

# **The Link June 2021**

**News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe**

This cute photo was sent in by Daphne Lever from Lower Tadmarton, who has a passion for photographing animals.

You might recall the Hare painting in Pastel she did a couple of years ago.

Coming from the Netherlands these gorgeous Mallard ducklings bring back many memories (Ducks used to come knocking on our patio doors for food– they had us well trained).



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**[www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk](http://www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk)**

**Swalcliffe Village Website**

**[www.swalcliffevillage.co.uk](http://www.swalcliffevillage.co.uk)**



**THE SCARECROWS ARE BACK!!!**

## **HAVE YOU STARTED YET?**

So the festival will go ahead - **but** without the concert - starting on Friday the 9th of July ending on the 23rd.

So let your imagination run wild, make it crazy, **floral**, lovely, current affairs, sporty, professional or **SCARY**

Don't forget to let us know if you take part so the judges don't miss out. (Especially important for those tucked away from the main road) Judging will take place on the evening of July the 23rd.

On Sunday the 25th of July the Tadmarton Village Hall will be open from 3.30pm to 5.30pm : Afternoon Tea will be available free of charge (No donations).

At 5.30pm the Festival's results will be announced.

Following the announcement, there will be a very light hearted evensong service in St Nicholas Church, starting at 6pm.

Government Guide lines must be followed and the event is subject to regulations.

Good luck everyone let's have some fun.

Shirley Wackrill on behalf Of Tadmarton P.C.C.

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## ★ Notes from the Editor: ★

★ Thank you to all of you who are sending in material, much appreciated, it makes my job a whole lot easier.

★ Don't forget that the job is up for grabs if anyone feels like taking over the Baton. It would take about 8 hours (Or less if you are much faster than I am) of your time 10 x a year, so ideal for someone who is looking for some time filler. You don't have to deliver the Link from door to door, we have amazing distributors who do that job in all weathers. You will be closely involved in the village and know what is going on. The software used is Publisher and would be made available to you. ★ If you are interested please give me a call on 01295-780451

★ We have a few things going on and it would be great if you can actively take part in the community occasions. It is after all what living in a village is all about. ★ I for one look forward to seeing the popping up of Scarecrows (Page 2) along the way, to have a nice meal in our local pubs, reading what our local schools get up to and of course the long anticipated re-opening of the village hall.

★ Keep your ears to the ground, keep your eyes open for the July Link and check in on the Villages Facebook pages to see what's going on.

★ If you want to hire the halls to celebrate that birthday/ wedding you had to skip last year, please contact the relevant person and discuss your requirements (page 30)

★ Have you decided to maintain your physical exercise by walking, see page 35 for some organised walks, or visit Good for the Sole <https://gfts.org.uk/>

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★ Lets hope the weather cheers up a bit and we can all look forward to some nice sunshine this year.

★ Stay Safe,

★ Mery



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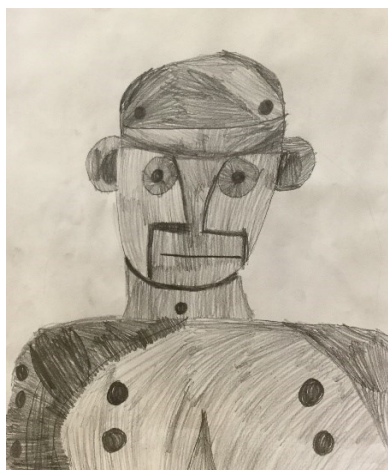
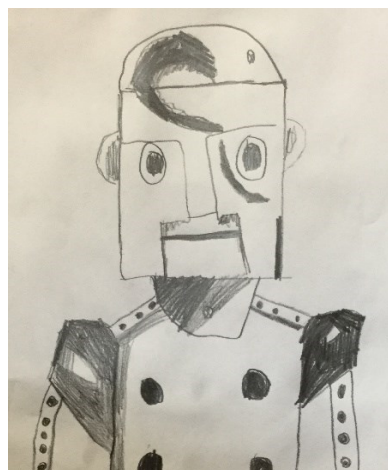
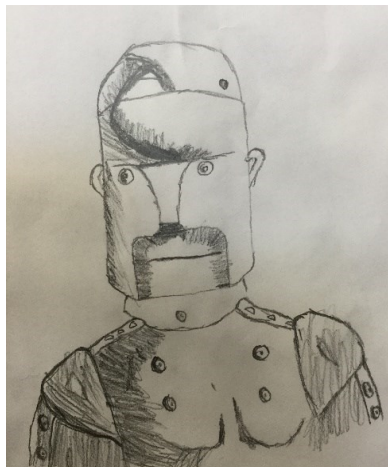
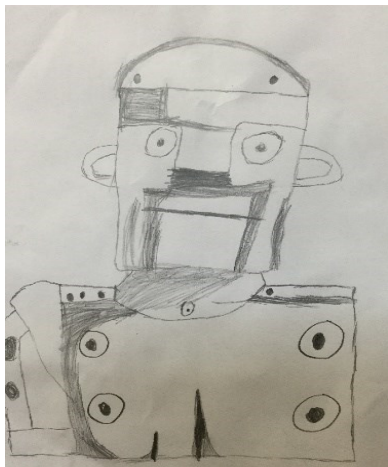
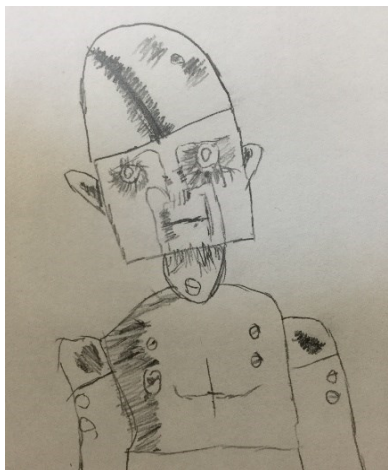
Despite the variable weather, we love the summer term here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The slight easing of restrictions has allowed us to re-start our after school football and netball clubs and children in KS2 and the children are starting to use the Big Field at lunchtimes as well as for P.E lessons and Forest School. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful space where the children can spread out as they play.

The children have been enjoying our thematic approach to learning. The younger children in Acorn and Beech classes are exploring the theme of The Enchanted Woodland and have spent some time exploring the trees in the Millennium Wood. They used rolls of paper to measure and compare the circumference of tree trunks and were encouraged to notice and describe the differences between trees, the shades and shapes of leaves, the texture of the bark, whether they are deciduous or “forevergreen” and so on. They made tree bark rubbings and have been learning the names of the different trees. There are so many changes and details in Nature for the children to notice, explore and learn about and our focus on outdoor learning develops our young learners in all sorts of positive ways. They show a real interest in, and care for, our natural environment.

Willow Class children, Years 3 & 4, are exploring the theme of Mighty Metals. As part of this, they have been exploring ‘The Iron Man’ by Ted Hughes as their ‘class book’ this half-term. This text is a rich resource for learning and the children have used it to develop their understanding of characterisation and enrich their vocabulary. It is also a very ‘good read’ and a story that we are sure the children will remember into adulthood.

The children explored pencil technique in creating their own drawings of the Iron Man.

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### **Swalcliffe Church in June:**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am – Holy Communion**  
**(The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am – Morning Worship**  
**(The Rev'd Neil Bowler)**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am – Holy Communion**  
**(The Rev'd John Tattersall)**

**In addition there will be Benefice Eucharists at 10am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Tadmarton, and at 10am on Sunday 4 July at Broughton.**

### **Swalcliffe Village Clock Raffle!**

The second draw took place at 12 noon on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
 and the winning minute was ...

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## FROM the ARCHIVES

### “To The Archives”, for a change

This month we deviate slightly and instead of describing information already in the Archive and the fascinating stories that information brings to light, I want to talk about information recently contributed *to the archive*, some in response to previous “From the Archives” articles, and how this continues to improve our understanding of our history.

We have received a lovely collection of twelve documents including wills and leases for Holly Cottage in Bakers Lane, Swalcliffe, spanning 1742 to 1913. These add to the fascinating talk given to the Swalcliffe Society by Sue Moon some years ago and include some well-known village names such as Dix.

Another set of documents received relate to Langsat House, Swalcliffe, which began life as the stable and carriage house for the new Vicarage (now named Church House) built by the Reverend Edward Payne in 1839. These relate to the building of the Vicarage and Carriage House, the arrival of electricity in 1932 and mundane matters such as sewers and land holdings.

The discovery of parish Council minute books already in the archive has prompted the Parish Council to offer other minute books for digitisation and archiving and the Swalcliffe Archive is now providing a secure archive facility for the Council.

We recently made contact with Ian Henderson, son of Alice Henderson the first Matron of Swalcliffe Park School from 1954 when they both lived in the top floor of the big house. Ian is now a very successful artist living in Australia. His early artistic life included frequent paintings of local views and now, as a writer, his accounts of life in Swalcliffe and Banbury in the 1950s are utterly fascinating.

We have received sound recordings of BBC Radio Oxford interviews in 1988 with notable village residents Maurice Cooling, Brigadier Bamford, Helen Tustain, Judy King, Joan Robinson and Doug Seymour, and another sound recording in 1991 of Maurice Cooling and Joy Spiers talking about the early days of Swalcliffe Park School. A box of twelve VHS video tapes has also arrived containing Doug Seymour’s capturing of village life in the 1990s and shows the Barn in near-derelict state.

Another interesting story recently elaborated concerns William Richard Wykeham, the last of the line to live at Swalcliffe Park, and his elopement, in 1789, with Elizabeth Marsh, who was a cook employed at the hunting lodge at Swalcliffe Grange owned by Mr Wrightson, Master of Warwickshire Hunt from c1780 to 1791. A gossipy letter from Mrs Wrightson to her sister tells of the hurried elopement of Mr Wykeham and the said cook to London for a hastily-arranged marriage, however the Tadmarton Parish Register lists their marriage in Tadmarton Church four months after the supposed elopement. Elizabeth may have begun as a cook but her offspring continued the Wykeham line and their daughter Sophia Elizabeth achieved greatness as Baroness Wenman of Thame and heiress to both the Wykeham and Wenman fortunes, another story that we must tell in detail in a future “From the Archives” article. *written by: Colin Hill*

Do you have anything of interest? The Swalcliffe Society would love to see it and have an opportunity to copy and digitize it. If you would like to contribute to the archive feel free to phone **01295 788127** or email [swalcliffe.society@gmail.com](mailto:swalcliffe.society@gmail.com)



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**June**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Benefice Eucharist (NB)**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion (NB)**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Village Service (NB)**

**July**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Broughton (NB)**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)**

**Zoom Services until further notice, for joining instructions  
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 and The Rector or The Rev'd John Tattersall**

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

**Thursdays in Tadmarton Church 9.00am Morning Prayers (NB)**

**Please note that there will not be any refreshments after services.  
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# NEWS FROM TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

Now that the lockdown is gradually lifting, we are looking forward to opening the Village Hall to you all once again.

Some of you may have seen that we have been busy working at the village hall during the last 12 months. We have updated the décor of the Main Hall and have completely refurbished the cloakrooms.

We are now busy planning a programme of events and drop-in sessions to welcome you back so look out for information on Tadmarton Village Facebook page, village notice boards and on [www.tadmartonvillage/news](http://www.tadmartonvillage/news) and of course, in The Link!

If you wish to make a booking or would like to join our happy band of volunteers, please contact us.

Please contact:

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## Tadmorton Seniors Lunch Club.

Hi everyone, just to let you know that hopefully- If all goes to plan- we will be starting the Lunch Club again on Friday the 25th of June. We have missed you all so much and can't wait to see you.

Any (new) Seniors living in Tadmorton or Swalcliffe are very welcome to join us. If you have not been before, we are a friendly bunch and it is a great opportunity to meet some new people.

The cost is £5 for 2 course Lunch with coffee. Everything is home cooked and our kitchens have 5 Star ratings and are inspected regularly. Anyone who would like to join please contact Shirley Wackrill on 01295-780596 or email [shirleywackrill@btinternet.com](mailto:shirleywackrill@btinternet.com). In the meantime keep safe and bless you all.

Shirley and the Team.



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Dear friends,

It has been great to welcome back into church over the past few weeks those who have been feeling more confident in getting out and about following their vaccinations. It has also been lovely to welcome new people into our villages and our church family. As we gradually once again emerge from a long period of lockdown over the summer months and find opportunities for being together, it has got me thinking upon how we welcome and meet other people.

I was sat in the back garden of a family recently, having been welcomed by them into their home, sharing a strong cup of tea and large piece of homemade Victoria sponge cake and a couple of gooey homemade biscuits. The sun was shining, the sparrows were chattering away in the hedgerow and a blackbird was whistling it's merry song. In those moments I felt a very strong presence of peace and also of being happy, not just because of the cake and biscuits, but because in welcoming others unconditionally we open our lives to grow in relationship with each other and, as a Christian I believe, we also open up our lives to welcome God in and through those encounters.

There is a very famous passage from Paul's letter to the Hebrews where he tells them to think carefully about how they welcome others, because he says that in doing so some people have entertained angels without even knowing it. Although angels may not necessarily need a cup of tea and a slice of cake and a few biscuits to be happy!

I'm so looking forward to welcoming back once again into our village church, families who are bringing their children to be christened, as well as those who might want to hold their happy occasion of their wedding day in church. If you or if you know someone who might like to arrange the christening of their child in your village church, then please do be in touch as it would be lovely to welcome them into the church family.

We have been so blessed to have been able to safely keep all of our churches in our villages open for worship in the Wykeham benefice and I look forward to seeing you very soon to welcome you in your village church.

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For most of May Swalcliffe Barn has been the scene of a flurry of activity as Oxfordshire Museums Service and members of the Swalcliffe Society prepare it for a long-awaited reopening. It was not possible to reopen the barn at all in 2020 due to COVID lockdowns and restrictions on "indoor hospitality", but as the 2021 lockdowns are eased it is once again possible to allow visitors into the Barn and this will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

The preparations for reopening included the usual activities prior to opening for a new season such as a dusting the historic vehicles, removal of cobwebs and bat guano and giving the whole interior a good spring clean. But this year we have had to install COVID screens around the reception desk, install hand sanitisers and implement a track and trace system and a one-way circulation system, all of which has meant much additional work. These precautions are mandated by Government COVID Regulations but, of course, provide safety and reassurance for volunteers and visitors alike.

The Barn opened as a museum for the first time in 1991 when the Duke of Gloucester performed the opening ceremony on the 10<sup>th</sup> September and we will be celebrating that 30<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. The opening followed a thorough restoration of the Barn preceded by the creation of the Oxford Buildings Trust in 1981 and their acquisition of Swalcliffe Barn in 1982 followed by the launch of a restoration scheme benefiting from substantial funding by English Heritage. We celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Buildings Trust as well this year. The leasing of the Barn to Oxfordshire Museums Service enabled the creation of the museum we know today to house part of the Oxfordshire collection of agricultural and trade vehicles and enabling the Swalcliffe Society to create an exhibition tracing the history of our village over more than three thousand years.

Its opening in 1991 and every year since has been enabled by members of the Swalcliffe Society volunteering to open the barn every weekend throughout the summer months and hosting special visits for local societies, schools and, in fact, any group who are interested. The first year of opening was supported by a small team who were on duty several times that year, but soon our numbers swelled as more people from Swalcliffe and surrounding villages joined our team. The team increased to around 65 people by 2010 but in the last couple of years it has reduced significantly in size as people moved away from the village, or became unable or, sadly, though death. This reduction in our numbers has made it difficult this year to ensure volunteers are available for each opening, even though we are opening late in the season. We have managed to fill this year's schedule but next year, with a much longer season, it will be even more difficult to fill our schedule without numerous members doing multiple duties.

We therefore appeal and invite the residents of Swalcliffe, Tadmarton and other surrounding villages which once formed part of the originally very large Parish of Swalcliffe, to come and join our team and help us to ensure that Swalcliffe Barn can continue to be opened for the enjoyment of the public. Volunteering is not particularly onerous and involves opening the Barn for three hours on a Sunday afternoon and explaining to visitors, for example, why so large a barn is present in so small a village. This is usually a two-way process and we often learn as much from visitors as they learn from us.

If you are tempted and would like to know more why not pop into the barn one Sunday afternoon, or contact the Swalcliffe Society to find out more. You will be very welcome.

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## Explore Sibford School at the next Whole School Open Event

Sibford School is delighted to be opening its doors once again for a whole school open morning on Friday 25 June.

The Sibford School open morning will be held from 9.45am – 12pm and will offer the opportunity to talk to staff, meet current parents and take a tour of the school with student guides. The morning will begin at 9.45am with a presentation giving attendees an overview of what the school has to offer for students aged from 3 – 18 years by the Head, Toby Spence.

Toby explains 'At Sibford we value holistic education where the happiness and well-being of pupils is paramount. We encourage pupils to live adventurously and foster resilience and we look for the unique talents in every individual that comes to the school. It's not too late to enquire about entry for September 2021 or beyond, so please do come along to learn more about what Sibford has to offer.'

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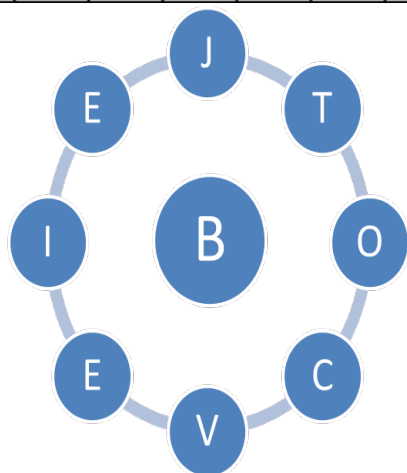
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### CODEWORDS

are like crossword puzzles - but have no clues! Instead, every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number representing the same letter throughout the puzzle. All you have to do is decide which letter is represented by which number! To start you off, we reveal the codes for two or three letters. When you've filled in these letters throughout the puzzle, you'll have enough clues to start guessing words and discovering other letters.

**A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

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Find as many words of three or more letters as you can in the wheel.

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All our meetings will be subject to covid regulations, but it will be great to meet soon in person. Zoom is OK but not quite the same.

Services have been fairly well attended with more members of our congregation now attending. The second covid vaccination has been well received. We pray that there will not be further restrictions later in the year.

Several members of Tadmarton were delighted to attend the service at Broughton Church on the 13<sup>th</sup> May to witness Neil's confirmation as our Rector, according to law. It was lovely to hear members of the choir singing again together.

Our Rector, Neil's zoom lectures regarding the various artists interpretation of The Ascension and The Pentecost, have been very enlightening and helped us to try to understand the artists intentions in the portrayals in their pictures.

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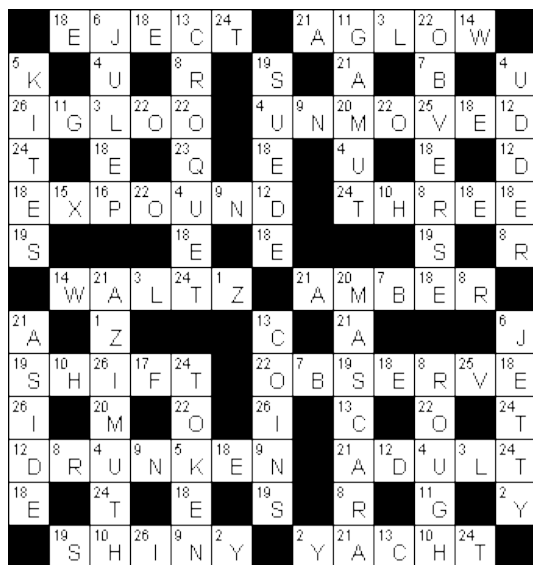
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## The Wildlife Page: MOLES

Smiling Mole Photo  
by:

Richard Jackson

It is time we look at  
this amazing  
creature with the  
respect it deserves.  
Below I will try to  
explain why!

The European Mole is an Insectivore who loves living in healthy soil, the best part is that they help to maintain a healthy environment for your plants. A fact often overlooked.

We know they are around when we find a Molehill; a small mound of lovely fertile and beautifully aerated soil. With it's massively strong spade like claws it digs foraging tunnels – up to 200m long under the surface in which they will catch their prey.

Their tunnels connect a Nesting Burrow, Sleeping Chamber and Pantry.

Their diet consists out of Earthworms, Insect larvae, Slugs, Cockchafer and Leatherjackets. They have to eat approx. 50% of their own bodyweight daily. With very limited sight they are relying on their sense of touch and smell with a nose that is as flexible as our fingers.

There is a short breeding season at the end of February and with a gestation period of about 4 weeks the female will produce 3-4 young at the beginning of Spring. Young will leave their home after approx. 6 weeks. This is the time when you are likely to see them overground, where they are most vulnerable looking for new territory.

Killing or trapping Moles is unlikely to sort out your problem because they happily take on someone else's territory and if you have done the killing, its an easy takeover for new Moles.

Yes they sometimes accidently dig up your lovingly planted plant, but you can put it back where it belongs being secure in the knowledge that the soil is of good quality, and if you smart you use the mound earth to repot you plant with. After all remember the nutritious value of this soil coming from 30cm below the surface. Leaving them be, they will only occasionally come above ground to collect grass cuttings etc to line the nesting burrow (in Spring), to find new territory (Early Summer) or to escape floods. They are excellent in providing drainage but of course during our new monsoon periods they don't stand a chance. Poisoning Moles is inhumane and cruel and removes a great natural pesticide from your garden. Using Mole deterrent actually deters Earthworms and you NEED those for a healthy garden. So the best this is to leave them and thank them for giving you some beautiful soil when planting for spring. Scoop up the mound and you have perfect fertiliser.

**Happy Wildlife watching everyone and let us know what you have spotted!**



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