

The Link November/December 2024

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



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 Nobody has come forward to take
 over !**

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What's on!

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September 2024

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 1—Fran Alexander £10
 107—Lyn Flowers £5
 77—Sue Wilson £5



October 2024

59—Gill Judd £20
 96—Jane Fitzpatrick £15
 166—Ollie Clappison £10
 186—Yvonne Woodhead £10
 32—Greg Fehler £5
 11—Dave Hall £5

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SPECIAL DATES!

November Film Shows

Matinee:

Weds 4th December at 1.30pm
and

Sat. 7th December at 7.00pm

December Film Shows

Sat. 4th January at 7.00pm

Matinee:

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The Winter Fuel Payment has changed and we are urging older people across Oxfordshire to check whether they are entitled to Pension Credit or any other qualifying benefits.

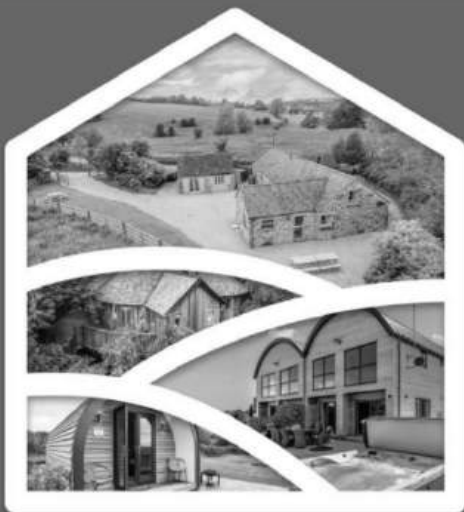
The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual tax-free payment for households that include someone born on or before 23rd September 1958 (for 2024-25) designed to help cover heating costs in winter, with households receiving up to £300.

Previously, the payment was not mean-tested, but changes by the current Government mean that only those receiving certain benefits will receive the contribution to heating costs.

Pension Credit is the primary way older people can continue to receive the Winter Fuel Payment, and with an estimate of more than **4,000 older people across the county not claiming the Pension Credit to which they're entitled**, it's more important than ever that people check their eligibility.

Pension Credit is an income-related benefit that tops up weekly income to £218.15 for a single person and to a joint £332.95 for a couple.

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Santa Fun Run – 1 December

What better way to kick off the Christmas season than joining hundreds of Santas in Spiceball Park for our annual festive fun run? Our much-loved Santa Fun Run is taking place on Sunday 1 December in Banbury. Join us for the 1.5km course or the full 5km at 10am – kitted out in a stylish Santa suit or more sustainable alternative. Tickets are available to buy online now! www.khh.org.uk/santa

Lights of Love – 4 December

We will be holding our annual Lights of Love event on Thursday 7 December at St Mary's Church, Banbury. We'd love you to join us for a special gathering where we come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Find out more www.khh.org.uk/lights.

RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 14 December

The RC Baker Tractor Run will be bringing the bling once again this Christmas when it returns on Saturday 14 December. Christmas isn't complete without a fleet of fairy-lit tractors touring around local villages to spread some festive cheer. Get the date in your diary now and help us raise much-needed funds for the hospice this Christmas! www.khh.org.uk/tractor

Challenge accepted

Our popular Accumulator Challenge is back for 2024! Local community groups, businesses or schools are invited to sign up now to receive their £50 seed fund and invest it in projects to grow the money as much as possible. Teams have between 21 October 2024 and 21 February 2024 and we have just 20 spaces available. This is your chance to compete to be crowned the Ultimate Accumulator or win the coveted prize of the Ultimate Innovator! We can't wait to see all the creativity and friendly competition in aid of Katharine House. Sign your group up now. www.khh.org.uk/accumulator

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Deposits		
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Sunday 3rd 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe (ES)
Sunday 10th 10.55am Remembrance Service (DP)
Sunday 17th 11.00am Holy Communion (ES)
Sunday 24th 11.00am Village Service (JT)

December

Sunday 1st 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton (ES)
Sunday 8th 11.00am St Nicholas Service (ES)
Sunday 15th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)
Tuesday 17th 7.00pm Traditional Carol Service (ES)
Sunday 22nd 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)
Wed 25th 10.00am Christmas Day Communion (DP)

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Tadmarton Link

We are well into Autumn now and we have just enjoyed a lovely Harvest Festival service. This was well attended and was followed by a Harvest Supper in the village hall. Great food was followed by an auction of produce with our famous auctioneer Mike Hilman supported by Louise. As a result of this evening £802.42 was raised and will be given to Katherine House Hospice. Our thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way with giving so generously, setting up the tables and making the hall look lovely, giving food for the supper, decorating the church, washing up and clearing the hall, and to Jennifer for organising everything, well done! Thanks also to Emily for a very uplifting service.

We are now thinking about making plans for Christmas and the Festive Fiesta a joint project with Tadmarton Church and the Village Hall to be held on November 30th. Please put this date in your diary and come along and buy some of your Christmas goodies.

Agreement has been given for the repair of the church path, the grounds around the church are very well looked after and we thank all those who keep the grounds looking so good.

The Zoom facility of the Sunday service is being used each week and we thank Chris for keeping this available for those who are unable to attend church.

There are other dates for your diaries...

Sunday 10th November Remembrance service at 10.55am

Sunday 8th December St Nicholas Service 11.00am

Tuesday 17th December Traditional Carol Service 7.00pm

Wednesday 25th December Family Communion 10.00am

Tadmarton Allotments – half size plot available

Despite the weather the Tadmarton Allotment plot holders have grown all sorts of vegetables, fruits and flowers. Nothing tastes better than sweetcorn picked and cooked fresh! We

have a half size plot available now, open to Taddy and Swalcliffe residents. If you are interested in growing your own food/flowers, getting out in nature and being a part of this very friendly group, please contact Christine Coles, Parish Clerk, 01295 276229 or tadmartonpc@btinternet.com

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Many thanks, Tadmarton Parish Council



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We have had such a lovely half-term here at school. Some of our highlights have been linked to engaging with the wider community; through visits to the church, both educational and celebratory, involvement with the Apple Festival, inviting our parents into school for Reading Week and for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We were delighted to be asked to contribute some artwork for the Apple Festival, as well as apples from the school Orchard for the children to use in their entrees for baking competition.



The children of Oak Class worked collaboratively to make these striking posters.



Our Early Years children made these apple sculptures to fill a basket.



Thanks to our friends at Sibford School, our year 5 children had a wonderful day in the Art Studios there, with the opportunity to immerse themselves in creative activities that we do not have the resources for at primary school. The children explored screen-printing, etching and made these wonderful owl models that will be fired in the Sibford School kilns. We really appreciate being given this invitation. Our children love Art & design and this was a great opportunity for them to extend their understanding of a range of media.



Friday 22nd November 2024, 9:30 to 11:00

We are holding an Open Morning for prospective parents, beginning with an introduction to the school and Q & A session.

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Swalcliffe Church November/ December

Sunday 3rd November – 10.30am – Benefice Eucharist
(The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)

Sunday 10th November – 9.30am – Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 17th November – 6.00pm – BCP Evensong
(The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)

Sunday 24th November – 9.30am – Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Dr David Pym)

Sunday 8th December - 9.30am – Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)

Sunday 15th December – 6.00pm – Evensong with Carols
(The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)

Sunday 22nd December – 9.30am – Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)

Christmas Day 25th December – 9.30am – Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Brian Fairbank)

There will be Carol singing on the Green and in Church on Thursday 19th December from 6.00pm with refreshments.

There will also be Benefice Eucharists at 10.30am on Sunday 1st December at Tadmarton and on Sunday 29th December at Broughton.

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FROM the ARCHIVES

A VICTORIAN PHOTOGRAPH OF SWALCLIFFE CHURCH

The photograph overleaf was recently discovered, or should I say re-discovered, in the Swalcliffe Archive. It was collected during the Swalcliffe Parish History Project which began in 1977 and continued for several years during which a considerable amount of historical information was collected, forming the foundations for the Swalcliffe Archive and, in 1987, the Swalcliffe Society itself.

We know of the many photographs taken by the Chipping Norton photographer Packer, mostly in the 1920s and 1930s, so it is especially interesting to find in our archive this photograph taken in the Victorian era, the earliest we have found so far. The things that are present and not present in this photograph enable us to provide an approximate dating for it.

Lighting: The wrought iron candle stands mounted on the pews were installed by Rev. Payne and Mr Norris in 1862 (since removed), but the hanging oil lanterns that light the church today and converted to electricity in 1933 are not visible.

Heating: There are heating pipes visible in the centre aisle and it is clear that the pews were then mounted on a wooden platform the floor of which is higher than the heating pipes. This platform subsequently suffered woodworm and death-watch beetle and was removed, following which the pews were reinstalled directly on the stone floor of the nave. The heating pipes were most likely removed at the same time.

The Texts: above the arches are curved placards containing religious texts, never seen in other photographs. These perhaps they relate to a religious festival or celebration.

The Reredos: The present Reredos, installed in 1887 by the will of Rev Edward Payne, had not yet been installed because the whole east window is visible in this photo.

The Organ: The present organ in the North aisle installed by Rev Wilkinson in 1893 is not visible in this photograph, however clearly visible are at least two rows of pews at the east end of the north aisle and where the present organ stands there is a railing enclosing something obscured by the pillar, perhaps an earlier smaller organ. From Rev Payne's memoirs of 1876 we read that in 1842 a "*small but well toned organ was placed in the then existing Western Gallery... displacing a violincello, clarinette and all kinds of music*". But in 1854 the West Gallery "*occupied as usual by its singers and its roughs*" was cleared away by Payne and the gallery organ moved to the North Aisle, most likely to the location behind the railing seen in this photo. (Information from Payne's memoirs dated 1876)

We can therefore propose a tentative date for this photo. The earliest date would be 1862 when the candle stands were installed by Payne and Norris. The latest date would be 1887 when the Reredos was installed. A probable date would be around 1876 to celebrate the completion of the substantial restoration of the church commenced by Payne in 1854, and the texts above the arches might have been installed to celebrate this completion.

We do not know the source of this photograph so we are so far unable to give credits to its photographer. If you have seen this photograph before or know where it comes from the Swalcliffe Society would welcome further information.

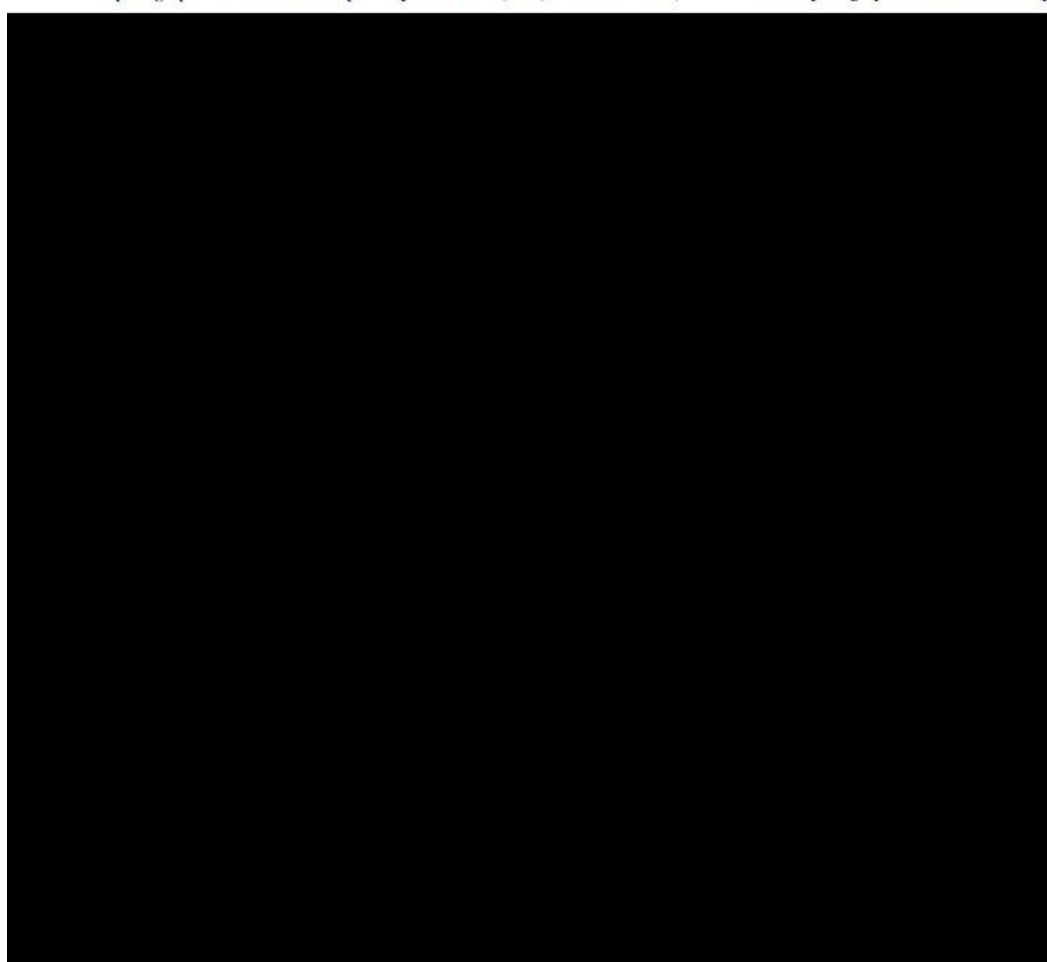
Colin Hill, October 2024



A Victorian photograph of Swalcliffe Church probably circa 1876 (anon, Swalcliffe Archive)



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We hope to see you again next year!



Party Packages



BRONZE PACKAGE

£130

- * Use of Tadmarton Village Hall for FOUR hours
- * A choice of FIVE of our toy boxes from across the range, plus ONE large item (list of available toys will be sent separately)
- * Craft essentials
- * Full use of all facilities including hi-fi, kitchen and car park
- * ONE helper to set up and pack away all the toys (using the first and last hours of your allocated time). You will be required to supply ONE additional helper.

SILVER PACKAGE

£155

- * Use of Tadmarton Village Hall for FOUR hours
- * A choice of FIVE of our toy boxes from across the range, plus ONE large item (list of available toys will be sent separately)
- * Craft essentials
- * Full use of all facilities including hi-fi, kitchen and car park
- * TWO helpers to set up and pack away all the toys (using the first and last hours of your allocated time)

GOLD PACKAGE

£180

- * Use of Tadmarton Village Hall for FOUR hours
- * A choice of FIVE of our toy boxes from across the range, plus ONE large item (list of available toys will be sent separately)
- * Craft essentials
- * Full use of all facilities including hi-fi, kitchen and car park
- * TWO helpers to set up and pack away all the toys (using the first and last hours of your allocated time)
- * ONE 'Kitchen Fairy' for the middle TWO hours of your allocated time to assist with all refreshment duties (please note they are NOT a party host)

If you would like more information or to book a party;
 Please contact our volunteers at tadmarton.kc@gmail.com
 You can view hall availability here: [Tadmarton Village Hall](#)

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting is on:

Thursday 14th November

when we are trying something different.

An afternoon meeting **2pm – 5pm** Tadmarton Village Hall.

Video presentation followed by a Cream Tea.

Two RHS presentations - Mycorrhizal Fungi and House Plants.

Our Christmas meeting

Thursday 12th December

Chris Brown will be talking to us about the

“Quirky and Unusual”

Tadmarton Village Hall – **7pm**

plus Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

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TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL !!**



**Come and join in the fun on :
Monday night from 7-8.15**

**No experience necessary , but a
good sense of humour does help.**

**We use a variety of styles of mu-
sic as well as incorporating differ-
ent levels of dances so there is
something for everyone.**

**The group is run by seasoned
amateur Gwen Phipps (Who is
excellent) and her apprentice
Mery Wolke (who can do better).**

**PAYG £2.50 suggested donation
per person to the Village Hall.
(Age 16 and over welcome).**

Regular Clubs and Activities at Tadmarton Village Hall

Line Dancing - every Monday at 7pm to 8pm

Tuesday Coffee Morning - every Tuesday at 10.30am

Age UK Gadget & IT Support - first Tuesday of the month at 10.30am

Folk Dancing - every Tuesday 7.45pm to 9.45pm

Pilates - Wednesdays (Termly) 10am to 11am

Seniors Lunch Club - fourth Friday of the month 12.30pm

Kids & Caffeine - Saturdays 10am to 12 noon

Green Dragon Martial Arts - every Tuesday 6.15pm to 7.15pm, Friday 7pm to 8pm and Sunday 10am to 11am

Film Club - last Saturday of the month at 7.00pm (Nov-Mar) 7.30pm (Apr-Oct) and the following Wednesday at 1.30pm

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Stratford-upon-Avon to Banbury	Mon-Sat	Mon-Fri	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Sat only
Stratford-upon-Avon, adj NatWest Bank	06:02	07:30 *!x	10:15	13:17	16:40
Stratford-upon-Avon, opp McDonalds	06:04	07:32 *x	10:17	13:15	16:38
Ettington, opp Rogers Lane	06:18		10:31		
Halford, opp Bridge Inn	06:27		10:40		
Tredington, adj Bus Shelter	06:31		10:44	13:35	17:02
Shipston on Stour, adj Beecham Road	06:37	08:18	10:50	13:41	17:10
Shipston on Stour, opp Tesco Express	06:41	08:21	10:54	13:43	17:13
Lower Brailes, adj The Park	06:48	08:29	11:01	13:51	17:23
Sibford Gower, o/s School	06:56	08:37	11:09	13:59	17:31
Lower Tadmarton Fourways (E-bound)	07:04	08:45	11:17	14:07	17:39
Banbury Bus Station (Bay 8)	07:18	09:00	11:32	14:22	17:54
Banbury to Stratford-upon-Avon	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat		
Banbury Bus Station (Bay 8)	11:35	14:35	17:40		
Lower Tadmarton Fourways (W-bound)	11:50	14:45	17:50		
Sibford Ferris, opp School	11:58	14:53	17:58		
Lower Brailes, opp The Park	12:07	15:02	18:07		
Shipston on Stour, adj Tesco Express	12:16	15:11	18:16		
Shipston on Stour, opp Badger Valley	12:19	15:14	18:19		
Tredington, adj White Lion	12:24		18:24		
Halford, adj Bridge Inn	12:28		18:28		
Ettington, adj Village Hall	12:34		18:34		
Stratford-upon-Avon, adj McDonalds	12:46	16:02	18:47		

* 5 min later during half term

! 07:54 from Woodstreet on Saturdays

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CHRISTMAS MARKET



Swalcliffe Church

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12 Noon to 3:30 pm

Entry £2.50 (children free)

Senior Luncheon Club:

Where? Tadmarton village Hall

When? 4th Friday of the month

Don't enjoy eating alone, find cooking a chore?

Come and find some salvation, eat with other seniors whilst having a natter and not having to worry about the washing up.

Don't Drive? We have some volunteers who might be able to pick you up and take you back home. (limited Spaces, booking required).

For £7 you get a 2 course meal (Mains, Pudding) followed by coffee.

Interested? Give Shirley a call on: 01295-780596

Email: shirleywackrill@btinternet.com

Next Date: 22 November

Tadmarton Charities

As in the past I thought it would be helpful to give a little background to the charity especially for new people to the village.

Tadmarton Charities is an amalgamation of the Poor's Land Charity, the Macdermot Charity and the Macdermot's Educational Charity. The Poor's Land Charity arose from the Inclosures Act of 1775 when a small area of land, which is now part of Tadmarton Golf Course, was made available to help the poor and needy of the parish. Subsequently this land was swapped for the 16 acres which the charities now own. This comprises of 2 fields which run down from the golf course road and up to a field owned by the Banbury Ornithological Society.

The 16 acres of land provide a rental income which in most years covers the income distributed to those recipients in the parish who have regularly received support. In addition, the Charity has an investment holding in M & G Charifund which contains monies received for granting a right of access to the Banbury Ornithological Society land back in 2005 and a small sum held in a Building Society Account.

These holdings do not routinely distribute income but are used for the ongoing administration of the Charity and to enable additional distribution of funds where deemed appropriate.

The Trustees are strictly bound by the trust deed which allows us to **'relieve either generally, or individually, those residents of the Parish who are considered to be in genuine need, or suffering hardship, or distress'**.

It is interesting to look back and see that in 1867 the charity delivered coal to 70 families who were deemed to qualify.

However there are still people and families who are in genuine need and it is the trustees job to allocate funds to them.

They do of course rely on people applying for themselves or nominating others.

The Trustees would now like to hear from any person who feels that they, a neighbour, friend, or family member, might qualify for consideration for the 2024 distribution.

This year has seen the withdrawal of the winter fuel allowance for those not on pension credits and it may be that more people will feel the need to apply to us.

The name, address and brief details should be provided to the Clerk to the Trustees at the address given below.

Those who have always received help from the Charity will automatically be considered and need not reapply.

C Dean Clerk to Tadmarton Charities
Ivy Cottage, Bakers Lane
Tadmarton: Tel 788104 (788470 Evenings)

Notes from the Editor

Dear All,

Unfortunately we have had no volunteers coming forward to take on the Link, and I will be hanging up my coat after this issue. A huge thank you to those who have supported us by ways of reading , advertising, supplying articles, delivering them, our printer and our treasurer.

If you want to keep in touch with what is going on than you can sign up to the Tadmarton newsletter: taddyvillagehall@gmail.com.

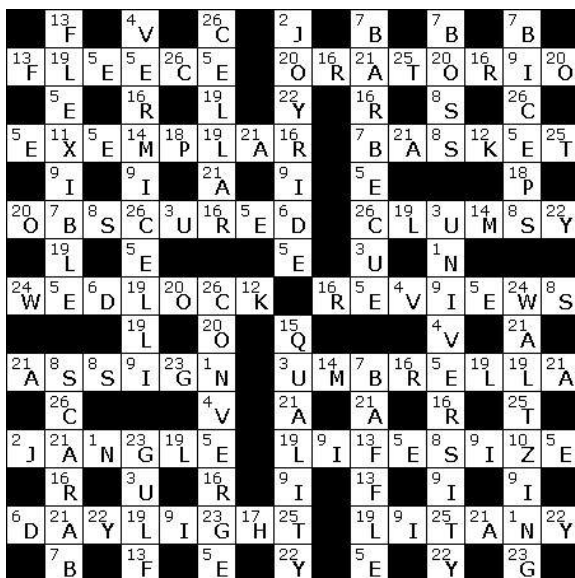
Keep an eye open for event announcements in the local noticeboards.

There are quite a few events happening in the run up to Xmas and it would be great if you can support them where possible, volunteers put a lot of effort in to make these events a success.

We wish you all a warm Christmas, if you find yourself on your own this Christmas or if you have space at the table you would like to hosts someone who is on their own please contact myself or Jane on 01295-780451.

Much Love.

Codeword solution Nov/Dec 2024



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



**THURSDAY 5th
DECEMBER
6.30 PM
Tadmarton Village
Hall**



Come and join us for a enjoyable evening making a wreath to hang on your door for the festive season

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Places cost £30 ~ All materials provided*

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The lights we see in the night sky are in actual fact caused by activity on the surface of the Sun. Solar storms on our star's surface give out huge clouds of electrically charged particles. These particles can travel millions of miles, and some may eventually collide with the Earth. Most of these particles are deflected away, but some become captured in the Earth's magnetic field, accelerating down towards the north and south poles into the atmosphere. This is why aurora activity is concentrated at the magnetic poles.

"These particles then slam into atoms and molecules in the Earth's atmosphere and essentially heat them up," explains Royal Observatory astronomer Tom Kerrs. "We call this physical process 'excitation', but it's very much like heating a gas and making it glow."

What we are seeing therefore are atoms and molecules in our atmosphere colliding with particles from the Sun. The aurora's characteristic wavy patterns and 'curtains' of light are caused by the lines of force in the Earth's magnetic field.

Different gases give off different colours when they are heated. The same process is also taking place in the aurora.

The two primary gases in the Earth's atmosphere are nitrogen and oxygen, and these elements give off different colours during an aurora display.

The green we see in the aurora is characteristic of oxygen, while hints of purple, blue or pink are caused by nitrogen.

"We sometimes see a wonderful scarlet red colour, and this is caused by very high altitude oxygen interacting with solar particles," adds astronomer Tom. "This only occurs when the aurora is particularly energetic."