

The Link MAY 2022

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



As mentioned in the April issue, part 2 of The Archives is here. It bumps the page 3 information up to page 7 the “what’s on” to the back and sees the re-arrangement of the coloured pages to the middle for this issue, But it is worth it.

What a great photo capturing the spirit of times left far behind us, and the history that Colin throws at us is quite fabulous.

The streets looked so much better when cars were an exception.

Bus services have not changed much, by the looks of it and electric busses were already in existence in 1919 and we think we are advanced

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FROM the ARCHIVES

VILLAGE MEMOIRES of HELEN TUSTAIN Part 2

The Swalcliffe Archive has collected a number of interviews with village residents, some as sound recordings and some as simple transcripts of what was said. In this piece we present the second of two articles based on two interviews with Helen Tustain. Last month's article described part of the first interview recorded in 1978. Here we continue with that interview and add further material from the second interview recorded by the broadcaster Giles Woodforde for BBC Radio Oxford. It was broadcast on 4th December 1988 in the BBC Oxford radio series "People and Places". Giles lived in Swalcliffe Vicarage (now Church House) Swalcliffe from 1954 to 1959 with his father the Revd Dr Christopher Woodforde.

Both interviews took place at Helen's home at No 1 The Bank. In 1988 Giles opened the interview describing Helen as an old friend and commenting on an interesting tea towel, full of old sepia photographs, that Helen was holding. One of the views showed the village pub and a large farmhouse behind it. Giles asked if the pub was still there. Helen replied "Yes, the Stags Head... and that's the farmhouse where I was born, my grandparents lived there."

The photo referred to [FN1] is reproduced on the cover of this issue of The Link. Taken in the late 1920s, it shows an early motor delivery lorry, behind it are a pony and trap and three men. Beyond is the farmhouse of Street Farm, now named Sparrow Hall, where Helen was born. Outside the pub is a "British Petroleum" sign advertising the sale of petrol by the landlord Charles Blower.

Helen went on to describe the scene. "We don't know whether it was a bread van, we're not sure about that, but as I say that my father (Thomas Harold Ashby) is with the pony and trap there and there is Ross Gilkes at the back and Arthur Nichols there looks as if he was mending a hole in the road." There were very few motor vehicles on the local roads at that time, so this delivery lorry would have been amongst the first. "...very few cars, but I should think two families probably had a car, and we just depended on the Midland Red bus and the Tanners' bus service." It was safe and common for children to play out in the road "... yes, you could run about anywhere... only bicycles or motorbikes".

Giles spotted another interesting photo on the tea towel, "...here is a lovely cottage here thatched cottage or two cottages with another piece of mechanical modernity, a motorcycle and sidecar by the look of it? The photo [FN2] shows Manor Cottage, again in the late 1920s, looking towards the barn.. Helen replied "Yes, that's outside the cottage that's no longer there... it's now part of the garage of Lime Tree house. Just beyond it is Manor Cottage "...where Mrs. Timms used to live in our little village shop. And I think she was the first of the telephone messages come through 'cause it was a post office as well. And next, the Eeleys live there. It was a blacksmith shop.

Giles referred again to the first photo (on the cover of this issue), commenting that just beyond, out of view was somewhere that Helen knew very well as the final resting place of the manual telephone exchange [FN3] in which she worked. Ray was interested to know when the first telephones came to Swalcliffe. "Well, I think before the First World War, at the little general

stores (Manor Cottage) there was a sort of telephone apparatus, very antique sort of thing; and then they also had telegrams there – but they would probably be sent over from Banbury.”

The first real telephone exchange came later.... “there was one at the Post Office at Mrs Stretton’s at the bottom of the hill possibly round about 1926 or 1927. There was a small manual board and that continued until they gave it all up in 1942, and then it moved up to where the old bakehouse is now [FN3] where they used to keep the flour for the bread. The Post Office leased that building from a Mr Griffin of Epwell. And then they installed more modern equipment. Ethel Newport was working there with her sister, Mrs Sybil Carter. Ethel was there for 22 years and I went there about 1958 as a temporary telephonist just to do the relief duties and when Phyllis Gubbins the other telephonist left to start up a little shop they asked me to take on full time after the summer of 1960. It closed down in 1964”

The telephone exchange had to work twenty four hours a day, so the staff operated a shift system. “We did this sort of staggered shift. We went on at 9, till 4 in the afternoon and then we went, the next shift went on at 4, should have been till 10 but it went on through the night but that had all been changed before I went there to work, and then you came off at 9 that morning. Then the next week you didn’t have to go to work at all, so it was like working two weeks in three. There was a single bed there and you were able to draw the bed across to the switchboard and switch on the alarm, and you gotta test that alarm and be sure as it was ringing, and if it didn’t ring you gotta report it through to the engineers. It was a very loud bell.” Occasionally calls did come through in the night “... just sometimes it could have been two or three times in the night. This is for doctors and for fires. And when there was storms it would give a sort of tinkle, it would keep ringing I mean, and that was false alarm.... you had to get up and investigate what was happening”. Occasionally the engineer had to be called out...”I once had to get one over from Chipping Norton just after midnight.... I had gone to bed and had to get dressed again”.

But sometimes the alarm did not work, and Helen remembered one strange occurrence... “there was one evening round about midnight.... we have friends of mine that lived at Swalcliffe Mill.... I didn’t know it was her at the time, she came up and was knocking on the door and she was covered with a scarf on her head. I looked out of the window and I said to my husband “it doesn’t speak”..... anyway when he shouted “what do you want?” this gruff voice, cause she was a deaf lady, and it sort of registered..... she wanted me to phone for the doctor for their son that was taken ill at Swalcliffe Mill. I didn’t know what to think, it was really scary being like she was all in these dark clothes.... this scarf on her head. (chuckles).

The operators got used to the familiar voices of the Swalcliffe villagers, but then Sibford was connected to the Swalcliffe exchange “and it was some people who were foreign you see, and sometimes times a job to understand. (laughing).”

Giles wondered if it was the last manual exchange in Oxfordshire, Helen said it was sometimes believed to be the last but thought Kings Sutton and Adderbury were still manual after Swalcliffe went automatic in 1964.

In the 1978 interview Ray Hubbard was interested in transportation and the state of the roads. “Well the roads wouldn’t be made up with asphalt until about 1929 so they were just rough roads with pot holes when it was wet, not so wide as the present day....there wasn’t a path, that was added with kerbing later after WW2. There was very little traffic, there was only the people at Swalcliffe Park that had a motor car, the rest of the people rode traps and horses and bicycles, quite a few bicycles in the village, and then it came that they had motor bikes and my mother was one that had a motor bike. I think the year was 1928, she had a Royal Enfield.”

There was no street lighting (and still none today) "we've only got our own electric lights we've put on our houses". Most houses were still lit then by oil lamps and candles.... "my grandmother lived in this cottage that we're living in now until 1938 and she wouldn't have electricity put in. I think it came to the village about 1930 [FN4] but she would never entertain it; she preferred the lamps and candles and the old fashioned grates".

Transportation originally relied on horse-drawn carriers' carts operated by a number of locals. "there was a carrier in Swalcliffe.... first of all there was Mr George Haines and then his son that I remember took over, Mr Herbert Haines, that lived down Bakers Lane... they went into Banbury on a Thursday and a Saturday and brought back all sorts of things, and took things into the station for people... such as luggage, anything too heavy for them to get otherwise".

During the First World War the Banbury grocer, George Mason, would send a boy out on a bicycle to take orders. The orders would be taken to the Wagon and Horses in Butchers Row, Banbury and the carrier would deliver the orders to Swalcliffe on a Thursday night. "I remember Mr Kite used to come round with the Sunday papers on a Sunday Morning, and the daily papers.... I don't think we had any... not until about the 1930s, a man used to come rounds on a bicycle for a start and then he got a small car, and then the Banbury Guardian, I suppose, was brought out on a carrier's cart."

Eventually two local bus services began operating. "We had two local buses. There was Tanners bus from Sibford and Matthews bus from Brailes, they went in on a Thursday and a Saturday at different times. I think it was 10 o'clock was the first, just before 10 on a Thursday and Tanners bus came about 5 minutes after, going in. Coming out they left the town 12:15 and (the Matthews bus) and one o'clock The Tanners bus, and then they ran again in the afternoon from Swalcliffe.

The Matthews bus was twenty past one and the Tanners bus was twenty to two; and they came out.... Tanner's bus, I think, left at 4 o'clock and the Matthews bus was at 4:15."

In 1919 Midland Red opened their depot in Canal Street, Banbury, and began competing services through Swalcliffe to Shipston. In the Swalcliffe Archive we have a photo of their Tilling-Stephens petrol-electric



coach, registration OH1224 passing Swalcliffe Green in the 1920s. "That came through on a Tuesday, and I believe it went through to Chipping Campden. On a Friday, it came through and connected up to Stratford-on-Avon. Also on Saturday we had Midland Red buses, and on a Sunday afternoon. There was one used to come out from Banbury, get to Swalcliffe at half past two, I think, and that went on to Shipston; and then you changed and got a bus from Shipston to Stratford and there on from Stratford to Birmingham."

"The Tanner's bus was a big... a bus that held about 32 passengers and it was nearly always very full. It was a coach type of bus, but not like we see today. And the Matthews bus was on a similar line; and the Midland red, well, they probably held about 40 passengers. The main railway station was Banbury, but there was also one at Hook Norton and that linked up into Chipping Norton line.... it wasn't much used by Swalcliffe people."

"The doctor used to live at Sibford Ferris. There was a Dr Race, I think he was present at my birth. And then followed him was Dr Mottram; and Dr Taylor followed him, him and his wife, and then they moved into Burdrop where Dr Agnew lives today. I don't think many people could afford to have the doctor. They relied on neighbours helping and anyone that sort of had a bit of medical know-how, you know, to treat them. Dr Race that brought me into the world might have come up on a horse but, latterly, the doctors I remember had motor cars. Then the district nurses... at one time one lived at Swalcliffe, but she used to come round in an Austin Seven car. But before that, I do remember the nurses coming round on bicycles to attend to the sick, and anyone that was having a baby to be there when they were brought into this world. And when people were dying, sometimes they were present. And sometimes they would come and knock for my mother and say someone was ill, and she would go and sit up with them at night, and nearly always she ended up laying them out. I think there were two more people that could do it in the village. In my time they relied on the District Nurse; and before that probably there were midwives that use to go out and attend to the women, during the First World War, I think, when things were very complicated".

Edited by Colin Hill

Sources:

1978 interview by Ray Hubbard: Recorded as part of Swalcliffe Parish History Course 1979/9. Oxford History Centre, LT 756-6, used with permission.

1988 interview by Giles Woodforde: BBC Radio Oxford, used with permission.

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Sketch of Tanners bus: Ian Henderson, son of Alice Henderson who was the first matron of Swalcliffe Park School from 1953. Ian travelled daily to Banbury College on Tanners bus in the 1950s and 1960s and remembers Jess Tanner very well. Ian is now a successful artist living in New South Wales.

Parts 1 & 2 of this article will soon be available in an expanded version with additional photographs as Swalcliffe Monograph No 18, available from the Swalcliffe Society.

FOOTNOTES

- [1] Photo (front cover), view of pub with Street Farm (now Sparrow Hall) in the background, courtesy of Chipping Norton History Society, collected by Swalcliffe village residents during the Parish History Course run by Kate Tiller in 1977-79.
- [2] The building nearest the camera was a cottage, but later simply a barn or garage. It was recently rebuilt as a house, now named "Swallows". Beyond this are Manor Cottage and what is now Forge Cottage with the blacksmith's forge beyond. Photo by Packer, number 19, courtesy of Chipping Norton History Society as above. The motorcycle was possibly owned by the photographer, Packer. Copy in Swalcliffe Archive.
- [3] This is the small cottage just outside the Old Bakehouse.
- [4] Electricity arrived in Swalcliffe in 1933.

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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Dear friends,

So much has been happening in our villages since my last letter, I don't think that I'll have the space to fully share with you everything. What has, however, been wonderful to see and experience, has been the response to the terrible things that have been happening to the people in Ukraine. People across our villages have responded with so much love and compassion in all different sorts of ways.

As a Christian I believe that where love is then God is also present, so when I see acts of love, when I see acts of kindness and care, I also see God at work, even in what appears to be the most darkest of moments. If we allow the darkness to veil our sight from seeing these acts of love, of seeing this light, then the darkness has won, but as a Christian I believe that darkness that has been created purely by human action, can never fully overcome light and love.

We've had some wonderful celebrations of Christenings across our villages in recent weeks including at Tadmarton, with the Christening of Ellie, at our Mothering Sunday service. It was also wonderful to be back together for our Lent lunches in the village halls at which we raised money for the people of Ukraine. I'm so looking forward to all the many different things happening across our villages in the summer months, especially our Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

If you would like to arrange a Christening or are considering getting married in the church or having a wedding blessing, or even the renewal of your wedding vows as a way to celebrate a special anniversary, then do just be in touch.

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Sunday 8th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Thursday 12th 7.00pm Benefice Eucharist for Ascension Day at Broughton (NB)

Sunday 15th 11.00am Holy Communion (NB)

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

Sunday 15th 11.00am Holy Communion (NB)

June

Sunday 5th 11.00am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford (NB)

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Sunday 15th May – 6.00pm Evensong
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Swalcliffe villagers: www.swalcliffe.org or

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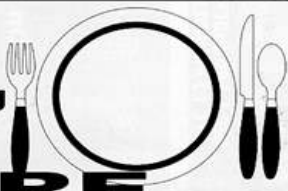
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The Bank Holiday Jubilee Weekend is only a few weeks away.

Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of local residents, Swalcliffe village celebrations look set to be the biggest and best around!

Free refreshments are being sponsored by the Parish Council at two of the weekend events. To help those involved anticipate numbers, please let us know if you are planning on coming along. Find out more from the village website – details below.

Thursday 2nd June – *Lighting of the Shutford Beacon*
Sunday 5th June – *The Big Jubilee Lunch*

Visit the village website www.swalcliffe.org to register or email karen.riordan@swalcliffe.village.com.uk



TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our next monthly **Coffee Morning** 10 am – 11.30 am will held be on Saturday 14th May.

Seniors Lunch Club - every 4th Friday of the month. Contact Shirley on 780596 for details. (27th May)

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. (3rd May)

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 (28th May + 1st of June)

We have two activities for children – **Kids Film Club** every 2nd Saturday of the month at 3pm and **Kids & Caffeine** last Saturday of the month 10am – 12 noon.

Sewing in Company – every 2nd Sunday afternoon 1.30pm to 4.30pm (8th May)

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 Church

We had a very successful Lent Lunch on 29 March when we were served a lovely selection of soups, followed by cheese, biscuits and fruit. Thanks to all that helped prepare this. We sent a cheque for £425 to help Ukraine via Christian Aid.

By the time you read this the volunteers who keep the churchyard mown will be in full swing and our thanks go out to them for keeping it looking so good.

We will also have held our Annual Church Meeting on 24 April when the accounts and report of the church events during 2021 are presented. We will have voted in the Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and appointed members of the PCC.

On March 27 we were pleased to baptise Ellie Ruth Birch during the Mothering Sunday Service. She is the great granddaughter of Doug Woodward who we all remember with fondness. We were able to make use of the newly cleared area around the font which was lovely



It's a busy time at the hospice with so many events and services opening up again. Whether you join us to take on a challenge, sign up to be a volunteer or shop with us – your support makes a difference! Without the generosity of our wonderful community, we couldn't keep caring for local people when they need us the most. Thank you!

Walk this way!

Our Fundraising Team is busy getting ready for the Moonlight Walk on Saturday 16 July. This year, we're going back to the 80s for our flagship fundraising event – and it's going to be spectacular. Get the date in your diary and tell your family and friends. Tickets are available on our website now. khh.org.uk/moonlight

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Dig deep for a good cause

If you love spending time in the great outdoors, then don't miss out on our Open Garden events throughout the spring and summer months. We have some fabulous villages taking part, as well as some private tours and events with limited availability. You can find the full list of our Open Gardens on our website. khh.org.uk/gardens

Welcome return

Our Living Well programme of events is back up and running on Mondays and Thursdays! We are now able to offer bookable sessions for patients and family members to take part in art/craft & photography, mindfulness, hand massage and reflections. We welcome referrals from carers and families of people with a life-limiting illness over the age of 18. If you would like to find out more about Living Well or book one of our sessions, please contact the Living Well team on 01295 228500 or visit the website. khh.org.uk/livingwell

Art with heART

We're on the lookout for Volunteer Artists to support with our Living Well sessions. Could it be you? You don't need to be a modern-day Monet or a budding Banksy! We're looking for people with a keen interest in art who can share knowledge or teach new techniques to encourage our patients to achieve their goals. Without our wonderful volunteers we couldn't offer these valuable sessions to our patients – so we'd love to hear from you. khh.org.uk/volunteer

Did you know...?

As well as our six local shops we also have an eBay store selling a wide variety of items, ranging from men's and women's fashion, through to books and DVDs. So if you can't make it into one of our town centre shops, why not take a look online from the comfort of your own home? khh.org.uk/ebay

Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: khh.org.uk.



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If you would like to have a chat or arrange a visit, you can contact the school office at office.3005@sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk or by calling 01295 780270 during school hours.

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

You can find further information on the Nursery Provision page of our school website at www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/nursery-provision including our admissions policy and an application form.



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Thank you everyone who helped pick litter from the Tadmerton verges.

It was all a bit last minute this year so the Link deadline was missed and it was a word of mouth event.

We were lucky to have a sunny still day which made the job all the easier and more enjoyable.

I am sure we will be back to normal next year; and equally sure that there will be more litter to pick up.

Angie





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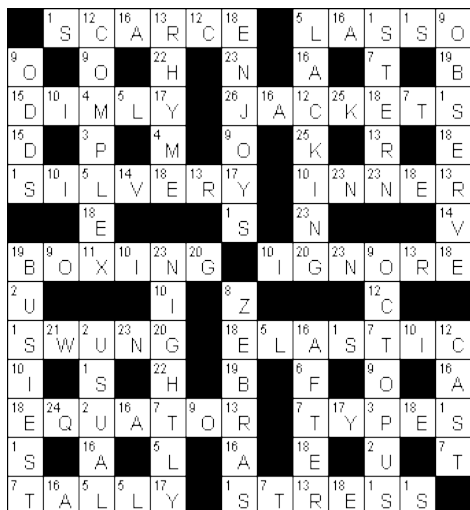
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England: Cheddar Cheese

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Wales: Leek

Average cost of ingredients per tart, between £3.75 & £5.00

(Will serve 10 People)

*20 cm (8") loose-bottomed flan tin

*baking beans

Pastry

140 g (5 oz) plain flour

35 g (1 ¼ oz) margarine

35 g (1 ¼ oz) vegetable fat

About 1 ½ tablespoons cold water

Or use ready-made shortcrust pastry

Filling

100 g (4 oz) Smoked salmon (trimmings or chopped small)

50 g (2 oz) leek

100g (4 oz) cooked potatoes

70g (2 ¾ oz) Cheddar cheese (grated)

200 ml (7 fl oz) single cream

2 large eggs (beaten)

1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

Black pepper

1. To make pastry ~ place flour in bowl add the fats and rub in lightly with fingertips until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Add enough cold water to bind to a soft dough, knead briefly and shape into a ball. Wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

2. Roll out the pastry and use to line the flan tin. Prick the bottom of the pastry with a fork. Line pastry shell with foil and fill with baking beans. Place tin on a heated baking tray and bake in preheated oven at 200°C Fan (Gas 7) for 10 minutes, remove foil and baking beans, return to the oven for a further 10 minutes.

3. Reduce oven temperature to 160°C Fan (Gas 4)

4. Scrub potatoes and place in a pan of lightly salted boiling water to cook for 15 minutes.

Drain and allow to cool before removing the skin and then slicing thinly.

5. Finely chop leek. Heat a little butter or oil in a small frying pan, add chopped leek to the pan and cook over a low to moderate heat, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes until soft but not coloured ~ allow to cool.

6. Mix together cream, beaten eggs, chopped parsley and plenty of ground black pepper. Layer filling in pastry case;

spread smoked salmon over base of tart followed by cooked leek and then 50 g (2 oz) grated cheese (keeping remaining

20g (¾ oz) to sprinkle on top). Top with thinly sliced cooked potatoes. Sprinkle remaining grated cheese over the top then

gently pour cream and egg mixture in to the tart.

7. Bake in oven for 30 ~ 35 minutes until filling is set and golden. Serve cold.

NB These quantities also make 18 small tarts using 8cm (3 ¼") plain round cutter and lining patty tins. When making small tarts there is no need to blind bake the cases first.

Bake small tarts at 160°C Fan (Gas 4) for about 30 minutes until filling is set and golden.

Notes from the Editor:

So May is here and it seems that the spring is seriously on the way.

We all know by now that we should not be cutting our hedges, trees and bushes, or taking down drystone walls at these times. We also are aware that we should refrain from pulling Ivy off the walls and be careful when we are digging in our garden or moving garden "rubbish" or getting hedgestrimmers out. Hedgestrimmers (and to a certain extent even lawnmowers) are a huge danger to many a wild creature (Hedgehogs, Snakes, Newts, Toads and Frogs, Baby birds, and Rabbits). See someone who does not know-shout up. Don't be afraid to stand up for wildlife, because if you don't, who will. And since the council have brought in charges for the brown bin, we have seen an increase in bonfires. Ideally you have a compost bin instead but if you decide to light a fire please check there is nothing hiding in your bonfire before you light it.

On a lighter note: did you see the Time Team? If not the details and links can be found on page 29. Don't forget that we have got some excellent data and finds from previous digs on display at Swalcliffe Barn; Open on Sundays from 2-5pm until October.

Parties are being planned to celebrate the jubilee, if you can, make a note in your diary and go and support them. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes of local events, and all involved are giving up precious free time to make things happen.

A few more Tadmorton Village hall events have been scheduled in, the kids clubs are well attended and the Sewing in company is proving popular with the ladies, may we remind the gents they are welcome too.

Talking about gents, there is an idea of setting up a men's shed group. This would involve men to bring their projects or ideas and to share hints and tips on how to... Should you be interested in this please let the committee know.

The litter-pick has happened, thank you to all. If you wanted to take part but was unaware or unavailable at the time, the equipment is available to borrow at any time. Just give Angie Dean a buzz to agree a suitable time to collect and return.

A foodbank collection was organised for April the 30th and I would like to thank everybody who time and time again contributes in goods/ money and time. It is much appreciated.

It is difficult for those who ask to keep asking but unfortunately we are living in times where people do struggle. And it is up to those who do not struggle to put on the empathy cloak and help. After all; financial hardship and homelessness can happen to anyone. If you are living in Tadmorton and you are struggling financially, there is help available, please get in contact with Chris Dean who is clerk to the Tadmorton Charities Tel 788104 (788470 Evenings).

Last but not least thank you to all of you who keep sending me articles for The Link, please continue to do so using the A5 size, narrow margins and a clear font. If your article includes pictures etc, then please save as and send as a PDF or picture file in A5 format only. I can not shrink an A4 file to an A5 Format nor can I blow up an A6 to and A5 successfully.

Have a fabulous May everyone. **P.S. Copy date for June is the 15th of May.**

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Stratford upon Avon	0617	0732	0917	1117	1317
Ettington			0931	1131	1331
Halford			0937	1137	1337
Alderminster	0629				
Shipston on Stour	0639	0818	0947	1147	1347
Shipston on Stour (opp Garage)	0642	0821	0950	1150	1350
Lower Brailes	0650	0829	0958	1158	1358
Sibford Ferris	0658	0837	1006	1206	1406
Lower Tadmarton	0706	0845	1014	1214	1414
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75 + 75A	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat
Banbury Bus Station	0935	1135	1435	1730
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Grimsby Fish 07578 195979

GARAGE SERVICES

Josh Lovesey, Trainee Car Mechanic 07817 801485

GARDEN SERVICES

Quarry Nurseries vegetables, border and baskets 07903 655267

Trinity Oak. Tree felling, landscape gardening, fencing 01295 730650

Taddy's Black Gold Manure 01295 780700

The Visionary Gardener 01295 780946

Golf Course Gardens 07867-560958

GARMENT ALTERATIONS AND CURTAINS MADE

Linda Morse—garments, curtains and blinds made

01295 720930

HOLIDAY LETS

Linda Lane—Cottage in Cornwall

01295 780242

Jane Fitzpatrick—Cottage in lower Tadmarton

01295 780451

Margaret

01295-720168

KITCHENS

Hunt Bespoke Kitchens & Interiors. Kitchen Makers Joiners.

01295 721111

PAINTER & DECORATOR

C.A. Berger. Interior, Exterior Painting & Carpentry.

01295 738633

Mullins. Interior & Exterior.

01295 264117

Noah's Ark. Bespoke murals, Exterior & Interior decorating.

01295 811026

PR Handyman services help with your home

01295 722490

RTM Property Maintenance

07484 846630

OVEN CLEANING

Cookerburra Oven Cleaning Services – Banbury

01295 277789

PLUMBING & HEATING

David Butler plumbing and heating

01295 780668

PLT Plumbing all domestic plumbing

01295 368150

Adam Lawrence , ADROX

07540 850491

SCHOOLS

Sibford School. Independent co-educational

01295 781203

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary

01295 780270

Swalcliffe Park School for Boys with Autism

01295 780302

STOVES

Iron and Wood. Wood Burning stove centre.

01295 253916

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May

Birthstone: Emerald
Flower: Lily of the Valley



Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, and summer's lease hath all too short a date
 (William Shakespeare)

Where flowers bloom so does hope. (Lady Bird Johnson.)