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**News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe**



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Eurasian Sparrow Hawk  
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##### May

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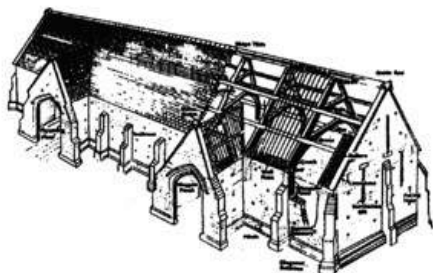
##### June

04 General and food Waste  
 11 Recycle, Garden and Food  
 18 General and food Waste  
 25 Recycle, Garden and Food

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# SWALCLIFFE BARN

## Behind the Scenes



It was cleaning day today as the Museum cleaning team prepared Swalcliffe Barn for a new season of public openings. The barn has received a thorough dusting and sweeping. Gone are the dust and cobwebs, the dried leaves that blew in during the winter and the bat droppings too, though our three species of bat will be waking up soon, so signs of their presence will no doubt return! The kitchen and toilet have also received a deep clean. The historic wagons are still hiding under their dust sheets but the conservation team will be here very soon to uncover them, check them over and give them a careful clean. By the time you read this, the opening of the barn's 2024 season will be upon us.

Our loyal team of volunteer stewards are ready for action, the duty rota has been circulated and we all have our duty dates. Mostly our volunteers need to do only one duty a year, but some have generously agreed to do an extra one to fill this year's rota. This is hugely appreciated, as our volunteer team is currently reduced in size from a one-time high of 70 to this year's 42. The Barn would normally have opened at Easter but, with this smaller team, we have shortened the current open season to twenty five days, May to September for 2024. However, we hope that recruitment will increase our numbers again soon.

Keeping an Ancient Monument safe and saved takes constant effort, with regular inspections leading to occasional repairs. This year the roof has received attention and use of a "cherry picker" has enabled replacement of individual stone slates without the need to clamber all over the roof and dislodge more. Recently another cherry picker was busy inside the barn for an inspection of the roof timbers, most of which are over 600 years old, and this required opening of the big wagon doors to get it in. This provided a rare glimpse through the doors into the farm courtyard of the Rectorial manor as pictured on the front cover of this issue.

In addition to the regular public open days on Sundays from 2pm to 5pm, we can also open the barn at any time for groups of visitors or for community events and special visits. There have been 52 such openings in the last four years. We opened for important community events such as the Swalcliffe village post-pandemic picnic and the Queen's Jubilee, and also for smaller crowds such as local history societies, or Sibford Primary school when they were learning about Romans. We very nearly had four coachloads of Japanese tourists and once, when asked to open for "a group of explorers", we were delighted to welcome a party including Martin and Ranulph Fiennes, whose ancestor William of Wykeham ordered the barn to be built in 1401. We are happy to open for anyone who wants to visit, they just need to ask. Small museums like ours all over the country have experienced slowly reducing visitor numbers for some years, so these

special openings are a good way of enabling more people to enjoy the barn and its contents and we are always looking for new ways to attract visitors.

Outwardly it may sometimes seem that not much happens at the barn, and this became obvious from some comments made during the recent Swalcliffe village survey. The barn is clearly highly valued as a community asset, but many local residents want to see it better used. More and different events centred on the barn would interest people, and these are possible, we just need to make them happen. The events that work best are community-based activities that can be run by a team brought together to make them happen. Anyone can get involved, all that's needed is an idea and some energy. There are admittedly some potential complications; the barn is not owned by the village so everything we do has to be with the permission of the owners and there is sometimes a bit of tedious admin to do. But the barn team are used to that and can provide help and guidance given sufficient notice.



**ABOVE: One of the many things that happen unnoticed at the Barn.** A “cherry picker” has been brought into the barn during one of the periodic roof inspections. Getting it into the barn involved another rare event, namely the opening of the big wagon doors, as shown on the front cover of this issue.

One aspect that we all want to see improved is the local history exhibition. It was created by the original team of village history researchers in 1991 and has been rearranged and added to several times since with the benefit of new research, which continues today. But we know it has become a bit stale and static and is now overdue for an upgrade. We are ready for that, but to achieve it we would really like people to tell us what they want to see and ideally get some help to do it.

We also have an idea to convert the permanent display boards into a multi-purpose flexible exhibition space that can easily host short-term exhibitions and be capable of a rapid changeover alternating with the permanent local history exhibition. We already have a local photographic group who would like to use it next year for a photo exhibition, perhaps coinciding with Oxfordshire Artweeks.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

There are a number of other future events already in the planning phase.

**On Thursday 1st August** there will be a Family Day at the barn with tea and cake and some items from the museum collections that children – of all ages! – can handle.

**On Wednesday 21st August** there will be an Archaeology Day. Ed Caswell, Oxfordshire's Portable Antiquities Scheme officer, will be on hand to examine and help identify items of historical interest that people have found. Local detectorists will be very welcome to bring their finds. Many interesting finds from Swalcliffe Archaeological excavations will also be on display. Tea and coffee will be free-flowing as well, so this should make an interesting day.

**On Saturday 5th October** there will be a Volunteer Recruitment day and anyone interested or willing to join our team of volunteer Barn stewards will be most welcome to come and find out what it involves. Tea and coffee will be available too, so do come and have a chat.

**Future Community Events:** There are none planned at the moment, other than those listed above, but what events would you like to see happen? And would you be willing to help organise one? The barn team has experience in working with the Museum Service to enable community events to take place and will support any person or group that wants to organise one.

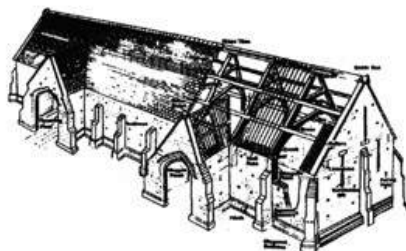
## **IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE**

There have been two recent meetings at which Barn ideas were flowing, the first was the Swalcliffe Society's annual social evening and the second was the Open Meeting which took place at the Stags Head on Tuesday 16th April. These meetings and the recent Swalcliffe Village Survey have given us a list of ideas to work through and we would be happy to hear from anyone who wants to participate in bringing some of them to life or has additional ideas. Look out for further announcements or feel free to contact us. If you are interested in local history and barn events and would like to receive periodic mailings on history topics, but are not one of our Barn Volunteer Stewards, please sign up to our mailing list. Just email "join" to the email address below.

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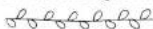
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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Ascention Day at Broughton (JT)**  
**Sunday 12th 11.00am Holy Communion (GE)**  
**[Sunday 19th 11.00am Holy Communion \(JT\)](#)**  
**[Sunday 26th 11.00am Family Service Lay led](#)**

**June**

**[Sunday 2nd 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton \(JT\)](#)**  
**Sunday 9th 11.00am Holy Communion (GE)**  
**Sunday 16th 11.00am Holy Communion (BF)**  
**Sunday 23rd 11.00am [Family Service](#) Lay led**  
**Sunday 30th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)**

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We have held Lent lunches and have been able to donate £262 to the Brodey Centre (a cancer centre in Banbury) helped by donations from the seniors lunch.

We give many thanks to all who contributed to these occasions by preparing and giving food, washing up and generally making it a welcoming time.

We enjoyed a very moving Good Friday reflection service led by Rev John Tattersall and a lovely Easter day service led by Glyn Evans.

We have had several lay led services during the last few months with our congregation ready to take part in prayers and readings with Chris and Tim taking services and Maggie and Louise taking the Mothering Sunday services and distributing flowers.

We thank all those who take part whilst we wait for a new rector to be called and would like to thank all those clergy who take our services and especially John Tattersall for all the work that he does for the Benefice.

Our PCC meeting has taken place and we have been looking at ways to make the pathway safer and several ideas are being explored.

We would like to thank Chris for all the work that he does behind the scenes to keep the church functioning so well.

Our church grounds are looking beautiful at the moment and again due to all who give their time to care for it.

There have been interviews taking place in the last week for the position of the new rector and I am delighted to be able to tell you that a new rector has been appointed. Her name is Emily Robottom-Scott. More details will be available soon as to when this will take place. I hope everyone will make her feel welcome in her new role where she is very excited to be given the opportunity to be part of our village life.



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**Don't mow the grass so often and not at all during May** – *the grasses and flowers that flourish across the year will offer birds and insects a variety of food otherwise not able to grow.*

**Let things rot and decay where they are** – *decaying plants provide shelter for insects and nourish the soil. If that sounds too radical, pile up the logs, leaves, and branches somewhere discreet to create a habitat for insects and wildlife to thrive.*

**Go chemical free** – *chuck out the pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilisers, the soil will thank you for it as much as the local wildlife and waterways. There are plenty of organic alternatives, including making your own compost.*

**Plant with wildlife in mind** – *select a range of plants that provide food all year around for wildlife and create natural shelters in which they can live. Find a corner for some wildflowers, the best time to plant is March to April and they'll bloom 60-80 days later.*

**Become more weed tolerant** – *we might have been trained to think that weeds are bad, but they are an invaluable source of food and habitat for wildlife, especially birds and insects.*

**Encourage native trees and don't be too keen to crop them back** – *Native trees have evolved alongside each other for centuries to form a mixture that benefits different species, providing food, shelter, and a place to raise young.*

**Support soil recovery** – *healthy soil supports biodiversity. Keep it organic, peat-free, and even make your own compost to enhance it. Don't dig around too much either, let the worms that thrive through a more natural approach do that for you.*

**Encourage wildlife** – *creating watery habitats such as tub ponds, installing nesting sites or putting up bug hotels, bird boxes and bat boxes all help to enhance further the more natural approach to gardening.*

**Be open to visitors from further afield** – *create small gaps in fence lines or natural routes along which animals that prefer to travel can roam. For example, hedgehog highways.*

### Some useful websites –

<https://thegrasspeople.com/>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/gardening>

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/wildlife-gardening>

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 6.00pm Evensong (Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Brian Fairbank)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Graeme Arthur)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – 6.00pm Evensong (Jocelyn Merris LLM)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am Taizé Service (Jocelyn Merris LLM)

In addition there will be Benefice Eucharists as follows, both led by the Rev'd Canon John Tattersall:-

Ascension Day 9<sup>th</sup> May - 7.00pm Benefice Eucharist at Broughton

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton

Morning Prayer is said in the church on most Friday mornings at 9.00am

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To book a place at the June Whole School Open Morning, call our Admissions Registrar on 01295 781 203 or book your place online at [www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events](http://www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events).

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### Learn 2 Climb Sessions

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A summer concert by the Brackley Wind Orchestra. The orchestra will be performing an uplifting medley of film music and popular melodies ranging from the Star Trek theme to pieces by Holst and Copland - something for everyone! Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of May with proceeds being divided between the church fund and the breast cancer charity 'CoppaFeel'.

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All proceeds will be donated to the Swalcliffe Church Restoration fund



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A name on each plant if possible please.

## Notes from the Editor

We would like to thank David Lovesey for his years of support for The Link in which he advertised his services for many, many years. He has decided to slow it down, he might even retire in the near future...

It is thanks to the support of our advertisers and donors that The link is still available in print. For those who prefer the internet and online reading, The link is uploaded onto the Tadmarton village website by Mark Yeomans.

But for a large proportion of our elderly locals The Link is the way they keep up to date and feel connected to the village.

There are a lot of lonely elderly people out there, so if you can "adopt" an elderly neighbour and help them to feel less lonely; knock the door/ ring the bell/ pop them a note or give them a call, it really makes all the difference to them.

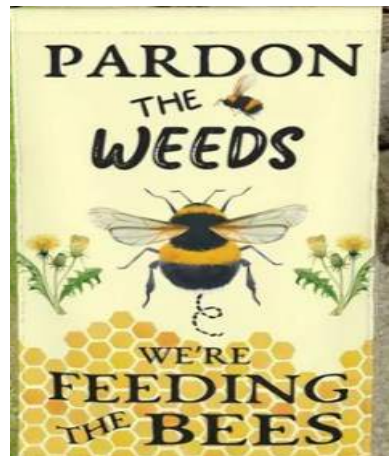
We did so well, and showed it can be done during the Covid lockdowns, and although our lives have moved on, a lot of them have not had that opportunity.

We are also looking for new/ more volunteers to provide transport to Hospitals/ Doctors/ shops/ Town/ Village Hall Events and Loved ones in care homes. Does this sound like you, contact me on 01295-780451.

If you are running a service in the local area, please consider advertising with us, advertisements on posts in the country side is not only unsightly, it is also a massive distraction from the signs we need to look out for and the investment into the Link helps to engage those we care about.

We no longer have a contact for Swalcliffe, any articles can be send directly to me, please note if I get too many duplicated items I might need to request a point of contact to collate the information/ articles.

**Enjoy the spring and remember you can put your feet up as it is NO MOW MAY!!!**





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### **Open Gardens galore**

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. [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens)

### **Carers group returns**

We are delighted to announce that Living Well's family and carers group, which had to pause during the refurb, is returning to the hospice in early May! The relaxed drop-in sessions help people to share, socialise and reflect with their peers, while our team of specialists provide emotional, practical and financial advice. If you'd like to find out more then email: [palcarelivingwell@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:palcarelivingwell@ouh.nhs.uk).

### **Easy as ABC**

Fundraising can be as easy as ABC... In fact, we have an A-Z of fundraising ideas. So if you're keen to help raise money for our hospice but not quite sure how, then take a look at some of these great suggestions!

Let us know – we love hearing about what our supporters get up to. [www.khh.org.uk/a-z](http://www.khh.org.uk/a-z)

### **A summer of fundraising...**

We have loads of great events coming up this summer, so there's bound to be something to suit! As well as our bungee jump, Snowdon hike and skydive, we have walking, running and cycling events on offer. Why not take a look on our website and find the event that's right for you? [www.khh.org.uk/events](http://www.khh.org.uk/events)

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Would you like to be in with a chance of winning up to £1,000 each week? Of course you would. Playing the Katharine House weekly lottery couldn't be simpler! For just £1 a week, you can be in with a chance of winning one of our 20 weekly cash prizes. When you join the Katharine House Hospice lottery, you'll be supporting local people living with an incurable illness, as well as their families and loved ones. Players must be 18 and over. Find out more and sign up here: [www.khh.org.uk/lottery](http://www.khh.org.uk/lottery).

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

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice. [www.khh.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.khh.org.uk/newsletter)

# TADMARTON 250 CLUB WINNERS



## February 2024

138 – Meredith Schenk £15  
 175 – Clive Moules £10  
 29 – Kevin Tomblin £5  
 187 – Malcolm Moodie £5

## March 2024

77 – Sue Wilson £15  
 157 – Sean Taggett £10  
 134 – Carla Ellis £5  
 70 – Tim Turner £5

## April 2024

125 – Olive Sadler £20  
 78 – Marion Youngman £15  
 241 – Finn Roffey £10  
 41 – Peter Warnford £10  
 204 – John Salethorn £5  
 224 – Sarah Yeomans £5



Congratulations to all of the winners of the latest draws.

It has been great to learn that the 250 club is a sell out for the 24/25 year.

Did you loose out on a ticket for this year? Next year's tickets will go up for sale some time in January 2025.

Don't miss out next year!! Put it in your diary now.



## **Stagecoach 75+75A+75B**

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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
<b>Banbury to Stratford-upon-Avon</b>	<b>Mon-Sat</b>	<b>Mon-Sat</b>	<b>Mon-Sat</b>		
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		

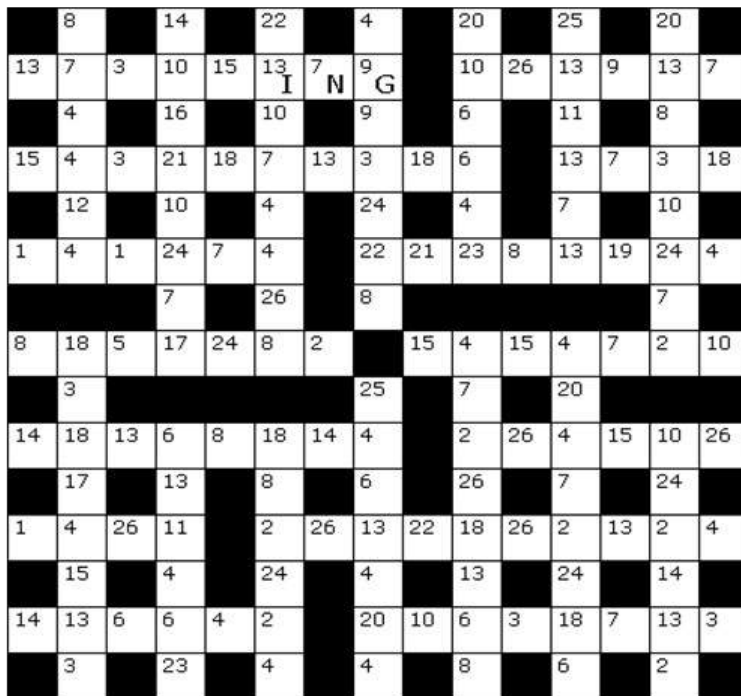
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Answers can be found on Page 36



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**Sat 27th April 19.30-22.00 Matinee Wed 1st May 13.30-16.00**

Matinee is dependent on numbers !!!

Do you know someone who would like to attend the matinee but has no transport contact us to see if we can help 01295 780451

### Tadmarton Allotments – half size plot available



With Spring finally springing (although rather soggy!), the Tadmarton Allotments are starting to come to life with a hive of activity to get things ready for the planting season.

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 our Parish Clerk on: 01295 276229 or [tadmartonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:tadmartonpc@btinternet.com) for details of the plot, or to go on the waiting list.

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## Swalcliffe and Tadmarton Horticultural Society

### Spring Show Winners 2024

The 'Two Parishes Tray' 1<sup>st</sup> - Mike Hillman  
 Most points in Section A Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> – Raymond Sancroft Baker and  
 Malcolm Moodie

The 'Malcolm Brown Vase' - Best Daffodil Gail Duckworth

The 'Floral Trophy' 1<sup>st</sup> – Louise Hillman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Angie Dean  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Angie Hadfield

The 'Craft Cup' 1<sup>st</sup> - Andrea Moodie  
 Most points in Section B (Cookery 1-7) 2<sup>nd</sup> – Louise Hillman  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gail Duckworth

The 'Charles Brimble Cup' 1<sup>st</sup> – Lindsey Smith  
 Photography Section C 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chris Dean  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cathy Stoertz

The 'Daphne Woodward Memorial Trophy' - Best Pot Plant Malcolm Moodie

The 'Handicraft Cup' 1<sup>st</sup> – Mike Rawnsley  
 Best Handicraft/painting Class B8 2<sup>nd</sup> – Angie Dean  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jennifer Brown

Men's Cookery Trophy Joint 1<sup>st</sup> – Malcolm Moodie and  
 Rolf Smith  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Rawnsley

Audrey Watts Members Cup 1<sup>st</sup> – Alison Saunders  
 Seeds/Bulbs/Corms 2<sup>nd</sup> – Raymond Sancroft Baker

Banksian Medal for most points in entire show Mike Hillman

### **SWALCLIFFE & TADMARTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April the society held it's annual Spring show in  
 Tadmarton Village Hall.

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported the show, those  
 who entered exhibits and those who joined us for tea and cake and a chat in the  
 afternoon.

The next date for your diary will be Monday 6 th May when we will be holding  
 our annual

Plant Sale which this year will be in Tadmarton VH. Doors will open at 2.30pm.

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**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 7pm and following Wednesday at 1.30pm

**Craft in Company** - 2nd Sunday of the month 1.30pm to 4.30pm

# BROUGHTON CASTLE SPORTIVE 2024




New Year has been and gone, resolutions have been made (and forgotten already!!?), but have you made the important resolution to book in for the 2024 Broughton Castle Sportive on Sunday July 7th 2024?

NEWS for Teams - create a team & book 6 riders in a team in one booking payment and get the 6th place free.

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Get on to your laptop / tablet / phone and pedal on to [www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk](http://www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk) now, to get your slot on one of the beautiful Cotswold rides.

If you missed us in 2023 we have new rides compared to 2022, so click on us and check them out.

As always this is a Sportive that puts 100% of its profits to charitable purposes in line with the aims and objectives of Rotary, so amongst others in 2023 we donated to;

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LET'S PLAY

Help us to make 2024 a bumper charitable donation year.

See you at Broughton on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

ROTARY CLUB OF BANBURY CHERWELL





We have had a busy and interesting few weeks here at Sibford Gower Endowed primary School. Our Spring Term focus on reading has been well-supported by our participation in World Book Day and our termly Reading Week when parents and grandparents were welcomed into school to read with the children every morning for a week. The turn-out was really pleasing and adults and children had a lovely time sharing books together.

This year, we are having a particular focus on oracy too, developing the children's accuracy in speech, developing their vocabulary and their confidence in public speaking and performing. We build in a lot of opportunities for them to do this through our curriculum but theatre events have promoted the joy that can come with the spoken word too.

Our Year 5 & 6 children were delighted to be invited up to Sibford School to see their production of 'Oliver'. One of our ex-pupils was cast in the starring role – a cause for great excitement here!

Our brilliant P.T.A kindly covered the cost of a visit to the school by the Image Musical Theatre. Their production of Oscar Wilde's 'The Selfish Giant' was enchanting and kept all of the children, from the youngest to the oldest, enthralled throughout. It was a masterly combination of acting and puppetry, supported by whole school singing and some excellent contributions from a small group of pupil volunteers. Very well done everyone!



*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/>*

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A Scimitar's Tale  
(The story of a love affair with a car)

To say my dear late wife had a hate/hate relationship with my SE 6a (RBW 668T) would be a huge understatement!!! She did concede it had style and indeed was very comfy, those were her only concessions.

As you all know you have to know and love your Scimitar and just like marriage there has to be a little give and take, you give the car takes! Sadly my wife hadn't grasped this basic knowledge, it must be that for that reason that any problems always happened on her watch; (why would all the lights fail on a dark November night in the rain, etc, etc)?

Having only the one car this state of mind was not helping an otherwise happy relationship. Matters came to a head when my wife decided on a long trip to visit her cousin in Cape Town, I was mortified by her parting words "when I come back I want that "B----Y" car GONE!! "Have a nice time" I weakly replied". Something would have to be done.

Thankfully my Knight in shining armour was just around the corner, in the guise of Steve, the then chief honko of Oxford noggin. He did a survey at my request and very kindly breathed a kiss of life and hope into RBW, his parting words being "in the fullness of time we will have to replace the petrol tank, however keep it as an advisory for the moment".

My wife returned and was only placated with the purchase of a second car for her. Christmas was coming and my wife planned a trip to her parents in Cheshire to deliver presents. As RBW was apparently a proper car again and bigger than hers she conceded to take it for her trip, as a gesture of kindness I even filled the nineteen and a half gallon petrol tank for her, "Bye bye darling". A couple of hours later I was happily ensconced in the local; when the telephone rang.

(The trip to Cheshire from our then home in Woodstock was very agreeable first the Cotswolds, then through the Wyre valley, breaking the journey at a lovely bijou hotel called the Hundred House just south of Telford). This hotel was a favourite lunching spot for bosses in their Jags and their secretaries, prior to an amorous cuddle before the late return to the office!! (People enjoyed life in the 1970's) I digress but I think you get the picture, so back to the telephone.

“##### F, B-----dy, \*\*\*\*CAR”!!!!!! My tranquillity was shattered, when I finally calmed her down it transpired that there was petrol pouring out from under the back, my suggestion that she should forgo lunch and carry on driving to avoid wasting petrol didn't seem to be the appropriate response, so the R A C were summoned.

(I should interject that the pretty courtyard car park was surrounded by lovely thatched barns). On arrival the R A C man threw his hands in the air and the Fire Brigade was called! A fire engine all blues and twos screamed into the yard, the chief officer immediately declared that the hotel should be evacuated!! (No nooky for some that afternoon).

Some hours later my embarrassed, angry wife left the Hundred House on an R A C lorry with a very empty petrol tank (what a waste) en route for Grahame Walkers who kindly fitted a replacement for her return journey. A somewhat frosty return to Woodstock with my wife vowing “I will never go in that car again” and do you know she never did.



(picture lifted from <https://carsonline.bonhams.com/en/listings/reliant/scimitar-se6/e5d18093-48bd-472c-886f-8673e2eebf7> )

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