camp, which lies just outside the parish boundary. Two barrows once lying on the heath north-west of Tadmarton Camp have been totally destroyed. (fn. 14) East of the centre of the camp was a medieval well, known as Holy Well; nearby, human remains, a spear-head, and Roman coins have been found. A spring rises on the hillside there and runs into Lower Tadmarton. (fn. 15) In the 20th century part of the heath has been made into a golf course and Holywell Farm (dated 1783) has become the club house.

Upper Tadmarton village lies at a height of 400 ft., and its houses stretch for about ¼ mile along the main road. The church, the manor-house, the 'Lampet Arms', and the school form a nucleus in the north, while the pound and a group of farm-houses form another at the south and lower end. The hamlet of Lower Tadmarton is sited on a feeder of the Sor Brook about ¼ mile away; its farms and cottages are scattered except for a row of cottages and a farm near the mill. (fn. 16) The place name may derive from tademere tun, signifying the tun by the frog pool, but the early forms suggest that the second element was not mere but gemaer, signifying a boundary. (fn. 17) In either case it is likely that the ford was the original attraction for settlers, and Lower Tadmarton the earlier of the two settlements.

In the Middle Ages the two villages seem to have been among the smaller ones in the hundred. (fn. 18) In 1642 there were 77 subscribers to the Protestation Oath, (fn. 19) in 1738 there were said to be c. 30 families at Upper Tadmarton and 17 at Lower Tadmarton, and in 1750 the rector recorded 186 males and 153 females. (fn. 20) The number of houses in the parish rose sharply from 58 in 1768 to 80 or 90 in 1781. (fn. 21) The population increased from 387 in 1801 to 450 in 1851, the peak year. (fn. 22) In 1802 Upper Tadmarton had more than twice as many inhabitants as its hamlet. (fn. 23) By 1901 numbers were down to 301 but by 1961 had risen to 386. (fn. 24)

Both villages still retain much of their 16th- and 17th-century regional character, for many of the 26 houses listed for the Hearth Tax of 1665 survive. (fn. 25) Most are 2-storied structures of coursed ironstone rubble, sometimes with ashlar quoins; they have stone or later brick chimney stacks, casement windows, some with stone mullions and square labels, and thatched roofs. Some houses have large projecting bread-ovens or stair-cases. Several red-brick cottages with roofs of Welsh slate were put up in the 19th century and later. There has been much 20thcentury building in yellowish brick in the main street and at the Banbury end.

The manor-house, now used as a farm-house, never had a resident lord, and was probably always leased. (fn. 26) In the 17th century the Pargiters may have been the lessees. If so it was a house with 3 hearths in 1665 when there were two Robert Pargiters in the village, each assessed for the Hearth Tax on 3 hearths. (fn. 27) The present house is mainly early-18thcentury, when one wing was probably remodelled and the other new built, but in a traditional late17thcentury style. The stone and thatched barn belonging to this house is certainly the oldest structure in the village, and must have been built by Abingdon Abbey. With its arched brace tie-beams it is similar to the New College 14th-century barn at Swalcliffe, but its character and workmanship is more modest and is considered to be rather later in date. (fn. 28)

The Old Rectory was by far the largest house in Tadmarton in 1665, when it was assessed on 8 hearths. Ruinous in 1802–4, it was rebuilt in 1842 and was later described as a 'handsome modern structure'. (fn. 29) Nevertheless, it retains much of the earlier house at the back. Both parts are of coursed ironstone rubble; the older part was stone-slated while the new house was roofed with Welsh slates. A sundial on the stabling is dated 174 (?). The house was sold in 1946 and became a private house. (fn. 30)

A large house in Lower Tadmarton, probably identifiable with that assessed on 5 hearths in 1665, dates partly from the 17th century and still has 2 original stone mullioned windows with a square label; the northern half of the house must have been rebuilt after its destruction by fire in 1826. (fn. 31) It has a late-17th-century dovecot. Old Malthouse Cottage, perhaps the oldest surviving dwelling, is a 16th - or 17th-century building, originally having a singleroom plan of 1½ story, 2 rooms serving as a new hall and parlour. There was a cellar beneath the parlour. The house was modernized in 1954. (fn. 32) The 'Lampet Arms', which replaced the earlier 'Red Lion', (fn. 33) is a large red-brick Victorian structure named after Capt. W. L. Lampet, one of Tadmarton's principal landowners in the mid-19th

#### **Footnotes**

- 1. The following maps were used for this article: O.S. Map 25" Oxon. V. 14, 15, IX. 2, 3, 6, 7 (1st edn.); ibid. 6" Oxon. IX. (1st edn.); ibid. 1/25,000 SP 33 (1959), SP 43 (1957).
- 2. Census, 1801, 1961; O.S. Area Bk.
- 3. O.S. Map 25" Oxon. V. 14.
- 4. P.N. Oxon. (E.P.N.S.), ii. 407; Chron. Abingdon (Rolls Ser.), i. 192–3, 198. For the mill see p. 154.
- 5. MS. Oxf. Dioc. d 557.
- 6. O.S. Map 25" Oxon. IX. 6 (1st edn.).
- 7. O.R.O., Cal. Q. Sess. viii.
- 8. MS. Tadmarton Surveyors' accts. in Arkell's MS. Bk. *penes* Lord Saye and Sele, Broughton Castle.
- 9. Ibid.
- 10. Local information
- 11. Beesley, Hist. Banbury, 12.
- 12. MS. Surveyors' accts.
- 13. O.R.O., S. & F. colln. (uncat.).
- 14. V.C.H. Oxon. ii. 316-17, 347.
- 15. Ibid. i. 344, 372; O.S. Map 25" Oxon. IX. 6 (1st edn.).
- 16. O.S. Map 25" Oxon. IX. 2, 3.
- 17. P.N. Oxon. (E.P.N.S.), ii. 406.
- 18. See p. 189.
- 19. Protestation Ret. 48–9. Actually 80 names are listed but 3 are identical with the 3 preceding ones. As one of that group bears the unusual Christian name of Organ, it seems likely that all 3 were re-copied in error.
- 20. Secker's Visit.; Par. Rec., rector's census.
- 21. MS. Oxf. Dioc. d 560, c 327.
- 22. Census, 1801-51.
- 23. MS. Oxf. Dioc. d 567.
- 24. Census, 1901-61.
- 25. Hearth Tax Oxon. 146-7.
- 26. See p. 152.
- 27. Robert Pargiter, sen., was 'collector' of the Protestation returns in 1642: *Protestation Ret.* 48; *Hearth Tax Oxon.* 146–7.
- 28. Wood-Jones, Dom. Archit. Banbury Region, 22.
- 29. Hearth Tax Oxon. 146; MS. Oxf. Archd. Oxon. c 108, ff. 198–200; Gardner, *Dir. Oxon.* (1852).
- 30. Local information.
- 31. Hearth Tax Oxon. 146-7; MS. Dunkin, 439/1, p. 328.
- 32. Wood-Jones, op. cit. 64-67, 209-11.
- 33. O.R.O., victlrs' recogs.
- 34. Gardner, Dir. Oxon. (1852).
- 35. See pp. 158-9.
- 36. Gardner, Dir. Oxon. (1852).

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Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 9.30am Holy Communion (led by the Reverend Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 9.30am BCP Matins (led by Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am Holy Communion (led by the Reverend Neil Bowler)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 6.00pm BCP Evensong (led by Jocelyn Merris, LLM)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am Holy Communion (led by the Reverend Canon Glyn Evans)

In addition there will be Benefice Eucharists in Sibford at 10.30am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January (led by the Reverend Neil Bowler), in Tadmarton at 11.00am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February (led by the Reverend Canon John Tattersall), in Ewell on Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm with imposition of ashes (led by the Reverend Neil Bowler), and in Broughton at 11.00am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March (led by the Reverend Neil Bowler). Morning Prayer is said in the church every Friday at 9.00am.



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Seniors Lunch Club - every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. Contact Shirley on 780596 for details. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

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Computer Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Contact Pat Pierce on 722643 for details. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – NB: no Computer Club January.

Fancy a dance then come along to **Tadmarton Folk Dancing Club** – Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.45pm.

Kids Film Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – 3pm 14<sup>th</sup> January – Disney Z-O-M-B-I-E-S 11<sup>th</sup> February – High School Musical

Kids & Caffeine - last Saturday of the month 10 am - 12 noon.

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We welcomed the Benefice choir for the traditional carol service in December. The congregation and choir sang beautifully and the Rev Neil gave his thoughts on the Light (Jesus) being welcomed into a broken world at Christmas.

During December and the early part of January the nativity scene is on display as you walk or drive through the village. This is lit both day and night now that we use an LED bulb.

I know it seems a long time ago now but I am pleased to report that we were able to send £153 to the Royal British Legion from the Remembrance Sunday Service in November.

Thanks to Steve Kingsford for supplying the wooden crosses with photos of the fallen from Tadmarton.

The project to bring WiFi to the church took another step forward with the granting of permission from the church authorities.

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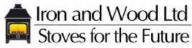
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I will start you off:

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#### 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.

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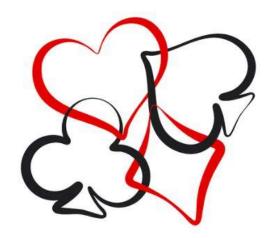
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# Swalcliffe Bridge Group



Do you play bridge? Have you played in the past, but are now slightly rusty and need to refresh your technique? Or perhaps you have never played, but would like to start....

Whatever your level of experience - or none- if you would like to play, do think about joining the Swalcliffe bridge group. We are a very friendly, informal group of players at very different levels, who play a light hearted game in "The Stag's Head" every Monday afternoon.

Expert tuition is on hand if required and tea and cake is provided. If you are interested, please phone Jenny Bell on 780129, or just turn up at "The Stag's Head" at 2.30 on any Monday afternoon.

Whatever your level, with or without a partner, you will be very welcome.

Jenny Bell
On behalf of the Swalcliffe bridge group

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Stratford (Nat West)	0602	0730		1015	1	
Stratford (Mac Donalds)	0604	0732	0752	1017	1315	1638
Ettington	0618			1031	1	
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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
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Lower Tadmarton	1150	1154	1445	1445	1750	
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	
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# **January**

Birthstone: Garnet Flower: Snowdrop



"New year—new verse, a new chapter, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours". (Alex Morritt.)

"January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow." (Sara Coleridge.)

# **February**

Birthstone: Amethyst Flower: Primrose



"In February there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret." (Patience Strong.)

"In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other." (Linda Ellerbee.)

#### **FOODBANK NEWS**

We will be collecting for the Banbury Foodbank on SATURDAY



We are looking for people who will be able to help with the collection and sorting on the day.

We are looking for:

Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables Including Potatoes

Tinned fish (variety not just sardines please)

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Biscuits, Deserts, Choclolates

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Be respectful when donating we do not hand out: OUT of DATE foods opened packs (unless individually wrapped) items or collect fresh or frozen foods due to the lack of suitable storage facilities.

We can collect winter clothing, (Coats, gloves, hats,) sleeping bags washed and in good condition

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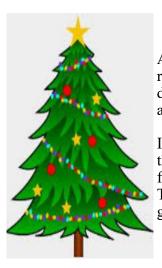
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### **FESTIVE FIESTA**

A big thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, donated tombola prizes and attended our Festive Fiesta.

It was lovely to see some many people enjoying the fabulous festive atmosphere.

The event was a great success, and we raised a grand total of £1,437 towards village hall funds.

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# Burns Supper

Sat 21st Jan 2023 - Swalcliffe Village Hall



## Join us for a traditional celebration in honour of Robbie Burns



7pm - 11pm

Menu
Cock-a-Leekie soup\*
Haggis\*, Neeps & Tatties
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Selection of cheese & biscuits

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Our past sessions have introduced and will continue to explore, the many skills which are listed here:

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Using the correct tools for the job Reading patterns and Helpful hints. How to use an overlocker Shirring, Angelina fibre

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