

# The Link October 2021

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



These five people raised about £2500 for the proposed Taddy church kitchen. They walked 8 country miles, climbed over dodgy stiles, encountered ponies and sheep, walked up hill and down, picked their way along uneven fields, got wet and did it all with good humour and a smile. Well done to all of them.

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Tadmarton Charity Fun Ride – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Having had weather warnings of torrential rain, high winds and thunderstorms, we were holding our breath for better weather – fortunately the inclement weather went through the day before – not so good for those of us putting the marquee up the evening before!

Our 10 mile route this year started at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, meandered its way over to Traitor's Ford, up Ditch Edge, along Begger's Lane, over a few footpaths, (thank you to The Epwell Trust, Basil Page and the Prickett family - especially Nigel for moving the donkeys!) to the Chandler's Arms at Epwell where a few drinks were had! Onward over the bridlepaths that cross Chillaway, Blenheim and Brakelands Farms and back to Swalcliffe for a spin around the Cross-Country course. There was a shorter route branching off from Ditch Edge, through Sibford and back to Swalcliffe Park Equestrian.

The day ran exceptionally smoothly, sadly numbers were slightly down on previous years, however, those that did the ride were extremely happy and commented how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the country, with such amazing riding.

After expenses, we have been able to send £1500 to each of our charities, namely Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Frank Wise School. We have now raised over £74,000 in total over the past 25 years.

Many thanks to the farmers and land owners who allow us to cross their land that is not usually ridden; this also makes the ride extra special for our local participants. We're so grateful to those who moved their stock, it is much appreciated; it enables us to leave the gates open which makes the ride all the more enjoyable and also means we need less volunteers. This year's ride had 31 gates and all but two were able to be left open!

As always, a special thank you to Swalcliffe Park Equestrian for the ongoing use of their Cross-Country course.

Thank you to Josh & Daisy for the tables and chairs, also Geoff and Lyn for tables and catering equipment and anyone else who helped in any way.

My own personal thanks must go to the liveries and friends at High Meadow Livery, whether they rode the ride, marshalled, donated or baked a cake. The ride would not happen without them. Special thanks to Nicky who again took a week off work to waymark the route with me.

Roll on 2022!

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Please see<sup>6</sup> below. If you have good camera skills, and you have the opportunity to take some good shots, feel free to email them to me for the November issue of The link.

Don't forget this event will be televised so it is the perfect opportunity to show the world what a wonderful place we live in. Encouraging banners (Safely off road) and clean streets/roads look good.

**(1.20pm)** - A4260 Oxford Road, A4260 New Street, B4031 Hempton Road to Hempton - B4031 Steepness Hill, to Barford St Michael - B4031 Iron Down Hill, to Chipping Norton - A361 Banbury Road, to South Newington - A361 Hawthorn Hill, Church Street, High Street, to Milcombe - Bloxham Road, Main Road, unnamed Road, Station Road to Wigginton - Hook Norton Road to Hook Norton - Station Road, Hook Norton Road, East End, Chapel Street, Sibford Road, to Sibford Ferris  
**(2.00pm)** - Hook Norton Road, Woodway Road, Main Street, to Swalcliffe - unnamed road, to Upper Tadmarton - B4035 Swalcliffe Road, B4035 Main Street, to Lower Tadmarton - B4035 to Broughton  
**(1.15pm)** - B4035 Main Road to Banbury - B4035 Broughton Road, West Bar Street, A361 South Bar Street, Bloxham Road to Bloxham  
**(2.15 – 3.00pm)** - A361 Banbury Road, High Street, Church Street, South Newington Road to Banbury

Banbury closures from approx. 1.30pm to 6pm (No Waiting or Loading) B4035 Broughton Road from Beargarden Road to A361 (Banbury Cross roundabout), West Bar Street, A361 South Bar Street, Bloxham Road, A361 Banbury Road, High Street (from junction with Calthorpe Street & Horsefair), Calthorpe Street from the A361 to a point approx. 167m Northeast of this junction, Dashwood Road from the A361 to a point approx. 122m East of this junction, (finish restrictions) St Johns Road from the A361 to a point approx. 77m east of this junction, North Bar Street & Horsefair, Broughton Rd, North Bar. Banbury 8am-6pm (No Waiting & Loading) B4035 Broughton Road from Beargarden Road to A361 (Banbury Cross roundabout), Beargarden Rd, Banbury Closures 4am – 6pm South Bar St, West Bar St, Calthorpe St from A361 to Farmfoods access road (as race timings), St John's Rd from Lucky Lane to South Bar St, Dashwood Road at exit onto South Bar St, High Street westbound (from junction with Calthorpe Street to A361 South Bar St) Banbury (additional restrictions): One way suspension (to allow 2 way traffic)

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### **Swalcliffe Village Clock Raffle!**

Draw number 5 took place at 12 noon on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August and the winning minute was ...

**6**

Congratulations to Linda Lane of Swalcliffe.

The next draw will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Swalcliffe Village Clock Raffle!**

The 6<sup>th</sup> and final draw took place at Swalcliffe Village Get Together on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August and the winning minute was ...

**1**

Congratulations to Maggie & Jonathan Irwin of Tadmarton.

Thank you once again to everyone who joined in the raffle and contributed toward the repair and maintenance of the Village Clock!

### **2022 SWALCLIFFE CALENDAR**

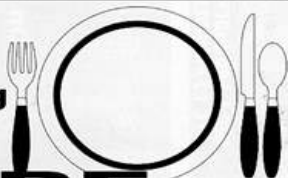
Work is under way to produce this 'must have' calendar. It will be A3 size with stunning photography on the top half, and a user-friendly date grid to record your busy lives on the bottom half, hung on the wall with a wire bound hook. To have an idea of the print run required it would be enormously helpful to have some advance orders, which would also guarantee you not being disappointed if we sell out. I'll be taking orders at the Harvest Supper on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October or contact me before. At £10 a copy it will be an ideal Christmas present for friends and family. Profits will go to a local charity.

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am Holy Communion  
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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – 6.00pm Harvest Festival  
(Rev'd Neil Bowler)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am Holy Communion  
(Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 6.00pm Evening Worship  
(Rev'd Neil Bowler)

In addition there will be Benefice Eucharists at 10am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Tadmerton (led by the Rev'd Neil Bowler) and at 10am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at Broughton (led by the Rev'd Canon John Tattersall).

There will be a Harvest Supper in The Village Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October and a concert by the Brackley Wind Ensemble in the Church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. For tickets please see the village website <https://www.swalcliffe.org/>

# **CHRISTMAS MARKET SAVE THE DATE**

**Yes, the  
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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Village Service (lay led)**  
**Sunday 31st 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)**

**November**

**Sunday 7th 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Broughton (JT)**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.55am Remembrance Service (DP)**

**Zoom Services until further notice, for joining instructions please refer to the Benefice web site [www.wykehambenefice.org.uk](http://www.wykehambenefice.org.uk) and The Rector or The Rev'd John Tattersall**

**Sundays (ZOOM) 6.00pm New look Benefice Evening Worship (NB)**  
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**Wednesdays (ZOOM) 6.00pm Benefice Evening prayer service (NB)**

**Tuesdays in Tadmarton Church 9.00am Morning Prayers (NB)**  
**10.00 am HC (NB)**

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# FROM the ARCHIVES

## GRANGE FARM, A ROMAN CROSSROADS

If we leave Swalcliffe village and travel South along Park Lane, we will soon find ourselves at what appears to be a T-junction where Park Lane meets Grange Lane, with the Grange Farm farmhouse in front of us. However, looking to the left of the farmhouse, we will see that the road continues past Grange Farm, down to the Common and Bacon Farm, and on towards Hook Norton and beyond. We are not at a T-junction, but a crossroads of great antiquity. One of the two roads that cross here is known to be a Roman-engineered road and the other is almost certainly a very ancient trackway that was subsequently adopted by the Romans.

First of all let's think about what we mean by "Roman road". The phrase easily invokes thoughts of the long, straight military roads that cross the country with a real sense of purpose. Most of these straight roads were completely new, built by the Romans early in their occupation. Swalcliffe is right at the centre of a triangle of such roads with the Fosseway to the West, Akeman Street to the South and Watling Street to the East. These join the major Roman towns of Corinium (Cirencester), Venonis (Towcester) and Verulamium (St Albans), often with intermediate forts and settlements (e.g. Chesterton). These roads were part of an extensive network of military, trade and supply routes supporting the Roman military occupation.

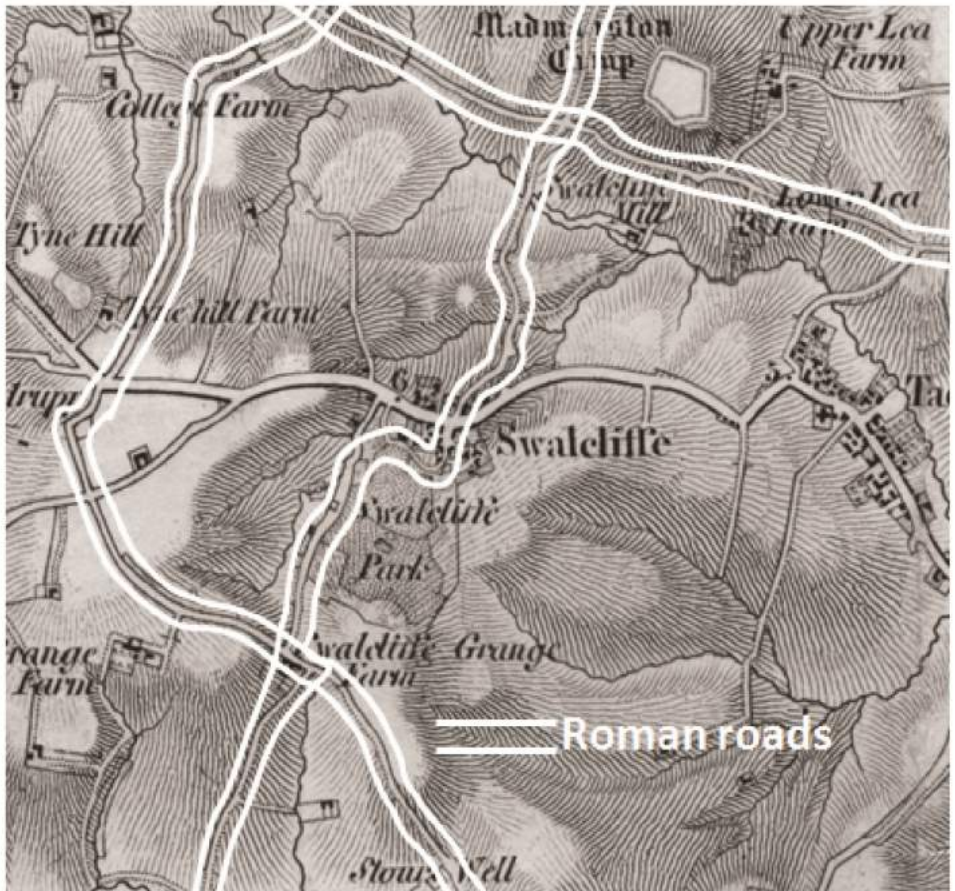
But minor roads were important too. The Roman settlement at Swalcliffe Lea appears to have been initially one of residential and farming use, rather than a military site, but evolved later into one of industry. It too required access and transport and was served by a network of local roads, many of which are traceable or even still in use today. These roads rarely run dead-straight like the military roads, but cross the landscape in a curving though purposeful way and Swalcliffe is surrounded by a network of such ancient minor roads.

Interest in tracing Roman roads began in the "antiquarian" era and research continues strongly today aided by modern remote sensing methods. In recent times our understanding of Roman roads in this region was improved considerably using a diverse mixture of historical sources, not least Anglo-Saxon charters, Roman "itineraries", and numerous site visits. Of particular interest are I.D. Margary's seminal work published in 1955 [FN1] with a 3<sup>rd</sup> edition in 1973 and Mrs. V. Wickham-Steed's study of Roman roads in the Banbury area published in 1964 [FN2].

Margary identified a Roman road going North from Swalcliffe, naming it M561, and described its route to Warmington which "*shows evidence of skilful planning in face of difficult country, with turns to suit the ground*" [FN3]. Wickham Steed [FN2] identified its route South of Swalcliffe thus "*Another entirely engineered road takes a short cut from Over Norton to Warmington, going by Hook Norton, Nill Farm, Swalcliffe Grange (where it is 10 foot wide), Swalcliffe Park, Shutford, Balscot, Hornton (where it is pack-horse width) and, at the edge of the hill beyond, it takes a sharp turn and goes straight to Warmington. The curious curves and angles are evidence of skilful planning across difficult country*". This road is of particular interest because it approaches Swalcliffe past Bacon Farm and the Common, via a ford crossing a tributary of the River Stour, to meet the crossroads at Grange Farm. It then continues along Park Lane into Swalcliffe Park and appears to go straight through the centre of the village, leaving it by Green Lane.

The road that it crosses at Grange Farm is another Roman road coming from Wigginton on Tadmarton Heath via the “prairie” and Stour Well, passing by Swalcliffe as Grange Lane, but this route is very obviously much older than the Romans. Wickham Steed described the route South of Swalcliffe in terms of networks of ancient “ridgeways” on the high ridges to the South of Swalcliffe now referred to generally as The Jurassic Way and another network of ancient ways in the same general direction known as The Port Way. Together these represent very ancient North-South trade routes. From the main ridge to the South of Swalcliffe there are numerous branch ridges carrying trackways. These join other ridges, sometimes crossing river valleys via easy river fords, and one these branch roads passes through Swalcliffe as Grange Lane. North of Swalcliffe this road crosses the Turnpike at Tyne Hill going to Edgehill whence it curves round by Nadbury Camp to descend by Hanwell, Drayton and Crouch Hill to Twyford and Nell Bridge. The whole of this route still has roads or trackways on it.

Studying old maps can provide clues to the routes of these old routes, and the 1833 Ordnance Survey map of Banbury and Swalcliffe (Figure 1) is no exception since it shows both of the Roman routes just described. It has long been known that the main roads through Swalcliffe have been significantly altered over time and this took place in three main phases.



**FIGURE 1: 1833 OS Map (Author’s collection) showing main Roman roads**





The Square. This route is clearly shown on the 1833 OS Map (Figure 3) and is most likely the route of the engineered Roman road M561.

Having built his lovely new Vicarage, Revd. Payne provided it with a new driveway made through a deep stone cutting to join the turnpike alongside Stratford Lodge. This severed the old route of Green Lane and its Roman road which he then re-routed to come straight up through what was previously the village stone quarry to the main road, thereby creating the route we know today.

**Figure 3 (right)**  
**Swalcliffe centre in 1833**  
**showing the old roads**



This had several advantages: firstly, Payne was no longer inconvenienced by a main road through his new garden; secondly, it eliminated a particularly steep bit of road at the top of Green Lane, to the benefit of all; and thirdly it made room for improved housing and a school.

Having closed the old road, he demolished the old hovels on the main road, replacing them with The Bank, and built the Schoolhouse, thereby creating the road layout and buildings we know today. As a consequence of this, the occupants of The Bank, complaining that digging in their gardens always turns up huge amounts of stone, might actually be digging up the remnants of a Roman road !!

The 1833 map (Figure 1) shows us that the Roman road M561, having continued down Green Lane, did not turn right at the bottom towards the mill and Lower Lea as the present road does, but went northwards up what is still a farm track, crossing another Roman road going East-West across the Lea at yet another Roman Crossroads. It then passed to the West of Madmarston Hill and onwards via Shutford to Warmington. The road it crosses on the Lea is well known as a Roman road but perhaps its importance is not fully appreciated. Margery knew it as M56a, in places it is 21 feet wide, equal to the Fosseway, and it continues Eastwards to link with the newly discovered huge Roman Villa at Broughton, now the subject of a Time Team dig. Numerous minor Roman roads cross and serve Swalcliffe Lea which helps to explain the development of so large a Roman settlement here. This area is beginning to seem like an important place in Roman times.

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## FOOTNOTES

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- [4] Banbury, Brailes, and Shipston turnpike was created in 1802 by act of George 3<sup>rd</sup> (42 Geo.3. c.xxxviii) and amended in 1824 by act of George 4<sup>th</sup> (4 Geo.4. c.cv.)

If you have or find anything of local interest the Swalcliffe Society would love to add it to our archive.

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Sibford School is an independent co-educational day and boarding school that welcomes pupils from the age of 3-18

## Explore Sibford School at a Whole School Open Event

**Don't miss your chance to attend a Sibford School open morning on Friday 12th November. Our other Autumn open events are now fully booked so book your place today.**

This event will offer the opportunity to talk to staff, meet current parents and take a tour of the school with student guides.

Toby explains 'At Sibford we value holistic education where the happiness and well-being of pupils is paramount. We encourage pupils to live adventurously and foster resilience and we look for the unique talents in every individual that comes to the school.'

'If you are interested in entry for September 2022 or before, we encourage you to come along and learn more about what we offer here at Sibford. We also have scholarships and bursaries available.'

Sibford School is a co-educational independent day and boarding school set on a 50-acre campus that offers a junior school, senior school and separate Sixth Form, as well as its own forest school, a state-of-the-art climbing wall and 25 metre swimming pool.

The School offers a gifted and talented programme for the most able pupils, a wide range of sporting opportunities and an excellent support for learning department to support those students with additional learning requirements. Scholarships and bursaries are also available.

Year 7 entry days for a September 2022 start will take place in January 2022, so don't miss out and book your place today online at [www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events](http://www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events), or call Elspeth Dyer, Admissions Officer on 01295 781 203.

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We may be most of the way through the year, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved and events to enjoy. Your support helps us to make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Below is news of just some of what's coming up in the next few months.

### **Make a Will Fortnight – 4-15 October**

Our Make a Will event is back and this time it's running for two weeks. Between 4-15 October, a number of local solicitors have very generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will, and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. Check our website for a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment.

### **Blenheim 7k Fun Run – 10 October**

On 10 October, why not run, jog or simply take in the spectacular scenery at Blenheim Palace and raise money for Katharine House at the same time? To find out more about the event and how you can get a 20% discount on entry fee when fundraising for us, visit our website.

### **Oxford Half Marathon – 17 October**

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon and represent Katharine House! Challenge yourself to complete the 13.1-mile route through the beautiful city of Oxford.

### **Care for a Curry**

From korma to keema, biryani to balti – whatever your favourite curry, there's never been a better time to get some friends together for a great cause. This autumn, why not host a #CareForACurry event and help raise money for Katharine House? Simply pick a date, get some friends and family together and enjoy! It's a simple and tasty way to raise money for Katharine House.

### **Santa Fun Run – 5 December**

If you thought that Santa's elves worked hard, you should see our fundraising team in the run-up to Christmas. December may feel far away, but we're already planning how to make our next Santa Fun Run the best one yet.

The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Get the date in your diary and don't forget to let your friends and family know!

### **Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice**

Please sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with what's happening at Katharine House Hospice, including news of our fundraising events and developments at the hospice.

### **Follow us on social media**

For the most up-to-date stories, news and events, you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

### **Find out more**

Head to our website to find out more about all these events and news:

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# Children's Activities

## At Tadmarton Village Hall

### Kids Film Club

Join us every 2nd Saturday of the month at **3pm** and settle down and enjoy a movie on our BIG screen. Refreshments available.

9<sup>th</sup> October – **The Greatest Showman**

13<sup>th</sup> November – **Peter Rabbit 2**

11<sup>th</sup> December – **Santa Paws**

### Kids and Caffeine

We welcome you on the last Saturday of every month from **10am-12noon** to enjoy tea and cake with fellow families. Plenty of toys and activities to entertain children from 0 – 12 years.

**\*30<sup>th</sup> October**

**\*27<sup>th</sup> November**

For more info call

Gemma 07872596603 or Carla 07749100398



# Swalcliffe Harvest Supper

Saturday 30 October 2021  
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and recommend, as this is an indoor event,  
that you may wish to take a lateral flow test on the day.





It is so lovely to be back at school with no bubbles in place and the children able to eat, play and celebrate assemblies together. These simple things make such a difference and really contribute to what it means to be a school.

The children have settled quickly into the new term, whether their teachers are familiar or knew to them, and school feels a very happy place to be.

Staff in the new EYFS Unit have welcomed our first nursery children too. They are an absolute delight and we look forward to welcoming more nursery children across the school year. Our next admission point is the beginning of the Spring

Term for children who have reached the age of three. For more information about this facility, and how to apply for a place, please look on our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/nursery-provision.html> or call the school office during term time.



Weeding is fun with Mrs Evans!



Exploring water in the outdoor area



Playing in the 'mud kitchen'



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A photograph of a modern kitchen interior. The kitchen features dark wood cabinetry, a window with a view of the outdoors, and a dog sitting on the wooden floor. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

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## OCTOBER

O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
Tomorrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,  
Begin the hours of this day slow.  
Make the day seem to us less brief.  
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,  
Beguile us in the way you know.  
Release one leaf at break of day;  
At noon release another leaf;  
One from our trees, one far away.

Dear friends,

The above opening of Robert Frost's poem, simply titled 'October', captures the essence of the changing season that we are about to embark upon. October is a time of change, as we travel towards the 30<sup>th</sup> October when Summer time ends and we put back our clocks an hour. Gone will be the days of long summer evenings as the night draws in. It also is a time when I have to remember to get my torch out, especially after the evening services and events in church. I've also become ever more aware of the thousands of leaves on the Sycamore tree directly opposite me here at the Rectory, knowing full well that autumn will also bring with it for me, a sweeping brush and lots of days of leaf collecting.

It was another poet, Emily Dickinson, who reflected upon time in her famous poem 'Forever is composed of nows,' in which it's suggested she presents the idea that every small moment is happening now and collectively adds up to 'forever' or a lifetime. When we think about time it might seem so intangible, almost impossible to define and yet the journey of our lives is being created out of the experiences that we have.

October and the beginning of November have been times, that across the generations, has been used to reflect and remember maybe not only those whom we continue to love but see no more, but also as well as of course those whom we remember on Remembrance Sunday on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

As a Christian, when I think about the vastness of the concept of time, I'm always drawn to what is written in the second letter of Peter 3 v8 where it says;

***But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:***

***With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.***

So as we journey in our lives through time and the changing season of Autumn, let us individually and together not only be aware of the moments of the here and 'now' but also how they are formed together to build our lifetimes together in our villages and communities.

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## NEWS FROM TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

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**We are open!!!!**

Our monthly **Coffee Mornings** 10 am – 11.30 am on Saturdays – 9<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December. With help on HOW TO Smart phone.

**Seniors Lunch Club** - every 4th Friday of the month.  
Contact Shirley on 780596 for details.

**Tuesday Coffee Morning** - every week 10.30 am to 12 noon.

**Computer Club** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.  
Contact Pat Pierce on 722643 for details.

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

**Tadmarton Film Club** – 2 showings to choose from:  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 13.30pm

We have two new events for families:

**Kids Film Club** - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 3pm

**Kids and Caffeine** - last Saturday of the month 10-12

We are hoping to start some new clubs in the coming months. Please let us know if you'd be interested in a Scrabble Club or maybe a Sewing or Knitting group

A huge thank you to Ron and Shirley Wackrill for their many years of service to Tadmarton Village Hall. We hope you both enjoyed your surprise party! And thank you to those who came along to make it such a special occasion.

Thanks also to Alex Silverman, our Chair, who has retired from the village hall committee after 5 ½ years.

And we welcome Jane Fitzpatrick as our new Chair, along with Gemma Weight. The new committee of trustees are:

**Jane Fitzpatrick - Chair**  
**Helen Yeomans - Treasurer**  
**Carla Ellis**

**Graham Warren - Caretaker**  
**Gemma Weight**

If you wish to make a booking or would like to join our happy band of volunteers, please contact us.

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A new Temporary Timetable is in place, this timetable might be subjected to last minute changes as a result of Covid Regulations.  
 For the latest news please check : 01564-797000 or via the website:  
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Halford		1126	1326	1526	1826	
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Stratford upon Avon (Adj Oxfam)	0837	1153	1353	1553	1853	

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<b>What's on in October</b>
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04.10.21	Women's tour	P 2+6	30.10.21	Kids and Caffeine	P 28
05.10.21	Computer club	P 36	30.10.21	Film Club Adults	P 36
09.10.21	Coffee Morning with HOW TO	P 36	30.10.21	Swalcliffe Harvest Festival	P 29
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14.10.21	Horti Society AGM	P 9			
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## Scarecrow Festival Results



1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Unicorn & Fairies

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Teacher & Children

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – The Green Man of  
Swalcliffe

Thank you to the Judges – Diana & Alex Good  
And a big thank you to all those who took part.

Here is a selection of some of the other entries.



Honourable Mention: The Fisherman at Stant Hill Spring

# New gate for Taddy church

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**Many thanks to Des England for his hard work in replacing the west gate to the churchyard.**

The old one had rotted away and was beyond repair. Please feel free to admire his handiwork and try and see where he has added his signature.

We will be adding a plaque in memory of John and Eileen Steele who used this gate to come to church.

They left a bequest to St Nicholas and we thought it appropriate to pay for the gate from this legacy.

