

The Link March/April 2026

News and information covering Swalcliffe and Tadmarton



Easter Weekend 2026

Good Friday 3rd April

Easter Sunday 5th April

Bank Holiday Monday 6th April

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Italian Evening

Saturday 21st March 2026
at Tadmarton Village Hall
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Want to know more contact:

Mery on 07794 950664

Refreshments available. Donations to TVH

The Link

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Article & Advertising deadlines

What's Going On in 2026?

Whatever the event—maybe a ‘Save the Date’ for later in the year, don’t forget to include it in The Link

To advertise your event or have features/stories published in the next issue of the Link that will cover May & June, please email your copy across by the

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

tadmartonandswalcliffelink@gmail.com

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- ◆ 1/4 page £25

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The next issue will cover events and news happening in May/June.

The deadline for any copy is April 17th

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Swalcliffe Village Website: www.swalcliffevillage.co.uk
 Tadmarton Village Website: www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk

Editor's bit

Politics & other talking points!

Unless one is actually a politician, I do believe politics (and religion come to that) should only be discussed after at least 3 or 4 glasses of wine, preferably at a dinner party rather than in the pub. Then, you can really become an expert and have full on debates – or wonderful disagreements - oh, such fun! The conversation would definitely not be as interesting should a Government – or indeed so called 'opposition' be getting it all right, so right there is your 'silver lining'.

How we allow such antics go by on a weekly basis by any party is beyond me, but we're not French I guess.

Pot holes in this area is another subject that I'm sure all cyclists and drivers are just screaming about on a daily basis. I spent some time in Wales last year and the roads were so good. I noticed they would close a whole stretch of road and re-surface rather than just fill a hole in with cheap temporary material for it to just come back again 2 weeks later! I did observe that happening outside our very own pub as this went to print so fingers crossed it spreads.

We are entering Springtime which leads into Summer where I'm hoping there will be lots going on between our villages!

And did I mention the 'W' word, NO, I did not! I know it's our most favourite subject, being Brits and all, but quite frankly it is beyond boring right now!

Karen Riordan

WELCOME TO TADMARTON

If you have recently moved into Tadmarton, or if you know someone who is a new arrival. Please contact

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Organised by the Swalcliffe Village Charity. Thank you for supporting village life.

Swalcliffe Annual Parish Council Meeting

**Swalcliffe Village Hall
Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.30pm**

Please do come along and find out what has happened over the last year and our plans for this year. There will be guest speakers and refreshments.

Swalcliffe Parish Council

Christine Coles



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Wednesday	12-2.30-5.00-to close	12-2.00-6.00-8.30
Thursday	12-2.30-5.00-to close	12-2.00-6.00-8.30
Friday	12-2.30-5.00-to close	12-2.00-6.00-8.30
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April Film

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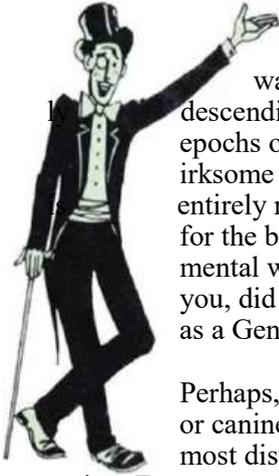
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Most esteemed and venerable Mother Nature, one must inquire: what, pray tell, have we humble mortals done to warrant this interminable cascade of precipitation, unremitting-descending upon us from the heavens above? From the grand epochs of the Bronze Age and the Ice Age to this present, most irksome ‘Wet Age’, your deluge is quite unseemly—particularly as it entirely ruining my noble designs to commune with your good self for the betterment of both my physical form and, dare I say, my mental wellbeing. Mental Health, of all things! When, I beseech you, did such trivialities invade my discourse? Am I to be classified as a Generation Z or X? What poppycock those titles are!

Perhaps, upon reflection, I am less a man and more akin to a feline or canine? Nonsense! I shall henceforth and always identify as that most distinguished of beings: a ‘Bloke’—the archetype of our proud nation. For are we not simply blokes or gals? Feel free to indulge your fancies or wed whomever or whatever pleases you—utterly splendid by my reckoning. But let us not lose touch with the fundamental truth: a cat is a cat and a dog is a dog (except, naturally, when she is a bitch—oh, what a temptation to be one of those!). Yet, it remains that I am a Bloke, and you may address me, as is proper, as ‘Your Lordship’.

Thank all the saints I am not a Prince! We’ve suffered a number of those recently who, it appears, are determined to display themselves as utter, unacceptable nincompoos!

It is my solemn belief that, had my tribulations with the Sharpes not been resolved with such admirable swiftness by the esteemed gentlemen of Verdict & Virtuosos, and had not my cherished winter pursuit - namely, the judicious reduction of the local pheasant population - concluded a month past, I would not have descended into this malaise of boredom and abstemiousness. This has, I regret to say, rendered me something of a curmudgeon as I submit my now customary bi-monthly musings.

It is with an air of distinguished anticipation that I announce my imminent departure, embarking on a brief sojourn devoted entirely to the pursuit of sunshine and pleasures commonly known as R&R—Rum and Reggae, naturally. Upon my triumphant return, accompanied, I daresay, by the radiance of the tropics, I shall be most eager to witness, with suitably elevated expectations, the manifold delights that the gentlefolk of Swalcliffe and Tadmarton shall unveil as Spring graces us with her presence.

JFN

Lord Whispermere of Tadmarton & Swalcliffe

Swalcliffe Egg Rolling Races

Easter Monday 6th April, Bakers Lane

April

Monday
6th

Miniature gardens
& Easter Bonnet
Competition

START

Best Racing
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Best Decorated eggs



- Pub opens from 12:00pm
- Egg judging from 2.00pm to 2.30pm
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St. Nicholas, Tadmarton, Church Services

March

Sunday 1st 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton (ES)

Sunday 8th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Tuesday 10th 12.30pm Lent lunch in Village Hall

Sunday 15th 11.00am Mothering Sunday Lay led

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Holy Communion (ES)

Sunday 29th 10.15am Palm Sunday at Epwell (ES)

Monday 30th 7.30pm Service of shadows

April

Thursday 2nd 7.00pm Benefice Eucharist at Sibford (ES)

Friday 3rd 2.00pm Good Friday Meditation (JT)

Sunday 5th 6.00am First Communion at Swalcliffe (ES)

Sunday 5th 11.00am Easter Holy Communion (ES)

Sunday 12th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sunday 19th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sunday 26th 11.00am Village Service (JT)

**Sundays (ZOOM) at 11.00am from Tadmarton and any extra Easter
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Tuesdays in Tadmarton Church 10.00 am HC

Rector: The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott (ES)

The Rev'd John Tattersall (JT) Tel: 01295 780283

The Rev'd. David Pym (DP)

The Rev'd Glyn Evans (GE)

The Rev'd Brian Fairbank (BF)

The Rev'd Graeme Arthur (GA)

News from St Nicholas Church Tadmarton

Easter is nearly upon us and let's hope that the spring flowers and extra daylight make us all rejoice that winter is well behind us.

Today the 15th February we welcomed Ezra Patrick Redknap and his family and friends into church for his baptism. We welcome you Ezra into the fellowship of faith.

There will be Lent Lunch in the Village Hall on 10 March at 12.30pm when you can come and enjoy some wonderful soups and cheeses, not forgetting the opportunity to meet up and chat. We will be collecting donations for Polly to help the needy in the Banbury area.

Mothering Sunday is on 15th March and will be holding a lay led special service to give thanks for all that our mothers have done for us. We also celebrate the 'mother church' According to AI it originated in the 16th century and gave domestic servants a day off to visit their home parishes and families

We are also holding a new service on the evening of Monday 30th March at 7.30pm. This will be a service of shadows and will involve readings, silence and some music etc. as the service progresses, candles are extinguished until the church is in absolute darkness as it marks Jesus' death.

We have an opportunity for someone to join the flower rota for St Nicholas Church. There is no need of experience, but if you would like to help out in the summer months, please contact Shirley Wackrill on 07922 842352

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**KATHARINE
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Garden hosts needed for 2026–27

Does your garden fill with snowdrops in late winter, burst into colour with spring daffodils, or shine at another time of year? Katharine House Hospice is looking for garden owners to take part in Open Gardens during 2026–27.

Gardens can open at any time of year, either individually or as part of a village trail, helping to raise vital funds for local patients and their families. The fundraising team will support you every step of the way, with guidance and resources to help make your event a success. To find out more or register your interest, visit: www.khh.org.uk/gardens

Leave a legacy of care

This February, we will again be joining other hospices as part of the ‘This is Hospice Care’ national TV campaign, which encourages people to leave a gift in their will to their local hospice. Watch the full TV advert.

Gifts in wills are a vital source of funding for Katharine House. In fact, one in ten people is cared for thanks to the generosity of those who leave the hospice a gift in their will.

Remembering the hospice in your will is a very special way of making sure the local community can receive care and support for years to come. Find out more details about writing a will for FREE with Octopus Legacies: khh.org.uk/support-us/leave-a-gift-in-your-will

Volunteering opportunities

If you’re looking to do something meaningful in 2026, Katharine House Hospice has a range of rewarding volunteering opportunities. Living Well is seeking a volunteer complementary therapist on Monday mornings (10am–12 noon) to offer hand or foot massage, helping patients relax and feel supported. We also need weekend front reception and weekend ward reception volunteers to welcome visitors, offer a friendly face and help with the small things that make a big difference. This role is flexible and can fit around your life. Find out more at: www.khh.org.uk/volunteer-opportunities

Monthly email newsletter – keep up to date with your local hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House email newsletter and keep in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice: khh.org.uk/newsletter

For images, interviews or further information, please contact the marketing team marketing@khh.org.uk

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Sunday 15th March – 9.30am Mothers' Day service (The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)

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

Sunday 5th April Easter Day – 6.00am First Communion of Easter (The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)

Sunday 5th April Easter Day – 11.00am – Holy Communion (The Rev'd Brian Fairbank)

Sunday 12th April – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

Sunday 19th April – 6.00pm BCP Evensong (The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)

Sunday 26th April – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Graeme Arthur)

In addition there will be Banefice Eucharists on Sunday 2nd March at Tadmarton at 10.30am, on Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday) at Epwell at 10.15am and on Sunday 3rd May at Shutford at 10.30am

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CHAIR EXERCISE
THURSDAYS 10AM to 10.45AM
At Tadmarton Village Hall

For those who struggle with mobility but would still like to exercise, this is the class for you.

Sessions are free of charge, but if you are able to make a donation of £2.50, that would be much appreciated.



Chair fitness is a type of physical activity that involves using a chair to exercise while seated. It can be a low-impact, gentle and challenging workout that can help improve strength, mobility and fitness levels. Chair fitness can be beneficial for people with mobility or balance issues, chronic pain, or recovering from injury.

Chair fitness can include exercises such as:

Aerobic: To improve heart health

Strength based: To build muscle

Yoga Inspired: To stretch the body

Some benefits of Chair Exercise include:

- **Improving joint function / Keeping joints active and lubricated**
- **Reducing pain & the risk of falls / Increasing blood flow**
- **Making everyday tasks and activities feel easier & more comfortable**

Get moving and keep mobile from a seated position. There is also an option to stand. Also suitable for some wheelchair bound people

Contact Mery on 07794 950664

**Regular Clubs & Activities at
Tadmarton Village Hall**

Line Dancing - every Monday at 7pm to 8.15pm

Tuesday Coffee Morning - every Tuesday at 10.30am

Chair Exercise - Thursday mornings 10.00 - 10.45am

Folk Dancing - every Tuesday 7.45pm to 9.45pm (Termly)

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)

Craft in Company - 2nd Sunday of the month 2.00pm to 4.00pm

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For more information, please contact Linda on 01295 780 242 or 07973 226 032 or lindalaneyolo@gmail.com



CRAFT IN COMPANY @ Tadmarton village Hall 2nd Sunday of the month: 2.00- 4.00pm.

Come and try out a new craft and/or bring along your own projects to inspire others or to seek help / advice.

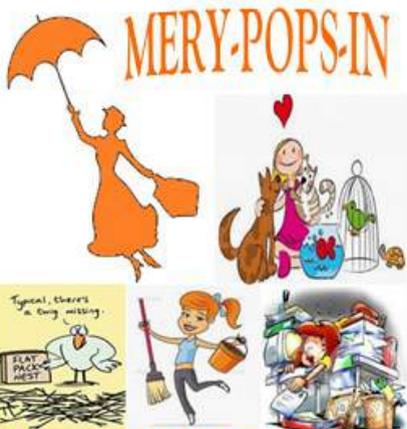
Knitters, natters, happy Hookers and so on are also very welcome!

Charlotte and Co would love to see you there.

Should you wish to volunteer with running the sessions, please let either Charlotte or anyone from the Village hall Committee know.

Usual chit chat and refreshments provided.

A small donation of £2.50, to go towards the village hall is always appreciated.



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Helen - 07947 724502 or Mery - 07794 950664

For just £6 a ticket, you're in the draw for the whole year from March 2026 through to February 2027 - that's only 50p a month! And with 61 prizes to be won throughout the year from £5 to £60!! what's not to love.

Our bank details for renewals are:



Account Name: Tadmarton Village Hall
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- * 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
- * Tea, Coffee and Squash included. Please supply your own milk
- * 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

£135

SILVER PACKAGE

- * 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
- * Tea, Coffee and Squash included. Please supply your own milk
- * TWO helpers to set up and pack away all the toys (using the first and last hours of your allocated time)

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GOLD PACKAGE

- * 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
- * Tea, Coffee and Squash included. Please supply your own milk
- * 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)

£195

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](#)

Come and join us.....

Tadmarton Folk Dance Club



English Folk Dancing, including Traditional, American and Playford.

Live Music. All ages and abilities catered for.

We meet on Tuesdays at Tadmarton Village Hall

7.45pm to 9.45pm

For details, contact Chris Jackson (01295 788180)

or Diane Morgan (01295 811404)

Tadmarton Allotments – plots available

With better weather on the horizon, spring will soon be here! Half size plots available now to Taddy & Swalcliffe residents. These are smaller than traditional allotment plots, so not too daunting, and March/April is the perfect time to start. If you are interested in growing your own food/flowers and getting out in nature, contact Christine Coles, Parish Clerk, 01295 276229 or clerk@tadmarton-pc.gov.uk



No experience is necessary and there is plenty of advice/guidance available from our friendly plot holders.

Many thanks, Tadmarton Parish Council




YOGA CLASSES

THURSDAYS - 6:30-7:30pm
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Senior Luncheon Club
Tadmarton Village Hall
From 12 noon Lunch at 12.30pm

Want a change from eating alone, find cooking a chore? Come and join other seniors for a great lunch 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).

Dates for 2026, 4th Friday of the month;

27th March and 24th April

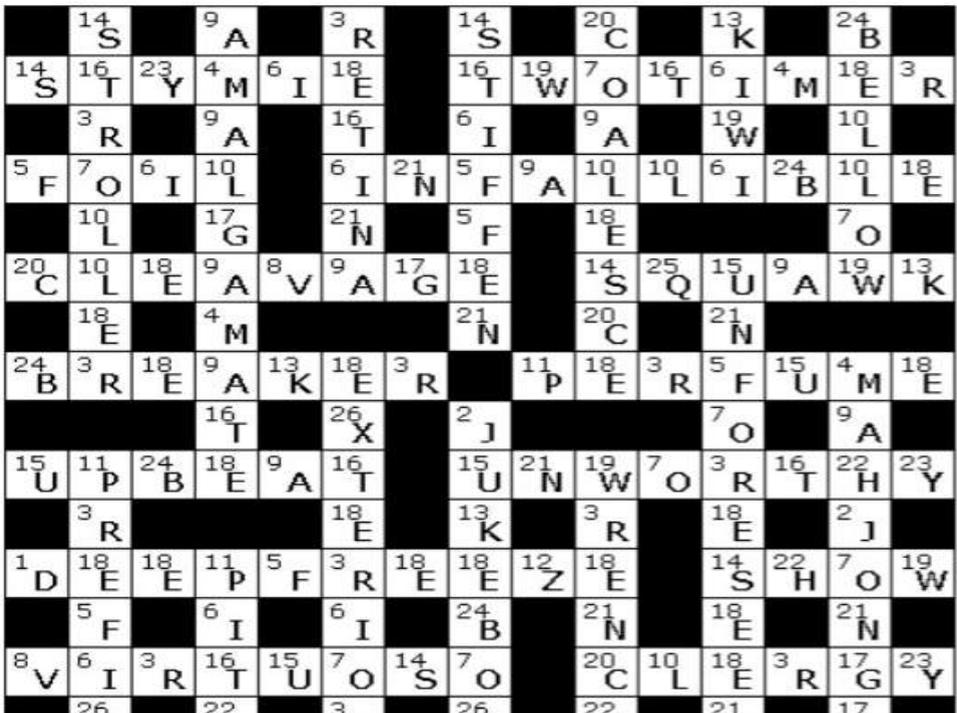
£7 for a Two Course Lunch with Coffee

Interested? Give Shirley a call on: 07922 842352

Email: shirleywackrill@btinternet.com

Please ring or email by the Wednesday before so that we do not over cater.

CODEWORD SOLUTION MARCH/APRIL



Swalcliffe & Tadmarton Horticultural Society

NEXT EVENTS

On **Thursday 12th March 2026** the speaker will be Dr David Edwards talking about: **‘Propagation – how to grow plants for profit’** (but could be to grow for yourself, or give away to friends and family!)



Tadmarton Village Hall - 7pm for refreshments, speaker from 7.30pm
Visitors welcome - £3pp

SATURDAY 11th APRIL 2.30 - 4.00PM TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL -

All entries to Malcolm Moodie on Thursday, 9th April, between 7 and 9pm.
You can also telephone (788159) your entries if you prefer, or e-mail to laeli-aM@aol.com

Schedule as in this Feb/March ‘Link’ and on the society website
(including entry forms): www.thehorti.co.uk.

We look forward to lots of entries and to seeing as many of you as possible during the afternoon to see the fabulous entries and have a slice of cake.

NB: It would be extremely helpful if you could enter on the Thursday evening rather than on the morning of the show, using your entry form.
Any resident of Tadmarton and Swalcliffe may enter the show.

FUTURE EVENT

Monday 4th May 2.30 – 4pm - Swalcliffe Village Hall – our very popular plant sale & teas/cake. Open to everyone.

Come and bag a bargain with good quality shrubs, annuals, vegetable plants etc.

Full details of all 2026 events are on the website: <https://thehorti.co.uk>

**SWALCLIFFE & TADMARTON
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
SPRING SHOW**

to be held in TADMARTON Village Hall

On SATURDAY, 11th APRIL 2026

Open 2.30 – 4.00 pm

The 'TWO PARISHES TRAY' for the most points in Section A

The 'MALCOLM BROWN VASE' for the best Daffodil in Section A

The 'FLORAL TROPHY' for the best arrangement

The 'CRAFT CUP' for the most points in Section B (B1 – 7 only)

The 'CHARLES BRIMBLE CUP' for the most points in Section C

The 'DAPHNE WOODWARD MEMORIAL TROPHY' for the Best Pot Plant in Section A

The 'MEN'S COOKERY TRAY' for the best exhibit in Section B9

The 'HANDICRAFT CUP' for the best Handicraft/Painting in Section B8

Tea, coffee and cake will be available in the hall during the afternoon

SECTION A

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| 1. | 3 stems of large trumpet daffodils | Div.1 |
| 2. | 3 stems of large cupped daffodils | Div.2 |
| 3. | 3 stems of small cupped daffodils | Div.3 |
| 4. | 3 stems of double flowering daffodils | Div.4 |
| 5. | 3 stems of jonquilla daffodils | Div.7 |
| 6. | 3 stems of miniature daffodils | |
| 7. | 3 stems of any type not listed above e.g., poeticus, species etc. | |
| 8. | Single bloom of any type of daffodil | |
| 9. | 3 tulips - one variety | |
| 10. | Single bloom of any type of tulip | |
| 11. | 3 stems of hyacinth | |
| 12. | 3 stems of the same of any other bulb or corm * | |
| 13. | 3 stems of polyanthus * | |
| 14. | 1 Bonsai | * Any Colours |
| 15. | 3 stems of hellebore (orientalis type) * | |
| 16. | Potted cactus – any size | |
| 17. | Potted succulent – any size | |
| 18. | Potted flowering plant not included above, up to and inc. 5" pot | |
| 19. | Potted flowering plant not included above, over 5" pot | |
| 20. | 5 stems of heather * | |
| 21. | Potted foliage plant – any size | |
| 22. | 3 stems of decorative shrub from one type * | |
| 23. | 3 blooms of pansies * | |
| 24. | 3 sticks of rhubarb | |

Note: Section A

All potted plants MUST have been in your possession for at least six months.

FLORAL TROPHY

'Commonwealth Games' (not to exceed 15" deep, 21" wide and 24" high)

NOTES: SECTION B Classes

PLEASE USE SIZE OF TIN STATED. Use jars that do not have wording on sides or lids. Label and date. Fill jars to top. **DO NOT USE WAX DISCS UNDER METAL SCREW TOPS.** Tarts should be removed from tin and displayed on a plate. Paper should be removed from bottom of cakes etc and **NO DOYLEYS PLEASE.**

SECTION B B1-7 FOR CRAFT CUP - OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN

1. 1 jar Marmalade – 1lb approx. straight-sided jar
2. 1 jar Chutney – 1lb approx. straight-sided jar
3. Milk Bread (own recipe)
4. Vegetable Tartlets (own recipe)
5. Biscuits - 6 Chocolate Chip (own recipe)
6. Iced Lemon Traybake – 4 slices (recipe on website)
7. A Floral Table arrangement suitable for a dinner party max. 12 inches overall.
8. A Hand-crafted Article/Painting (JUDGED FOR HANDICRAFT CUP)
9. Light Fruit Traybake – 4 slices (recipe on website) (**MEN'S COOKERY TRAY**)

SECTION C - PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Gates
2. Steam Power
3. New Beginnings
4. Shadows

Note: Photographs not to exceed 5” x 7” and in the event of a tie, the Judge’s decision will be final.

CHILDREN’S SECTION - Non resident children welcome. Ages to be displayed.

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| 5 and under | A Vegetable Animal |
| 10 and under | Garden in a Seed Tray |
| 14 and under | 3 Chocolate Chip Cookies |

Children’s entries are free

Prizes:

1st £5, 2nd £4, 3rd £3

RULES

1. All exhibitors shall be members of the Society or reside in the parishes of Swalcliffe or Tadmarton. Children’s section open to all and entry is free in this category.

2. Entry forms and fees to be submitted on Thursday 9th April between 7pm and 9pm. to Malcolm Moodie - 16, Old Glebe, Tadmarton (01295 788159). Telephone entries accepted. or e-mail to laeliaM@aol.com

ENTRY PRIOR TO SHOW DAY WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

Odd late entries may be accepted at the Hall up to 10.30am **BUT NO LATER**, on the day of the show. Each entry will be 30p prior to the show and 40p on the morning of the show. Please could you use your entry form which the commit-

Rules continued:

3. The hall is open from 9am on the day of the show for the reception of exhibits, which must be staged by 11am.

THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO

The hall will be closed to all but the committee at 11am prompt.

4. Exhibitors must stage articles for exhibition and competition. No vases or containers will be provided. The committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
5. No exhibit may be removed before 4pm.
6. Exhibitors may only exhibit one entry in any one class.
7. Points: All classes in Section 'A' and 'B' will be awarded as follows:

1st – 5 points 2nd – 3 points 3rd – 1 point

8. The committee will appoint competent judges, whose decision will be final.

Activity for Easter Holidays

Do you have children/grandchildren? Why not encourage them to enter the Horticultural Show Children's Section. This is free to enter, open to all children from anywhere,
and there are cash prizes - Sat 11th April.

Entries to Tadmerton Village Hall by 11am – see the show schedule for more details.

5 and under	A Vegetable Animal
10 and under	Garden in a Seed Tray
14 and under	3 Chocolate Chip Cookies

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EASTER EGG TRAIL & EASTER BONNET COMPETITION SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

Tadmarton Village Hall

10 am to 12 noon

Join us for a fun Easter Egg Trail around Tadmarton! Wander through the village keeping your eyes peeled for our egg-shaped clues hidden along the way, then head back to the hall to warm up with a cosy drink and a delicious bacon bap. VG & GF options available

Children's Easter Egg Trail

£2 per child

An easter egg for every completed answer sheet
Please book your 'eggs' at tadmarton.kc@gmail.com

LITTLE HATS..... BIG SMILES

Create a fun, colourful hat together at home
and bring along to the Easter Egg Trail

Free to enter ~ Prize for the most outstanding
Bonnet!!

All welcome, young and old, children and dogs too!

NB. Trail is not pushchair friendly and wellies are advisable

A charge will be made for refreshments





Stag's Head Pub - Mothers Day
Sunday 15th March

Starters

- Leek & Potato Soup. With Crusty Bread (V)
- Corn Fritters with Sweet Chilies Sauce & Salad garnish (GF, VG)
- Garlic Mushrooms with Toasted Ciabatta (V)
- Smoked Mackerel Pate & Wholemeal Toast

Main course

- Top-Side Roast Beef, With Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (GFA)
- Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings & Gravy (GFA)
- Roast Salmon on a Bed of Spinach (GFA)
- Beetroot Wellington or Nut Roast With Gravy (V, GFA, VG)
- Served with Roast & New Potatoes, Parsnips and Vegetables*

Desserts

- Hot Chocolate Fondant with Vanilla ice Cream
- Lemon Posset and Oat biscuit
- Apple and Rhubarb Crumble with Custard
- Mixed Ice Cream
- Vanilla, Strawberry, Chocolate
- Blackcurrant Sorbet 3 Scoops (GF)
- Cheese & Biscuits £2.00 Supplement
- Coffee or Tea £2.20

Children Menu

- Leek & Potato Soup. With Crusty Bread (V)
- Garlic Mushrooms with Toasted Ciabatta (V)
- Houmous & Pitta bread

- Tomato and cheese Pasta Bake
- Scampi with Chips & Peas

- Half Dessert or 2 Scoops Mixed Ice Cream
- From 4 to 12 Years Old. Two courses £8.00 Three course £11.00
- Rost Dinner Supplement £2.00

One Course £20.00, Two courses £26.00, Three course £30.00

Please Let us Know prior your order if you have any dietary requirements or allergies
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