

The Link February 2022

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



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www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk

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As some of you might know Pat Salethorn died in November last year. John and Pat were married for 69 years. John has supplied me with a photo, a lovely poem and an obituary for inclusion in this month's link. We wish John and the family all the best.

PAT



We first met at the seaside
I knew straight away "she,s the one"
With only a few days together
parting would not be much fun.

We first corresponded by letter
and then a call once a week on the phone
Every three weeks we would meet for two days
Why could we not have more time alone.

For four long years we courted
Then at last we were wed
We rented two rooms for a starter
A living room and one with a bed.

Later on we built our own house
Daughters Helen and Jane came on the scene
We then moved to this place named Tadmarton
Then Andrew completed our dream.

We have had a lovely happy marriage
Also we,ve had sad times and trouble
But when times were hard and trying
We sorted them our with a cuddle.

I knew from the start that I loved you
Ever since I've loved you each day
You know I will love you forever
And be by your side come what may.

Pat Salethorn

Pat was friendly and caring. She enjoyed and took an active part in village life.

Patricia Rose Salethorn was born in Worcester, on 4th December 1931, The eldest child of Fred and Rose Turtill. After Pat came her brothers Bob and Philip and sister Pam. The family later moved to Birmingham. Large family parties were enjoyed by all.

Pat did well at school & once played Caliban in the Tempest - not the most flattering role. Pat trained as a shorthand typist and spent several years as a secretary at Amersham Hospital & Horton general Hospital, only leaving when her son Andrew was born. Before she retired she worked for Drapers Chamber of Trade & enjoyed travelling to venues with her friend Pat Britain. Harrogate was a favourite.

Following a holiday romance, only meeting occasionally, Pat and John were married in 1952. They had 3 children - Helen, Jane & Andrew; who have many happy memories of holidays and parties. Next year Pat & John would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Pat loved children & delighted in the lives of her children, grandchildren - James, Jonathan & Robert & great grandchildren - Samantha & Jack.

Pat has always been an active volunteer in the community. She has been a Sunday School Teacher both here & in previous locations. Pat has been involved not only in secretarial work for the Church, but also for the Horticultural Society & The Village Hall Committee

Pat loved living in Tadmerton, where she made many friends and enjoyed village life; joining the many activities including Country Dancing, Wine tasting, Scrabble, Coffee mornings & lunches. For many years Pat was an active member of the local WI.

Pat loved animals & wildlife. She would spend time at the Zoo, smiling at the exploits of Apes. Her musical tastes were broad - Opera, Folk Music and Jonny Cash. She spent time at the Fairport Convention Festival helping out on the Katherine House Stall.

Before Pat became less mobile, she enjoyed holidays with family & friends, both here and abroad. Lately she has spent time playing Scrabble on her iPad & chatting to friends & carers.

We'll all have memories of Pat and how she enjoyed a laugh or adventure, such as having a trip in a light aircraft. The world is a sadder place without Pat. But Pat touched each & every one of us and has left us with memories we will cherish forever. Thank you.

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The Front Cover ; St Nicholas Church

I arranged for some photos to be taken of the church with a drone a couple of months ago.

As you can see the church will have been much smaller in the past and had a pointy roof.

Thanks to Jim Nelder for the great work he did on repointing the stonework on the tower which now looks very smart.

Our Christmas Day Service was taken by Rev Hazel Scarr as it is not possible for Rev Neil and Red John to cover 6 churches in one morning. It was nice to see her back in Tadmarton, thanks to her for making the effort in these pandemic affected times.

We are having to wear masks in church at the moment and this does hamper the singing somewhat! (My excuse anyway). The wonderful music generated by Maggie Stevens our organist helps enormously. Thanks Maggie.

As many of you know we paid our last respects to Doug Woodward at his funeral in January the church was packed.

Doug was a much-loved member of the Church, Bell-ringing and Horticultural Community.

God Bless you Doug

Chris Dean

SWALCLIFFE & TADMARTON **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

At our next meeting we welcome Graham Austin
who will be talking on:

" DELPHINIUMS"

Thursday 10th February – 8pm.
Tadmarton Village Hall

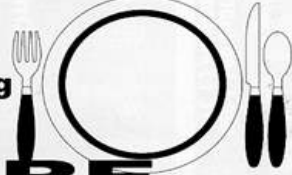




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If you've missed these but are interested in joining in, there are two sessions to be held in February so why not come along with your own projects in progress or be inspired by others to start new ones!!

Held in Tadmarton Village Hall 2pm to 4pm, next dates are:

Sunday 13th February and **Sunday 27th February**

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Tadmarton Festive Fiesta Raffle Results

1 st Prize - £100	Irwin
2 nd Prize – Luxury Hamper	Kirsten
3 rd Prize – Cake & Wine	Jackson
4 th Prize – Ronnie Loxton Cards & Tray	J Brown
5 th Prize – Lampet Arms Sunday Lunch	A Mannix
6 th Prize – Film Club Membership & Honey	Lingwood
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A big THANK YOU to all those who attended the **Tadmarton Festive Fiesta** and helped us to raise a grand total of £888.72 towards village hall funds!!!

Our next monthly **Coffee Morning** 10 am – 11.30 am will held be on Saturday 12th February.

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 – 1st Tuesday of the month 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:

Last Saturday of the month @ 7.30pm and following Wednesday @ 1.30pm

Lookout for details of our new group - **Sewing in Company**

If you wish to make a booking, please do so on our online booking system at www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk/village-hall or if you would like to join our happy band of volunteers, please contact us.

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FROM the ARCHIVES

JOAN ROBINSON REMEMBERS

On 4th December 1988 BBC Radio Oxford broadcast a program in the series called "People and Places" presented by the broadcaster Giles Woodforde who came to Swalcliffe in 1959 to live in The Vicarage (now Church House). In December 1988 he returned to Swalcliffe and took his microphone round the village to interview a number of residents. The original recordings are now archived at the Oxford History Centre and some have been transcribed and archived by the Swalcliffe Society. In one interview we hear Joan Robinson recounting her early memories of life in Swalcliffe.

Giles opened the interview by asking Joan about the main road which runs in front of her house at the bottom of the hill, and wondered how busy it is.

Joan says "It's busy!..I think my first memories before I actually came here to live is when I lived at Sibford and I used to work at Banbury Grammar School and I cycled to and from every day more or less in all weathers. And I remember getting into Swalcliffe and having the long hill through Swalcliffe and out of Swalcliffe to climb before I got home."

Giles commented that Sibford to Banbury seems quite a long way and wondered if Joan cycled that distance every day summer and winter.

"It's about seven and a half miles.... every day, yes....summer or winter, more or less. There was a bus service, but I was too mean to pay the bus fare! It was a lovely ride really, and when the weather was nice. The wind was always for you going in of course and against you coming back."

Giles wanted to know what happened when there was rain or snow.

"Well I caped up, even in those days you had them sort of souwester type capes and you dried out when you got to work. I always had a change of clothes at work anyway, 'cause Winter time I wore trousers, but trousers of course were taboo for work, for working in, in those days. And then I changed at school and had my, you know, some rough wear to come back home in." And when it snowed..."Of course those days my mother used to say "right you are going on the bus this morning" and on the bus I had to go. But it wasn't too often."

The hill outside would often cause problems in cold weather.... "You hear the traffic getting stuck up the Hill when the roads are icy and snowy, and as you get nearer Sibford it gets worse.....if anybody needs any help then we, you know, we will help out or would have done when my husband was younger."

Giles asked about the house they were sitting in at the bottom of the hill which he knew had quite a history of its own.

"Yes, it has. Before we came here, it was the old post office and the telephone exchange, the first telephone exchange in Swalcliffe..... with several of the local residents actually working here and still living here now. And still can be seen outside on the wall where the post box used to be."

Giles wanted to know how Joan came to Swalcliffe.

“My husband came from Tadmarton, I came from Sibford. We married in 1958 and my husband went to work for John Taylor and we had a farm cottage.”

Giles asked if the village and its residents have changed much in the time since.

“There’s been a small amount of infilling, but very small. It’s not changed much at all....If you count up the number of people that were here when we came, then there are very few....there are quite a few holiday cottages with people come at weekends holidays. Some you see, some you don’t.... those that come and take part in the village when they are here are very welcome. We like to see them around and the majority do, but there are some houses that you never see the people from.”

Giles asked about the Horticultural Society, in which Joan was very involved.

“This started about five or six years ago when we ran a small show in conjunction with the village fete as a one-off. And there was so much interest and enthusiasm that we decided to start a horticulture society. Swalcliffe not being big enough to do this on its own, Tadmarton were invited to join us and it’s a joint village venture, flourishing well. We’ve got some very good enthusiastic gardens. It is a good area, you’ve got some very nice gardens some of which are opened in the National Garden scheme in the area during the year..... I think most things grow here, it’s pretty all-round. It’s windy, you have to be careful with tall items of flowers and that it is a windy area, but otherwise it’s pretty good. We grow all or own vegetables... I very rarely have to buy vegetables. In fact, when we were on holiday in two or three years ago, I wanted carrots and I literally didn’t know how many carrots there were to a pound and had to say to the shopkeeper “well put them on the scales and I tell you when to stop”.

Giles knew that Joan was interested in starting up a village magazine.

“Well with linking up with Tadmarton, Tadmarton had their village magazine and it was suggested to me that we might like to join as we were too small to have our own magazine. We now run it as a joint venture and it’s called The Link.....all the different societies write up and use it as a way of publicity to let people know what’s happening in their functions and the village fetes and bazaars. They are always well advertised. There’s now no excuse for people to say I didn’t come because I didn’t know..... we have a very strong nucleus of people who always come along and support whatever is going on. You always see the same faces at whatever function it is, whether it’s for village hall or church or for a charity.

Giles asked about the Swalcliffe Society.

“They have delved into the history of Swalcliffe. They’ve been doing a comparative study from 1938 to 1988, and the village has been involved with that by filling in forms and reporting what they know about their own property, and are very much involved with altering the Tithe Barn, which is a venture in the village at the moment.”

Giles commented that the church was very large for so small a village and how it was kept up.

“Yes, it is it. It is a lovely church but it is very large with such a small village to keep up. And often when you look around on a Sunday morning and there might be ten or twelve of us, and at fifty-three I might well be the youngest member there, one does wonder what the future of the church is to be....we need to raise something in the region, I think, of getting on for £200,000. And yes, we ought to have a thermometer, this has been suggested, but it’s not appeared yet.”

Giles wanted to know how that amount would be raised

“You might well ask that question because it is a great problem and one does wonder at the justification in pouring that amount of money into a church roof..... I have mixed views about

spending that amount of money on a building. There are lovely churches all the way around us, that Swalcliffe isn't isolated in that, in that position. It is a very difficult decision and not an easy one to make”.

Giles asked if it should be sold and turned into a house and whether Joan would be appalled at that idea.

“I'm not so sure that I would. I'm probably going to be fairly alone on that assumption, but I think we have got to look to the future and say in twenty years' time, how many people are going to be visiting that church for a place of worship? Or is it just going to be a crumbling monument?”

Giles was interested in the spirit of Swalcliffe and how Joan would describe the place to outsiders and the people in it.

“Having lived here for sort of 30 years now, it is a lovely little village to live in, its unspoilt, it's friendly, people do help one another, if anybody is in trouble then friends and neighbors do rally round.... being mobile then it is a lot easier. I think possibly somebody who doesn't have transport and is reliant on a bus service, which is fairly inadequate, although obviously economics stipulate that it can't be any better than it is.... it can be somewhat isolating with no shop.”

When Giles used to live in Swalcliffe he remembered there being a shop, but commented that now there appears to be no shop.

“That's right, no shop at all. I'm not sure whether there's a traveling bus that comes into the village now, I've not seen it just lately....we do have a very good post office and shop down in Tadmarton, which again is fine if you have your own transport and they do deliver in fact and they are very good and accommodating, stock most things but of course you're not too far from Banbury if you have a car..... in fact to be perfectly honest, I'm not averse to nipping up to Tesco's in Stratford.”

Giles was fascinated with the various spellings and pronunciations of the village name.

“Well, of course, if you live here it isn't even Swalcliffe it's Swakeley and being very local....most of my friends and family are local that they all knew it was “Sway-cliffe” anyway, but you try saying where you live to somebody on the phone who's the other end of the country and you spell it six times before they actually get it, and then they say “oh yes you meant Swayal-cliffe!”

The Interviewer Giles Woodforde now lives in Kiddlington. His voice was once a familiar sound on BBC Radio Oxford and he is now well known as a feature writer and reviewer of Performing Arts for The Oxford Times newspaper.

Transcription: Colin Hill, for the Swalcliffe Society

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A Copy of the original recording and transcript is available from the Swalcliffe Archive.

If you have or find anything of local interest the Swalcliffe Society would love to see it and have an opportunity to copy and digitize it. If you would like to contribute or find out more please feel free to phone **01295 788127** or mail **swalcliffe.society@gmail.com**.

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Walk this way...

Our annual flagship fundraising event is back and this time it's by moonlight... The rebranded Moonlight Walk is taking place on 9 July 2022 at Banbury Rugby Club. We're going back to the eighties – so expect lots of leg warmers, bright colours, big hair and glow sticks galore. Get your tickets today and don't forget to tell family and friends!

Charity challenges

Help us raise money with an adrenaline rush! We have the following challenge events available to sign up to now – the sky is literally the limit!

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-Blenheim Fun Run: Run, jog or walk around the stunning grounds on 15 May -Wing

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-RideLondon-Essex 100: Be part of Team KHH and cycle 100 miles on 29 May --Oxford

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Sunday 20th February - 6.00pm – Book of Common Prayer
Evensong (led by the Reverend Neil Bowler)

Sunday 27th February - 9.30am – Holy Communion
(led by the Reverend Dr David Pym)

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Mirror in February

The day dawns, with scent of must and rain,
 Of opened soil, dark trees, dry bedroom air.
 Under the fading lamp, half dressed — my brain
 Idling on some compulsive fantasy —
 I towel my shaven jaw and stop, and stare,
 Riveted by a dark exhausted eye,
 A dry down turning mouth.

It seems again that it is time to learn,
 In this untiring, crumbling place of growth
 To which, for the time being, I return.
 Now plainly in the mirror of my soul
 I read that I have looked my last on youth
 And little more; for they are not made whole
 That reach the age of Christ

These opening two verses from the Dublin born poet Thomas Kinsella, have been described as being beautifully reflective in the way that they describe the moment that the man stands in front of the mirror and sees not just the image of the present but also of the past. The young man he once was is not looking back at him anymore and the time of his youth will no longer return. On a February morning he stands in front of the mirror and reflects upon his life, but the man only sees himself from his own perspective. He cannot fully see what others see as they look at him or what lies ahead.

I can't quite believe that I've been here as your Rector now for just over a year, so much has happened. We have all lived individually and together as villages and communities through difficult times but also there have been many times and occasions of joy. As we enter into February 2022 it might be a good time to take stock and reflect, to look at ourselves in a metaphorical mirror, acknowledging of course we only see what we can see and maybe sometimes what we want to see. In my own case I might not always acknowledge that I can see an ever increasing amount of grey hair appearing on my head.

Whatever we might physically see, what we can't of course see is what lies ahead, but we can influence and effect greatly our lives going forward: what might be now truly important to us, how might we have been affected both physically, emotionally and spiritually by what we have lived through, how might this time have affected us to refocus our lives in the future?

Whatever answers might come to you to these questions, be assured that every day I hold you and everyone who lives and works in our villages in my daily morning prayers. If ever you would like to talk with me confidentially about any worries, concerns or upset, or anything which you think I might be able to help you with in the year ahead, then please do just be in touch.

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There are currently two vacancies to fill.

The Parish Council is a tier of local government.

We meet every six weeks in the village hall on a Monday night at 7pm. Our meetings last about one hour.

Our responsibilities include setting a budget for the year, village maintenance, village infrastructure support, highway issues, commenting on planning applications and liaising with CDC and OCC over immediate and long-term plans and policies.

The remit of the Parish Council is wide and varied but the core is enhancing the village and supporting the village Parishioners.

You could really make a difference and improve the village you live in.

If you would like further information please contact Christine Coles, the Parish Clerk on 01295 276229 or tadmartonpc@btinternet.com.

Answers can be found on Page: 37

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Ettington			0931	1131	1331	
Halford			0937	1137	1337	
Alderminster	0629					1624
Shipston on Stour (adj Tilemans lane)	0639	0818	0947	1147	1347	1632
Shipston on Stour (opp Garage)	0642	0821	0950	1150	1350	1635
Lower Brailes	0650	0829	0958	1158	1358	1645
Sibford Ferris	0658	0837	1006	1206	1406	1657
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Sibford Ferris	0953	1153	1453	1748
Lower Brailles	1002	1202	1502	1757
Shipston on Stour (opp Garage)	1011	1211	1511	1806
Shipston on Stour (adj Tilemans lane)	1014	1214	1514	1809
Halford	1023	1223		1818
Ettington	1029	1229		1824
Stratford upon Avon Opp Dale Ave	1036	1236		1831
Stratford upon Avon (adj Nat West Bank)	1045	1245	1601	1840

TADMARTON 250 CLUB

It's that time of year again, Taddy folk! If you had tickets for 2021/22, you will be contacted during February to see if you wish to purchase tickets for 2022/23.

If you missed out last year and would like to join in, then please give either Jane (780451) or Helen (780426) a call.

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February 2022	£35.00
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THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

Swalcliffe Lea. Weather Report 2021 by Jeffrey Demmar

Another year of uncertainty; as the weather fluctuated and didn't follow the classical seasonal pattern or at least what we thought of as a regular pattern.

Nationally the coldest January for fifty years. was followed by a mild February and then by the warmest March for fifty years! Here we followed the national pattern to some extent but then we had a cold and frosty April, which ruined the apple blossom and lowered the subsequent crop. April in fact was not only the coldest for sixty years but the driest April on record.

As in previous reports our temperatures are given in Fahrenheit and the rainfall in inches. Where appropriate last year's figures are given in parentheses.

Temperature

Temperatures given for each quarter are the average of thirteen weekly readings

Quarter 1.	Minimum	26.30 (29.30)	Maximum	47.60 (48.80)
Quarter 2.		35.23 (38.18).		68.46 (75.60)
Quarter 3.		47.92 (44.30).		78.65 (76.70)
Quarter 4.		28.78 (35.70).		50.92 (55.30)

Looking at the quarters the 2021 minima were markedly lower than those in the earlier year apart from the third quarter; this was also true for the maxima. I am not trying to make an anti global warming statement but some years buck the trend and last year was just one of those. Ask any gardener and you would be told that it was a very problematic year with poor germination, weak development and widespread blight.

The temperature for the first four weeks was 22, 20, 24 and 22 degrees F. The lowest temperature for the year was the 20 degrees in January and the highest 90 degrees in the third week of July. Freezing point or below was recorded in 25 weeks of the year!

The final temperature of the year was a national record high of 61.34F or 16.3C in London.

Rainfall

The total rainfall for the year was 28.80 (33.32)

Quarter 1.	7.90 (4.42)
Quarter 2.	6.74 (8.85)
Quarter 3.	3.90 (5.37)
Quarter 4.	10.26 (14.68)

The heavy rainfall in the last quarter of the previous year was followed by six weeks of very wet weather in 2021 with 5.39 inches falling in weeks 3 to 6, making these the wettest four consecutive weeks of the year.

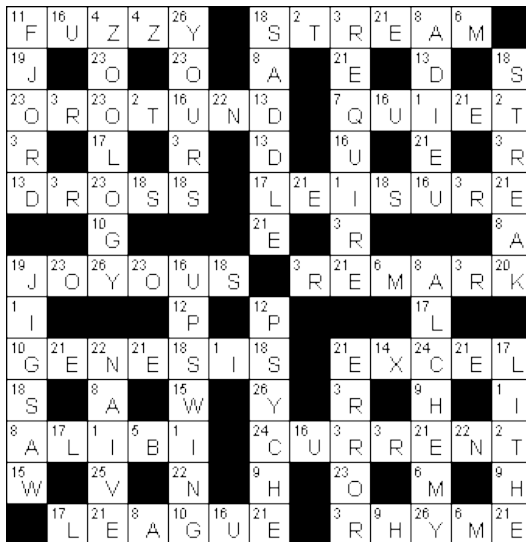
There were 5 weeks with no rainfall and 17 weeks with less than a tenth of an inch, while there were 9 weeks with more than an inch, giving some idea of the number of localised thunderstorms recorded.

The heaviest rainfall in a week was 2.42 in the last week of September.

No direct readings of hours of sunshine are recorded but April, May and July were the sunniest with the weather deteriorating thereafter. We finished the year with the dullest December since 1956.

We hope 2022 will be better in every respect than the year we have just left.

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The Seniors Christmas Lunch was extra special this year; after missing out last year because of Covid.

The decorations supplied by the Village Hall Committee looked amazing.

Our thanks to them also for providing the wine; which went down very well with the Roast Turkey, all the trimmings and Christmas Pudding, followed by Mince Pies, Chocolates and Fruit.

It was lovely to see everyone so happy after the year we had. The afternoon ended with a sing-along conducted by our very own Jim Miller.

Our Good Wishes to you all, let's hope 2022 is a better year for us all.

Shirley and the Team.

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Notes from your editor!

Is it not amazing, one minute we are preparing for Christmas, the next we are already at the end of January.

It is a fact, Time flies when you are having fun.

As always we have some lovely articles for you all and my thanks goes out to those who provide me with them. If you pay attention you will see that the link is mentioned in Colin's "From the Archives". How lovely to read that people liked the 2 villages being linked. I hope this is still the case.

We have a front page provided by Christopher Dean. I am always looking for the next front cover; drawings, photos, paintings, so if you have anything you would like us all to see, don't be shy.

Page 2 and 3 are a tribute to the lovely Pat Salethorn. Thank you to John for sharing his memories with us.

The Tadmerton Village Hall Committee is working very hard to engage with it's residents, so if you feel that you are ready to pick up life again where you left off 2 years ago, they are ready to welcome you with the proverbial open arms. Check out what is happening in the hall and enjoy some company, coffee and chatter. Don't forget there is now also fantastic kids entertainment, allowing both kids and parents to have a nice time at the same time as each other. This is not just for the Tadmertians, Swalcliffians are most welcome too.

Should you want to help make a change to where you live, maybe you have some spare time to help out as a local councillor or Committee volunteer. Many hands make light work, and you might even make some new friends in the process.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our advertisers and sponsors for their continued support. I hope that when you use any of those advertising in the link as a result of their advert you mention it to them.

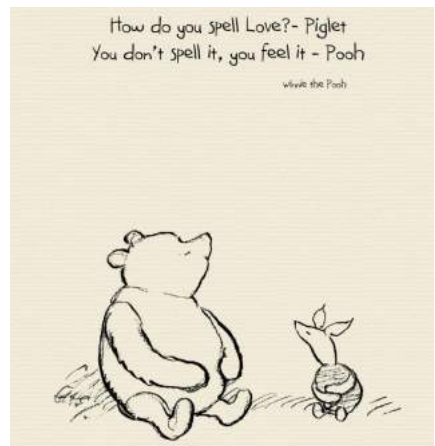
Also a massive thank you to our treasurer who does a fabulous job all year round and who makes sure that The Link can continue

Let me know if you enjoy reading The Link or indeed if you feel it can do with some improvements

(and I see what I can do)



I hope I will see you all around this year.



What's on!

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We would love the opportunity to share the excellent practice of our Early Years staff in our caring and nurturing learning environment.

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We have had a really positive start to the New Year here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. We have had a number of visitors to school and one thing they have all commented on is how beautifully behaved, enthusiastic and engaged in learning our children are and how caring and thoughtful our staff are.

We were delighted to be invited to take part in the Christmas tree Festival at the church in Sibford Gower. It was lovely to be able to place our Forest school inspired tree, made from branches collected by the children and decorated with 'baubles' made by them, alongside trees decorated by so many other groups linked to the local community.

I mentioned in our last newsletter that our democratically elected pupil school council have decided to run a fundraiser across the school in support of Team Seas. Although our fundraising event is still to come, we were delighted to receive the news at the beginning of this term that the children have received a 'Picture News Impact Award' for their work related to this project so far.



Ice is wonderful stuff!
It makes different shapes, you
can see through it, and you can
break it with your feet!
We love learning outside.



Our new Early Years Unit is wonderful. The nursery children are a delight and it is such a pleasure to see how engaged they are in all the activities their teachers organise for them. The Acorn Class theme this term is Winter and our littlest children have been making the most of their outdoor area to explore seasonal changes. They have been making ice mobiles and had a lovely time exploring the ice formed overnight in outdoor containers and seeing the different ice shapes they made. There were lots of ice circles in the 'mud kitchen'! If you are considering us for a nursery place for your child once they are three year olds and you missed our recent Open Days, please do contact the school office to arrange a chat or a visit. We would love to show you around and answer any questions.

We have all sorts of exciting learning planned across the school. Beech Class are finding out all about historical figures who have changed our world, Willow Class are finding out all about Natural Disasters, including earthquakes and volcanoes. Oak Class are exploring The Victorians and their impact on society, science and technology.

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

<http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>