

The Link Aug/ Sept 2022

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



Thank you to: Lindsey Smith for this fabulous picture of the inside of Tadmarton's St Nicholas Church.

Lindsey is a wizz with the camera and turns many of her photos into lovely cards for all occasions.

Full service dates can be found on page: 9

If you are great with the camera like Lindsey, I would love some new photos for the link.

I am looking for updated photos of the outside of both Swalcliffe and Tadmarton Church, to be used to advertise the services. Ideally in Landscape format.

Ofcourse I am also always after some nice photos for the front page. These can be of beautiful buildings, flora and fauna, creative arts, or anything else that should make our front page.

Tadmarton Village Website

www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk

Swalcliffe Village Website

www.swalcliffevillage.co.uk



Stratford half Marathon April 2022

Tadmarton Marathon Update



Leamington Spa Half June 22



My name is Sarah Harrison and I live locally in Hook Norton – you may have seen me running through Taddy with my rescue collie or enthusiastically participating in the bottle & chocolate Tombola at Tadmarton village events! My fiancé Stephen Yeomans and his family are well known residents of the village.

You might remember my article earlier this year introducing you to my marathon adventures for Cancer Research UK.

Here is a little update on my training and fundraising so far.

Through many kind and generous donations I am well on my way to my £5000 fundraising target, with just over £4000 achieved. One of my final fundraising efforts is a raffle draw, to be held at Tadmarton Village Hall coffee morning on the **13th August 2022**. Tickets can be obtained prior to the draw from Helen Yeomans in Lower Tadmarton (780426).

There are many exciting local prizes to be won including a golf lesson at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club, Hook Norton Brewery Tour tickets for four, Hook Norton butchers voucher, a selection of local restaurant vouchers, a dog hamper and voucher to spend at Crofts Pet Store in Banbury and more! First prize is a week stay at Brimstock Cottage in the Lake District in 2023.

Terms and conditions apply to some prizes, details of which can be found on https://stubbstickets.com/fundraiser_admin/index.php?f=9pAx6tBC2d8zYRq2

I have been busy with my training and have entered four half marathons so far this year, securing times around 2 hours and 30 minutes. Now the summer holiday has officially started, and with 11 weeks until the London Marathon, my training is about to step up another gear! Keep your eyes open and give us a wave if you see me and the collie running by!

If you would like to make a donation please follow the link or scan the QR code.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sarahs-london-marathon-2031>

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you at the coffee morning on 13th August!

Sarah

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Last copy date for the

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17th of Sept.

**Articles received LATE will
 NOT be included in the next
 issue.**

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Notes from the Editor:

Big Changes are due for our beloved Link. From January 2023 (EEK only 5 months away), The Link shall be coming through your door 6 times a year instead of the 10 times a year it currently does.

Why?

By reducing the amount of printed items we are reducing our Carbon Footprint by an expected 45% (less printing, less ink, less paper, less transport).

As we are moving more and more into the digital age, newsletters will accompany the change in order for the residents to remain informed of what is going on in the villages. To sign up to the newsletter please email: taddyvillagehall@gmail.com.

Our advertisers will see an even better presence on the website and they will also be linked into the newsletter with quick links. On top of this they will see a reduction in their annual advertising cost which we hope in the current economic climate is well received.

Of course for those who are still relying on the link, to keep them in the loop we would like to encourage you to keep sending us your articles.

The issues will be bi-monthly starting with the Jan/Feb 2023 issue with a copy date of the 17th December.

On page 2 you will find Sara's update. The London Marathon is a major fundraiser for many charities and those training to take part don't do so lightly. To run a marathon is to dig deep. So if you can please give generously and buy a raffle ticket. Further details are on page: 23

The McMillan Coffee morning has a new date please check out page 32 and support this fabulous cause.

We have some new advertisers, let them know you got their name out of The Link and support our local suppliers if you can.

There are some nice lengthy articles this month full of local history, have you got a good story, share it with the masses.

If you have any problems regarding anti social parking, overgrown trees/ hedges, dog poo, planning issues, road standards and speed limits contact your local councillors. I have ran articles on all these subjects and they really are for the council to deal with. Attend your local council meetings if you really want to make a difference, remember complaints only work if you complain to the correct person/ department.

Like living in the villages, give your support, get involved, look after your neighbours, look after your neighbourhood.

Enjoy the summer and we will speak again in October.

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TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our next monthly **Coffee Morning** 10 am – 11.30 am will held be on Saturday 13th August.

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 – re-commences on Tuesday 6th September

Tadmarton Film Club – 2 showings to choose from:

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

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

Sew in Company

Sunday 21st August 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Sunday 11th September 1.30pm to 4.30 pm

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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**St. Nicholas, Tadmarton,
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August

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| Sunday 7th | 10.30am | Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton (JT) |
| Sunday 14th | 11.00am | Holy Communion (NB) |
| Sunday 21st | 11.00am | Holy Communion (JT) |
| Sunday 28th | 11.00am | All Age Family Service (NB) |

September

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| Sunday 4th | 10.30am | Benefice Eucharist at Broughton (JT) |
| Sunday 11th | 11.00am | Holy Communion (JT) |
| Sunday 18th | 11.00am | Holy Communion (NB) |
| Sunday 25th | 6.00pm | Harvest Festival (JT) followed by supper |

October

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|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Sunday 2nd | 10.30am | Benefice Eucharist at Epwell (JT) |
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Zoom Services until further notice, for joining instructions please refer to the Benefice web site www.wykehambenefice.org.uk and The Rector or The Rev'd John Tattersall

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

**Wednesdays (ZOOM) 6.00pm Benefice Evening prayer service
(NB)**

**Tuesdays in Tadmarton Church 9.00am Morning Prayers
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Swalcliffe Village Hall CLOSURE

The Village Hall Committee and Swalcliffe Parish Council are happy to announce the first phase of the Village Hall refurbishment which will commence on the 1st August.

Work will continue for several weeks, during which time the Hall will be out of action, and is due to finish in early October.

Please watch out for further announcements in the Link, the Swalcliffe Village website and the Swalcliffe Facebook page.

We look forward to welcoming everybody back as soon as possible.



SWALCLIFFE & TADMARTON
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
SUMMER SHOW

Please note change of date and venue!!

The show is now on Sunday 14th August 2022

Tadmarton Village Hall.





The Day Taddy Made the Cup Final

Tadmarton (& Swalcliffe) Cricket Club 1948? – 1968.

The Club's origins are a bit unclear. I still have the Minutes Book from the AGMs – a wealth of all the old village family names - but the first entry is for 1949, and states that it was agreed 'the Club should carry on'. Though what went before is lost in the mists of time. I was still young when in 1955 I first joined the Cricket Club - actually for Taddy and Swalcliffe. But Swalcliffe ran the Football Club, so we shared both. In those lean early post-war years, only the big houses had a phone, and very few had a family car. No smart phones, no world wide web, no social media, Google, etc. No home PC's or lap-tops, computers barely existed. Even TV was in its very early infancy.

So how on earth did we spend our spare time? Memories that are still well within the lifetime (often thanks to modern medicine....) of very many of us, the answer is our world was far smaller, we knew our neighbours far better, the local pub was busier and village activities far better supported, being part of village life. Villages were like large families, trust and co-operation was implicit.

In those early days membership of our Club was restricted to just those born or currently resident in Taddy or Swalcliffe. And when I joined, there were sufficient members to always be able to field a full team, despite the villages being smaller back then. And despite the challenges of severe lack of funds, plus what would nowadays be regarded as impossibly poor facilities.

The cricket pitch was the sloping cow pasture belonging to Mr. Cave of College Farm. The pitch itself was a 25 yard square in the middle of the grazing field, protected by 4 posts and a strand of barbed wire, which had to be removed and replaced for every match. We shared the field with the herd of milking cattle, so it was not unusual to have to stop play whilst Mr Cave fetched the cattle in for milking.

The boundary wasn't defined or specifically cleared or fenced, so we often had to retrieve the ball from a bunch of nettles, thistles or the occasional cow pat. The batsmen just kept running until the ball was returned.

Preparation of the pitch started about Easter, when we borrowed Bill Flowers' Cart Horse "Captain" to pull the heavy roller. The Club had bought its own motor mower, which was in constant use, as we were playing up to 3 times a week in the summer. In the Club's heydays of the '50's, it even paid one of us to be the groundsman, all of £3 per season. Funds were always tight, and the core income came from electing everyone who was anyone as 'Vice President' and begging for donations. £1 went a long way back then. Other income was raised by the occasional Whist Drive, Dance or Jumble Sale, though we all chipped in as best we could. We held dances in the Sibford Village Hall. I know we held one in '58, as there are charges for repairs in the Cash Book.....

Most villages of a reasonable size had a cricket club, and there was the Banbury League, the Advertiser Cup, and various Cups from local towns like Chipping Norton, all of which catered for the village clubs. Banbury itself had a couple of 'proper' teams and a proper cricket pitch, though that was all definitely a 'cut above'.

We hired a bus for away matches, it being easy for everyone to walk or cycle to the bus stop to meet up. And when we played at home, we boasted an old army hut, acquired in '49, for a pavilion. My Mum master minded laying on teas there for almost the whole of the Club's existence. Though the hut had no facilities, so we had to carry the water there in a milk churn, and Mum heated the water on the Club's primus stoves. The gents loo was a bit of corrugated tin behind the hut – though the ladies had to walk off in whichever direction they preferred.

The best times were in the '50's, and for me in 1959, when I had the privilege of being elected Captain, and we made it to the final of the big Advertiser Cup, played on the main Banbury Town ground. Heady days.

In 1957 Harold Macmillan had told us "you've never had it so good". In hindsight I suppose he was right. As the Club moved into the '60's, more of us had our own transport, and more homes had a phone, TV's were becoming more affordable and our horizons were getting ever wider. Other Clubs had pitches on level ground with boundaries, and pavilions with facilities, tempting our better players.

In 1964 I had been elected as both the Club secretary and treasurer, but finally at the end of 1968, although by now we had relaxed the 'locals only' membership rule, we sadly had to acknowledge we could no longer raise a full team. The Swalcliffe Football Club had ceased in 1966 for the same reason, and small village clubs generally were being overtaken by the ever faster changing world. Traditional village life, when horse transport was still common and grass grew up the middle of the roads, was becoming just a warm memory.

Len Mobley



Tadmarton Cricket Team 1950

Back : H Page. J Taylor. A Colegrave. H Preedy. N Powell. G Lines
 Front: W Flowers. J Cave. R Coleman. E Morbey. T Nichols

KIMMISLEY, June 25, 1964



Back row (left to right): D. Davis, G. Morbey, M. Morbey, E. Davis, R. Coleman, R. Carson; front row: L.

Mobley, E. Hancox, G. Fisher (capt.), R. Hall, R. Morbey, A. Haynes (scorer).



Tadmarton Cricket Team 1964

Back: D Davis. T Morbey. M Morbey. B Davis. R Coleman. R Carson.
 Front: L Mobley. B Hancox. G Fisher. R Hall. R Morbey. **Bottom:** A Haynes



Len Mobley + Cup 1959



Services for Swalcliffe Church for August and September

Sunday 14th August: 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Neil Bowler)

Sunday 21st August: 6.00pm BCP Evensong
(Jocelyn Merris, LLM)

Sunday 28th August: 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Dr David Pym)

Sunday 11th September: 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 18th September: 6.00pm Harvest Festival
(Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 25th September: 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Neil Bowler)

Morning Prayer is normally said in the church at 9.00am every Friday morning.

In addition there will be Benefice Eucharists at 10.30am on Sunday 7th August at Tadmarton (led by the Rev'd Canon John Tattersall), on Sunday 4th September at Broughton (led by the Rev'd Neil Bowler) and on Sunday 2nd October at Epwell (led by the Rev'd Canon John Tattersall).



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We have had a really lovely end to the academic year here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. We have had a number of opportunities to invite parents and grandparents onto the school grounds and have enjoyed every one of them.

Our pupil School Council planned an Enterprise Fair to raise money for the Team Seas charity. We welcomed families onto the school playground to buy some of the products that children across the school had made – hand-printed cards, seed papers and decorated cakes and biscuits. The headteacher and Assistant headteacher ran an ice-cream stall. The event made a gross profit of £376, with a net profit of £251 (once the classes had repayed their interest free ‘start-up loans’ to the Bank of School) which has been sent off to the charity. Everyone had great fun for a worthwhile cause and the School Council have asked if we can run a similar event next year.

Sports Day was brilliant! Possibly the best we have had in recent years, though this may partly be because we had such a strong turn-out of families and were able to welcome parents, grandparents and siblings. The atmosphere was really supportive and, while some of our children are fiercely competitive and love Sports Day as an opportunity to shine on the track, all the children are encouraging of each other and all were happy to participate. Events like the egg & spoon race and the obstacle race rewarded different approaches to participation, making this a very inclusive occasion. The children of Blue House won the event this year and, as is our tradition, the Heather Sports Cup was received on their behalf by the oldest and youngest child in Blue House. Thank you Theo and Molly!

One of the final events of the term was the Oak Class Summer Performance. The production was a version of The Great Big Enormous Turnip, co-written by our own Mr Cameron. In the relative cool of the morning, children and parents gathered under the trees in a corner of the Big Field for the very funny performance of this traditional tale. Many of the lead roles were taken by our Year 6 leavers and they did a great job. We wish them all well as they move onto their new schools and we get ready to welcome a new generation of Little Acorns into our Early Years Class.



“From little acorns... mighty oaks do grow”



Nursery provision for children aged 3+

Although our Reception year is now full for next year, we still have nursery places available. If you have a nursery-aged child and are considering us as a setting, you are very welcome to contact the school to arrange a visit and a chat. Your child can join us at any time from the term after they are three and all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 funded hours of early education per week.

To find out more, please look on our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/nursery-provision-admission.html>

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Face-to-face appointments are now available on request. Many patients continue to prefer a telephone conversation with their GP, but it is possible to book an appointment. Routine appointments are offered within two weeks. However, if you need to see a doctor urgently, please ring at 8.00 a.m. There are always several staff taking these calls but there is often a queue. You can either stay on the line or leave your name and contact details and the practice will return your call.

The Bloxham Pharmacy is currently completing over 250 prescriptions a day. This is an immense workload for a small team and patients can help by ensuring repeat requests are submitted a week before their medicine is required. Even more important is the need for patients to collect their prescriptions. Hundreds of uncollected prescriptions have to be destroyed each month. This has to be done safely and in line with government requirements and is a significant waste of time and money.

A number of new doctors and health professionals have joined the practice over the past few months and our wider partnership with NORA (North Oxfordshire Rural Alliance) is leading to a number of exciting new developments. Our physiotherapist will see patients with aches and sprains without the need for referral from the doctor. From the autumn, NORA practices will develop a rolling programme of more flexible working so that it will be possible to book early evening appointments with a doctor, (though not necessarily with your own GP.) The appointment of paramedics has increased our capacity to assess patients and ensure they receive the treatment they need.

We shall write again after the next meeting of the PPG In October but in the meantime please remember to check the Practice website for news and announcements. Thank you.

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August

Birthstone: Peridot
Flower: Gladiolus



Breathe the sweetness that hovers in August. (Denise Levertov)

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness. (John Steinbeck)

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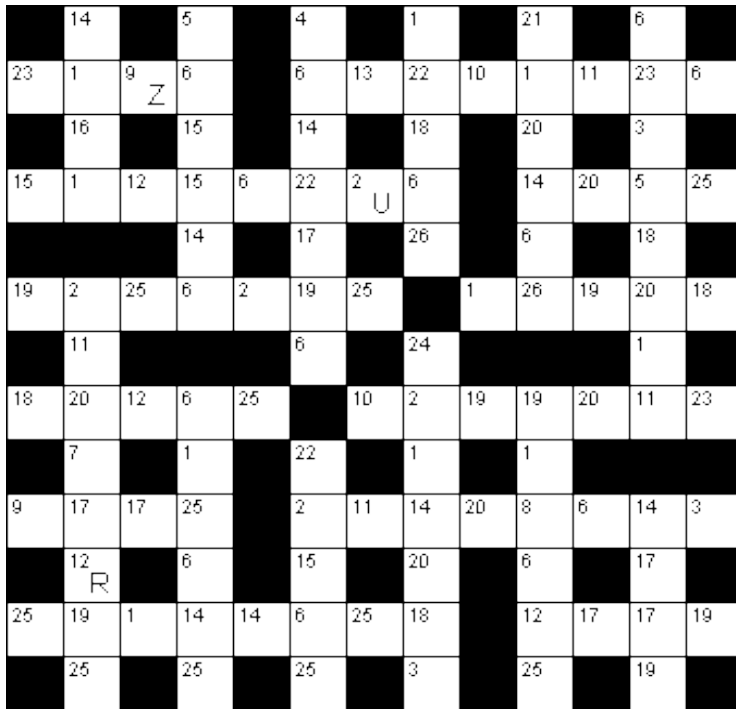
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September

Birthstone: Sapphire
Flower: Aster



Wine is the divine juice of September. (Voltaire)

Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in
flowers we more than gain in fruits. (Samuel Butler)

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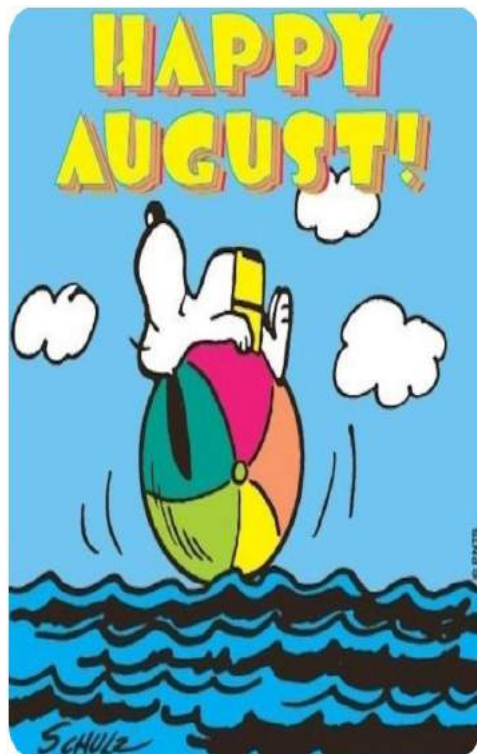


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 A longlegs, a moth, and a dumbledore;
 While 'mid my page there idly stands
 A sleepy fly, that rubs its hands...

Thus meet we five, in this still place,
 At this point of time, at this point in space.
 —My guests besmear my new-penned line,
 Or bang at the lamp and fall supine.
 "God's humblest, they!" I muse. Yet why?
 They know Earth-secrets that know not I.

These two beautiful verses from Thomas Hardy's poem, *An August Midnight*, describes the poet sat at his desk as he welcomes visitors; a longlegs, a moth, a dumbledore (an old English term for a bumblebee) and finally a fly. Each of these insects are personified as they gather around the light of the lamp with the poet.

It's suggested that the main theme of Hardy's poem is a reflection upon the meaning and purpose of life, in relationship with the natural world around him. Why does this meeting happen, why do the insects gather together at this very moment around the light?

On one level the poem might be thought of as just being a nice poem about a man sitting at a desk with his lamp on, which in turn is attracting various insects, (we only have to have a light on in our houses at night during the summer and a window open, to know what happens next). But of course for Hardy there is much more happening, because it's suggested that he uses this simple imagery to begin to question about the meaning and purpose of his own life in relationship to whether he believes there is a God.

As a Christian the verse of the Bible where Jesus says 'I am the light of the world' comes to mind as I read the poem, those who see and hear of the wonderful attraction of the light in their lives, are drawn towards it, whilst there are others who look on and wonder why?

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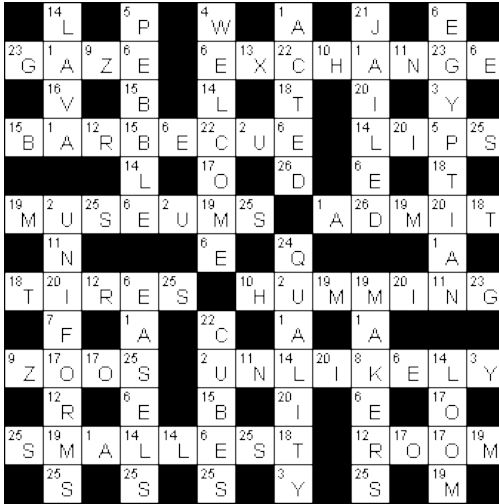
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Codeword solution Aug 2022



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FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

For inclusion in your August edition
(By email)

The first half of the year has flown by, and we're not slowing down in the months ahead. We've still got spaces on some of our brilliant challenge events as well as the return of our popular Make a Will Fortnight. Whether it's taking part in events, donating to our hospice, volunteering your time or making the most of our shops – your support and generosity means that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need it most. Thank you!

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This year Make a Will Fortnight celebrates its 10th anniversary and will be running from 3 to 10 October. Six local solicitors have generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will during the two week event and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. If you've been putting off making a will, then it's the ideal time. For a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment, visit khh.org.uk/make-a-will

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FROM the ARCHIVES

THE TELEGRAPH

In Helen Tustain's memoirs [1] we heard her describe the evolution of the Swalcliffe telephone exchange and she referred briefly to the telegraph that preceded it. Shortly after publishing Helen's memoirs I discovered in the Swalcliffe Archive a page, or a transcript of it, from a 1890 issue of the Swalcliffe Epwell and Shutford United Benefice parish magazine which described the arrival of the first telegraph in Swalcliffe and the strange machine that made it work. This is shown on the next page.

In this modern world we are used to instant communication via a bewildering variety of social media applications, but in 1890 we hear of the arrival of something that must have seemed just as wonderful in the day and as close to instant as was possible at the time; a strange machine located in the little shop and Post Office at Manor Cottage through which messages could be sent to a growing number of national and international destinations. By the time of its arrival in Swalcliffe there were already undersea telegraph cables linking Britain with America, Europe and India to name a few places and networks of telegraph cables stretched along railway lines and roads, all supported on wooden poles, telegraph poles in fact. The same poles now carry telephone wires but are still known by that original name. I wanted to know what the strange instrument in Manor Cottage actually looked like and how it worked.

The story of the telegraph was another "British First". The first really successful telegraph instrument was patented in Britain in 1837 by Cooke and Wheatstone in the form of the five needle telegraph. The five needles could be made to move left or right, according to the direction of current in the telegraph wires, to point via a matrix to all the numbers and letters of the alphabet. This enabled messages to be sent and received by unskilled operators. The World's first commercial telegraph using this system opened in 1838 between Paddington Station and West Drayton via wires carried along the Great Western Railway. Initially the telegraph was supplied to railway companies, both for commercial and private messages and the control of trains, and the early telegraph offices were usually at railway stations, but soon a nationwide commercial network began to grow with many independent commercial operators. In 1870 the inland telegraph network was nationalized, apart from those parts used for railway control, and placed under the General Post Office (GPO). They undertook a huge expansion aiming to equip every post office that issued money orders. After nationalisation there were 1,058 telegraph offices in cities and towns and 1,874 at railway stations.. It was towards the end of that great expansion that the telegraph came to Swalcliffe in 1890. Soon after in 1897 Marconi formed his Wireless Telegraph company enabling the telegraph to be extended to shipping and remote places where cables could not go. In the same year Queen Victoria had Mr Marconi install his wireless telegraph apparatus at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight so she could maintain contact with the Palace and Parliament in London.

Swalecliffe Epwell & Shutford

Parish Magazine

Nov. 1890

On Wednesday Oct 1st a Telegraph Station was opened in Swale. at our Post Office. We think this will be a great boon to Swale. Miss Wells the popular Post mistress has had considerable alterations made in her unique emporium, and the convenience of the public has been well provided for. Miss Dora Wimbush has been appointed & manipulator of the electric needle by the Postal Authorities. We are sure that the business of the Office will increase as the facilities are more widely known and recognised. The first telegram was sent from Swalecliffe by Mrs Davidson grand-daughter of Major Norris, and the first Telegram received in Swalecliffe was claimed by Mrs Eliza Lines.

D. L. M.

Telegraph messages were always more expensive than the postal service, and under the GPO the telegraph service never made a profit. Prices were intentionally kept low to make it affordable as a public service. Telegraph traffic reached a peak around 1900 with over 90 million messages a year and then declined due to increasing competition from the growing telephone network launched in 1879 which was cheaper to maintain and operate, though the telegraph saw revivals during the two World Wars and from the hugely popular greetings telegram service introduced in 1935. The inland telegram service was finally closed in 1982 by British Telecom as successors to the GPO though international telegrams continued for some time after.

Cooke and Wheatstone's original five needle system was extravagant in infrastructure, requiring six telegraph wires to make it work. Further development reduced the number of needles to four, then two and eventually one, with a similar reduction in the number of wires, eventually to one with an earth return. The systems with fewer needles operated on a code system which required operators to be trained and competent in reading the code, unlike the original five-needle system which could be operated by untrained staff.

The hub of the telegraph service was the Central Telegraph Office (CTO) on Newgate Street in London. It acted as a clearing house for both inland and overseas telegrams and offered two levels of service, each using different equipment and staff. The high status service served state and industry and was operated by trained staff. The low status service served local and provincial needs, operated by untrained staff, usually female, and often in the form of the local postmistress in rural locations such as Swalcliffe.

Because the nationalized telegraph service was created by buying up a number of private commercial companies, each of which tended to prefer different types of telegraph instrument, the Nationalised service carried on with a mixture of instruments. It is therefore difficult to be certain exactly which type of instrument was installed in Swalcliffe.

It is unlikely that Swalcliffe had the five needle telegraph. It was expensive to install, needing too many wires, and by 1890 it had given way to simpler systems requiring one or two wires but usually at the cost of requiring trained operators. In the photo of Manor Cottage published with Helen Tustain's memoirs [1] there is a telegraph pole at the end of the building which does not appear to be capable of carrying the number of wires needed by the five needle instrument.

The single needle telegraph used the Morse code, where left and right needle movements substituted for dots and dashes. It was used extensively by the railways where 15,000 sets were in use at the end of the nineteenth century, and some continued in use until the 1930s. Operators had to be trained in the use of the Morse code so it would be less suitable for use in a rural location with untrained operators. It does not appear to have been used widely by the GPO in rural locations.

A more likely solution for Swalcliffe was the Magneto-Alphabetic Telegraph shown on the next page, also known as the ABC instrument, so called because its simple circular dial contained all the letters of the alphabet in order, beginning ABC etc, and all the numbers. By each letter was a key which, when pressed, sent a number of pulses corresponding to the desired character along a single wire. It was quick and simple to operate and messages could be sent and received by anyone, although GPO operators were required to achieve a minimum speed of sending and reading messages. An example of this instrument was still in use in Rural Wales in 1950.

Written by: Colin Hill

RIGHT: An example of the Magneto-Alphabetical Telegraph (the “ABC” instrument), as used by the General Post Office, displayed at Porthurno Telegraph Museum. Photo by Duncan Scott Mackenzie.

The instrument comprises three main parts, as follows:

The generator, operated by the rotary handle at the front of the instrument generates the current to send the pulses along the wire. This meant that a local power supply was not needed.

The Communicator which comprises a circular dial with keys for each letter. The button for a letter was pressed and the generator handle was turned to generate the correct number of electrical pulses sent along the telegraph wire to the telegraph office.

The Indicator at the rear whose rotating needle displayed each character sent and received by the instrument.



FOOTNOTES

[1] “*Village Memoirs of Helen Tustain*”, The Link, April & May 2022, republished as Swalcliffe Monograph no 18 (available on request)

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| 26-08-22 | Senior Lunch | P 7 | 29-10-22 | Kids and Caffeine | P 19 |
| 27-08-22 | Kids and caffeine | P 19 | 29-10-22 | Taddy Film Club | P 7 |
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TADDY FETE UPDATE

We have been asked a few times if there is to be a revival of the Taddy fete, post covid. This year the Queens platinum jubilee took centre stage, with Taddy and Swalcliffe hosting events to celebrate the occasion.

The fete is under review for 2023, and a number of factors will determine its future. Not least of all its location. Currently we have no outdoor space available to host a fete. Previous locations are no longer available. Whilst this is obviously a key factor, we would like to hear from you as to whether you would *like* a village fete. Because there has *been* one for many years, it can sometimes mean that it is 'expected', but is it actually 'wanted', and wanted by enough of us to warrant the huge effort by the many volunteers, that make it all happen,! The fete has certainly been a large contributor to the village hall funds, which are greatly needed, but the introduction of the Spring Fayre and Christmas Festive Fiesta (19th November this year) have helped bridge the financial gap somewhat, and as they are within the hall, they are not so weather dependant for success. So folks, let us know what you think. Speak to any village hall committee member, or email your thoughts to taddyvillagehall@gmail.com

And if there any landowners out there willing to host a fete, central to the village, please get in touch



BRAILES SHOW

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