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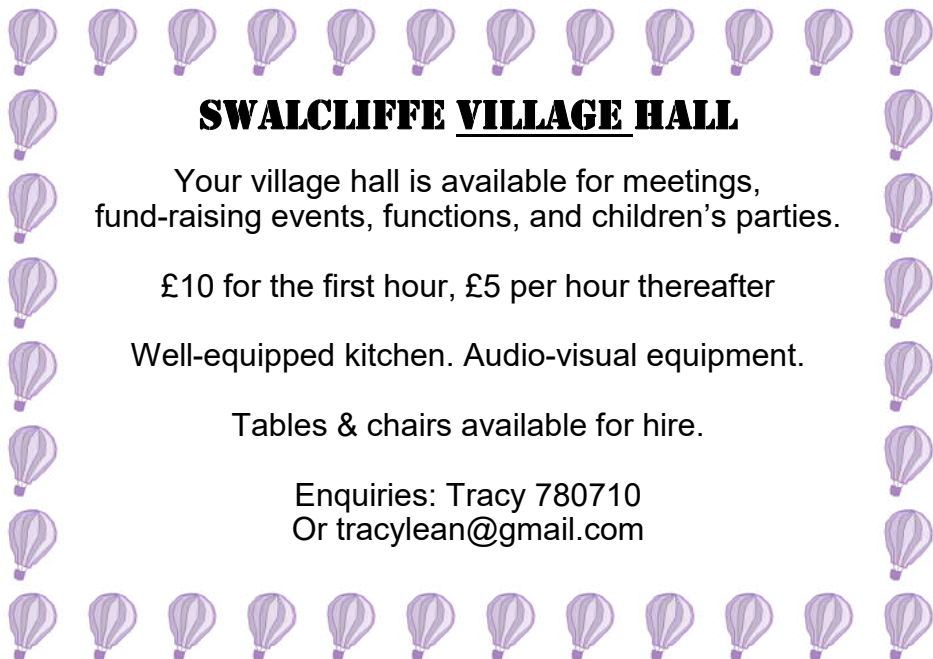
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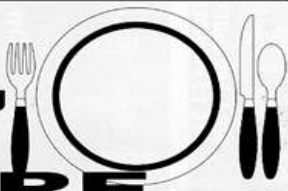
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Sunday 1st May – 10.30am – Benefice Eucharist
(The Rev'd Neil Bowler)

In addition, there will be a Benefice Eucharist for Palm Sunday on 10th April at Epwell with the Palm Procession starting at 10.15am, and for Maundy Thursday on 14th April at Sibford at 7.00pm, both led by the Reverend Neil Bowler.

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www.thehorti.co.uk.

We look forward to lots of entries and to seeing as many of you as possible during the afternoon. **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.



FROM the ARCHIVES

VILLAGE MEMOIRES of HELEN TUSTAIN Part 1

The Swalcliffe Archive contains several interviews with village residents, some as sound recordings and some as simple transcripts of what was said. These represent fascinating and compelling accounts and memoirs of village life in past times. In this issue we will hear the reminiscences of one well-known former village resident, Helen Tustain, who was interviewed in 1978 and again in 1988. In November 1978 Ray Hubbard of Banbury Museum came to Swalcliffe to interview several residents as part of a Parish History Project run by Banbury Museum and Rewley House by Kate Tiller and Sarah Gosling. Several village residents participated in this course which laid the foundations of the Swalcliffe Society and its Archive. The second interview was recorded by the broadcaster Giles Woodforde for BBC Radio Oxford, and broadcast on 4th December 1988 in the BBC Oxford radio series "People and Places". Giles lived in Swalcliffe from 1954 to 1959. He lived in the Vicarage (now Church House) with his father the Revd Dr Christopher Woodforde, who was a fellow of New College and their chaplain from 1948 to 1959. Giles knew many Swalcliffe villagers personally as friends. He now lives in Kiddlington and is well known as a feature writer and reviewer of Performing Arts for The Oxford Times newspaper.

In 1978 Ray Hubbard opened his interview by asking Helen for her name and address, some family details and what she remembered about what work people did. Helen began.... "Helen Muriel Tustain of The Bank, Swalcliffe....I was born in Swalcliffe on Oct 30th 1916. Father's name was Thomas Harold Ashby and he came from Towcester in Northamptonshire. My mother's name was Martha Elizabeth Gilkes and she was born at Swalcliffe. My father was born on January 26th 1888, my mother was born on October 1st 1889. I have four children and I have lived at Swalcliffe for 58 years."

"My father was a groom and my mother was a cook, they met at Edgcote Park when they were both there in service for the Wallace family. I am not quite sure what he was paid, but I remember him saying that he had a golden sovereign, so I presume it was a pound a week. They had a bothy, they lived over the stables, and they had to cook for themselves and that's why I think he got fond of my mother because she used to provide him with some of the perks."

"I think they were quite long hours, but he used to take a trap into Banbury for the Wallaces, to meet the trains and bring any staff that were changing (or) had the sack, they were taken away to the station.... and bringing the fresh people coming back over to Edgcote Park. He had to teach the children to ride.... and he taught all the four (Wallace) children. He was one of about four grooms I think, but instead of being called Harold as he had been at home, they said we have got another Harold here and you must be called Frank, so from then on he was known as Frank."

Helen's mother was a cook at Edgcote Park. She would cycle between Swalcliffe and Edgcote Park, near Chipping Warden, a distance of 13 miles. She would return home on half days and rest Sundays, returning to Edgcote in the evening. "I think they had every other Sunday off. The Mistress would come down in the morning and plan the menu for the day, for the staff and

the household and any guests they were having.” The family was six people “four children and two adults....but they entertained quite a lot.... there were about six (servants) in the house I should think, to look after the Edgcote Park..... house parlor maids and house maids, kitchen maids, scullery maids.”

Helen could not remember her great grandfather but remembered the work he did....“He had a smallholding and they also quarried stone out of Swalcliffe stone pit - that's half way up the hill (FN1) and they used to take wagon loads of stone in to build a house in Fair View Road, which is in Banbury. I think Mr Green built two houses in Swalcliffe with the same stone from Swalcliffe pit. The other work would be on the farm as farm labourers, and they would get about nine shillings a week, and the plough man and the carters would get twelve shillings a week. They would live possibly in tied cottages, they might get perks such as milk and eggs and possibly wood and a joint or poultry at Christmas.” Work for the women “would just be domestic service during the mid-nineteenth century, because my grandmother came from Enville to Swalcliffe Park, became head laundry maid, and I think she got two more people under her and there were quite a big staff at Swalcliffe Park” which was then the busy home of the Norris family. “The first World War sort of phased out the domestic service, all the women went on to munitions. Some went to work as far as Coventry on making shell cases, and my mother's youngest sister she went away on munitions like, I don't know where she went.”

Other work in Swalcliffe included “the lime kiln, down near Swalcliffe Common, that was run for about two years, but I don't think it was very satisfactory. I don't think it made much money and it sort of faded out. Following that, the lady that my father was groom for, she started up a poultry farm close to the site where the limestone works was [FN2] and I think that ran from about 1934 to 1939.”

Helen remembered her parents talking about her grandparents' work at harvest time during the 19th Century..... “the shucking of the corn and barley and the oats. My grandfather didn't have any arable land as far as I can remember but there was sugar beet, mangolds, swedes and potatoes planted on the land all round here, and the school children would have seasonal jobs potato picking. And back in the mid-19th century children did crow-minding in the spring, they would have to clap their hands and shout and also go and pick up stones on the field. My father in law started work on the farm at the age of ten.....he didn't retire until he was well in his eighties.”

In the 20th century, people who worked outside the village worked at factories in Banbury such as the aluminium factory..... “They went on bicycles until the government subsidised the cost but I just don't think that came out until the beginning of the war.”

Helen remembered her school days... “Well it was the Swalcliffe School that was built I think in 1851 and it consisted of two rooms, there was the infant class and then the children after the age of seven would be in what we called the big room. We went up the steps and there was a passage where you hung your hat and coat and scarf and then we just went in, I think from nine o'clock. It was heated by two coke or coal boiler stoves. It started with one hymn and then prayers and then probably the first lesson would be arithmetic. In the infants I learnt to knit and we had a teacher called Miss Dolman, that used to come down from Sibford. She came in the morning and she stayed at school during the lunch hour, then she went home about a quarter to four. Sometimes she came with a Mr Tarver, that had a radio shop in Banbury, but quite a lot of the time she had to walk both ways.”

“The Head Mistress, Miss Aide, she lived in the school house so she was on the premises. I remember her having a Pekinese and we used to have to comb this dog and some of the fluff

sort of made into a bed for the little dog to sleep in. We learnt knitting in the big room, we had to make black stockings for the Vicar's daughter with the shapings down the back."

Ray asked if the Vicar's daughter wore these stockings and whether she often saw the Vicar. "I suppose the poor little thing had to (laughs) they weren't.... we didn't care much for them you know and they probably had a lot of dropped stitches." The schoolchildren often saw the vicar. "...when we had a bachelor vicar he used to come on a Thursday morning and take the class and then after he moved away we had this Vicar the Rev Drury that had got a daughter and a son and lived in the Vicarage with his wife. He used to continue to come over. I believe he kept to the same Thursday morning and took a class with a sort of bible reading."

Sometimes the schoolchildren went to church. "We had Sunday School in the school before the eleven o'clock service, I think about half past ten, then have to say *the collect*, and we used to have to go up to church for eleven o'clock, and we had to leave before the sermon. There was a good choir, when I was quite young, and I think I would be about ten when I was allowed to join. We would have a choir practice on Thursday night."

Helen was asked what games the schoolchildren played in spare time. "We played mostly skipping games sometimes on a rope and they would be playing, say, Tinker Tailor Soldier Sailor, Richman Poorman Beggarman Thief, and then we had whips and tops and hoops and also marbles that we played on the pavement. But the first of all there was very small part of a playground because there was iron railings and a garden and we used to have to play opposite the school on a piece of waste ground but afterwards they did build up a wall and we had a terraced ground where the garden had been that joins the churchyard."

She was asked if the school had moved beyond slates and caning people by her time. "They still used the cane, but we had slates in the little room when we were quite small, four years old, and chalk and boxes of sand. After that we progressed and had books and pen and ink and pencils.... those horrible steel pens, and red and black ink. The teachers used to correct the work. We would have general knowledge questions and all had to stand round the room and move up if we got anything right and we all went back. You had to sit at the desk in rotation, the top ones had the seats at the front and the dunces at the back row." Occasionally visitors came to the school... "I remember some come about missionary societies, but I think that was in the evening. We used to have inspections, school inspectors used to come, but not in my time. I remember them having religious knowledge inspectors."

She was asked if there were any evening entertainments in the village. "Well occasionally they got concerts, we had the village hall built, I should think the year of 1925 when the foundation stone was laid. From then on there were different concerts got up and plays by Mrs Gubbins, she used to have her friends come over and they did some Shakespeare plays and the school children occasionally put on some sort of play. And they used to have quite a lot of social evenings with local talent, some of the men that could sing would get up on the stage and a few of us that could play the piano had to do a party piece." And there was the Stags Head, of course.... "there was just the tap room, they didn't alter it and get a lounge for some time, I just forget, must have been around the 1930s that it was altered as it is now."

Did many people visit Banbury in the evenings and weekends for entertainment and shopping? "No they didn't, not in my early youth. They occasionally did go to the cinema but then you had either got to get there on a bicycle, because there were very few buses, and sometimes you could get a lift with the carrier's cart, he went in on a Thursday and Saturday. And then there was a local bus started up at Sibford [FN3] and he used to run for the Saturday night theatre and

picture house so you could go in on the bus I think around eight o'clock and he waited until the last house of the pictures to bring people back. The bus was always full."

And what about shops in Swalcliffe? "Well the first village shop as I remember was on the main road where it is now, Manor Cottage, and it was a general store. Mrs Timms kept it and her husband used to help her sometimes but he did some general job in the village. She had two nieces that used to come in and help her. To get in we had to ring a bell and wait out in the rain and until she came to open the door. I used to think it was a very fascinating place with all the sweet jars and things and the gobstoppers and all sorts.... I think sweets really... I was more fascinated with them but she did sell candles and paraffin and all sorts of vegetables. There wasn't a lot of tinned goods that time but I think, you know, there were quite a few people in the village that made use of the shop."

And how did people get things like coal and milk? "My grandfather he used to get a truck of coal from Bloxham station; he would go over with the wagon and horse and bring it into the big barn and he would sell it out in hundredweights to the people, they would come and collect it, unless anyone was probably ill, he might just sent one of his sons around with a bag of coal for such people. In 1925 my grandfather died, March the 31st, and my grandmother gave the farm lease up at midsummer and then my uncle, the eldest son, he didn't continue with that, he carried on (with the coal).... he did have a horse and a cart and carried on doing council work.... so then I should think they started bringing the coal in the motor lorries."

"Grandmother had a dairy and I think they had eight cows, they used to sell milk at the dairy door and sometimes people bought separated milk, sometimes they would have it with the cream on top which would be a few pence... I think it was about a penny a pint, the separated milk or skimmed milk, and then they used to use the cream.... they would sell it to people who wanted cream but mostly it was made into butter and they sold that also at the dairy door." Sometimes the dairy produce was taken into Banbury to be sold.... "my grandfather did have friends, the Boots, they had the pork butcher shop in Church Lane, he may have taken butter into them which is more than likely... when a cow calved they used the first milk from the cow, it was called cherrycurds, and my grandmother used to ask me to take round to the poor people in the village... take round these cans, would probably hold a pint or a quart, and they would make this pudding... it was a cheap meal for them."

Next time: In Part 2 of this story, Helen reminisces about buses and the telephone exchange.

Edited by: Colin Hill

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Parts 1 & 2 will shortly be available in an expanded version with additional memories and photographs. Available from the Swalcliffe Society as Swalcliffe Monograph No 18.

FOOTNOTES

[1] Swalcliffe stone pit, also known as the "parish pit" is where Swalcliffe Village Hall and the community garages now stand. Parts of the quarried cliff face are still visible in nearby cottage gardens.

[2] This is Common Farm which later became a pig farm.

[3] This was Tanners' bus service which operated from the garage building which still survives in Sibford Gower. Part 2 will talk more about the buses.

If you have or find anything of local historical interest the Swalcliffe Society would love to see it and have an opportunity to copy and digitize it. Phone 01295 788127 or mail swalcliffe.society@gmail.com

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April

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Holy Communion (NB)
 Sunday 10th 10.45am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell (NB)
 Friday 15th 2.00pm Meditation (NB)
 Sunday 17th 11.00am Easter Holy Communion (GE)
 Sunday 24th 11.00am Holy Communion (NB)

May

Sunday 1st 11.00am Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe (JT)

Zoom Services until further notice, for joining instructions please refer to the Benefice web site: **www.wykehambenefice.org.uk** and The Rector or The Rev'd John Tattersall

Sundays (ZOOM) 6.00pm New look Benefice Evening Worship (NB)

Wednesdays (ZOOM) 6.00pm Benefice Evening prayer service (NB)

Tuesdays in Tadmarton Church	9.00am Morning Prayers (NB) 10.00 am HC (NB)
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Covid 19 protection systems are in place in all Benefice churches

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H.C. Service is becoming very Popular. It is open for anyone to come, the smell of freshly ground coffee with a slice of cake and the warmth of the hall is very inviting.

Mike and Gavin did a sterling job of clearing the Church Yard after the damage caused by recent storms. We must say **all** the volunteers do a great job keeping the Church yard looking good.

We are still supporting Polly who feeds the Homeless every day of the week in the grounds of St Mary's Church. There is a box in our Church for any goodies.

Why not wander in during the Easter period to take a look at the Beautiful flower arrangements and pop a little something in the box.

Looking forward to seeing you at Easter Sunday Service (refreshments in V.H.)

On 25th February, Tadmarton Seniors enjoyed their free Lunch to celebrate the start of the Lunch Club in 1985 - 37 years ago.

We still have two surviving members Barbara Wright who was one of the main organisers and still lives in the village and Jane Asser who now lives in London.

Sadly during lock - down we lost four of our regulars and three moved away so our numbers have gone down a bit.

We are looking for new recruits, if anyone is interested call: **780596** or email: **shirley-wackrill@btinternet.com**

The cost is £5, which includes: a two course lunch and coffee.

We are a friendly group and you will be made very welcome, we meet the fourth Friday of the month.

Due to Lockdowns we were 15 months without meetings which meant we built up no reserves for our special meals, But to our delight both the Village Hall and Parish Council came up with very generous donations, which we cannot thank them enough for.

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Easter Blessings

Dear friends,

*Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,*

These opening two lines of George Herbert’s beautiful poem Easter encourages us all, whoever we might be, to some sort of celebration at Easter. In his poem he uses the description of music as being something we should have in mind when we think about a celebration.

Now for those of you who might have the wonderful gift of being able to play a musical instrument, or for those us, like myself, who simply enjoy listening to music, what we all might have in common is the thought that music can emotionally change us. There is something about music that is not just physical but also I would suggest spiritual as well. It can affect maybe how we feel, it reminds us also sometimes of people and places. Music can be both exuberant and life affirming, whilst also it can be calming and can bring peace into our lives. On Easter Sunday, on the 17th April, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, a time to once again hear the beautiful life changing music of God. This Easter we might, individually and together as a village, want to remind ourselves of something the great Greek philosopher Plato is reported to have once said about music:

**It gives a soul to the Universe, wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination and life to everything.**

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone who lives, works and studies in our villages, a very happy and joy filled Easter!

Love & prayers
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New Look website for the Wykeham Benefice: there is now a new look website for the parishes in the Wykeham Benefice, which is updated every week, with news and events of what all that is happening in our churches.

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On Saturday May 14th the club will hold an Open Day (10.30am – 4.30pm) and invites anyone interested in playing or finding out more about the game to attend. There will also be a resumption of the Wednesday afternoon social practice sessions, which proved to be very popular last year. Several new male and female members joined the club as a result of these events.

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April 2022	£65.00
May 2022	£35.00
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July 2022	£110.00
August 2022	£35.00
September 2022	£35.00
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December 2022	£165.00
January 2022	£35.00
February 2022	£35.00
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THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

Answers can be found on Page: 36

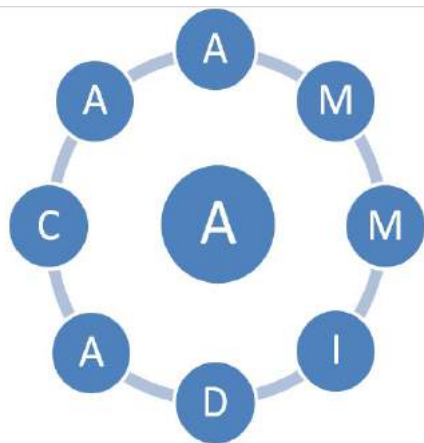
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Seniors Lunch Club - every 4th Friday of the month. Contact Shirley on 780596 for details.

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.

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

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 – no Kids & Caffeine in April.

Lookout for details of our new group - **Sewing in Company**

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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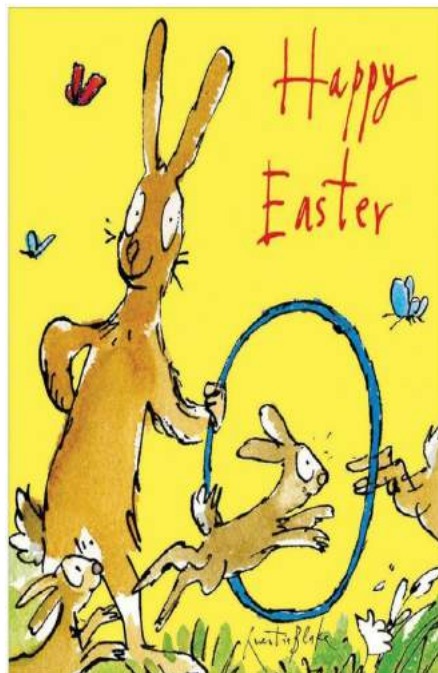
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Stratford upon Avon (adj Nat West Bank)	0615	0730	0915	1115	1315
Stratford upon Avon	0617	0732	0917	1117	1317
Ettington			0931	1131	1331
Halford			0937	1137	1337
Alderminster	0629				
Shipston on Stour	0639	0818	0947	1147	1347
Shipston on Stour (opp Garage)	0642	0821	0950	1150	1350
Lower Brailes	0650	0829	0958	1158	1358
Sibford Ferris	0658	0837	1006	1206	1406
Lower Tadmerton	0706	0845	1014	1214	1414
Banbury Bus Station	0721	0900	1029	1229	1429

75 + 75A	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat
Banbury Bus Station	0935	1135	1435	1730
Lower Tadmerton	0945	1145	1445	1740
Sibford Ferris	0953	1153	1453	1748
Lower Brailles	1002	1202	1502	1757
Shipston on Stour (opp Garage)	1011	1211	1511	1806
Shipston on Stour	1014	1214	1514	1809
Halford	1023	1223		1818
Ettington	1029	1229		1824
Stratford upon Avon Opp Dale Ave	1036	1236		1831
Stratford upon Avon (adj Nat West Bank)	1045	1245	1601	1840

CODEWORD SOLUTION

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Notes from the editor:

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Many hands make light work so if you can volunteer, shout up and step out of your comfort zone.

On Page 5 you will find how to attend a workshop on Defibrillator use, this is a vital piece of equipment which has proven to be “handy” to have hanging around, you need to register your interest to attend the workshop and places are limited. But we want all the places to be gone please, because the more people who can help the better.

There are a few recruitment adverts so if you are looking to change career... now is your chance.

Colin’s “From the Archives” is in 2 parts with the conclusion in the May issue. So don’t forget to read this issue first.

Now, none of us can get away from the news and that is not necessarily great for our emotional wellbeing , so there are some ways to help you stay as healthy as you can.

NOONE needs 24 hours news, allow yourself to switch off.

Think of ways you can help, check out volunteering agencies, can you help financially, or have you got items in storage that can be of better use to someone else. Would you like to offer your time and or skillsets. There are many ways you can help.

Use your strengths rather than concentrating on your “weaknesses” and be surprised at what you can achieve.

Try some physical exercise, you don’t need to run a marathon, but walk up the road, up a hill, up the stairs a few extra times, garden, pilates, yoga, dance, swim.

We all have our own personal restrictions, and that’s ok.

Find ways to switch off: read a book, make a jigsaw, create a painting, knit/sew/crochet, bake or cook. The list is endless.

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Why not consider our local link.

From January 2022 anyone advertising in The Link will get a presence on our website with an optional direct link to their website or Facebook page.

There is an option to only advertise in the directory for £10 per annum.

What's on!

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EASTER SPRING WALKS AND EASTER EGG TRAIL SATURDAY 16TH APRIL

Meet at Tadmarton Village Hall at 9.30 am.

Choose from one of our walks around Tadmarton and the surrounding countryside or join your children on the Easter Egg Trail

Return to the hall for warm drinks and bacon baps. All welcome, young and old, children and dogs too!

A small charge will be made for refreshments.

Details of our walks can be found at

<https://www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk/local-walks>





**Are you joining in Swalcliffe Parish Plans for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Weekend?
2nd - 5th June 2022**

With a full programme of exciting events over the 4 day Bank Holiday for Swalcliffe villagers, we hope there is something for everyone to take part in and have fun! Please check on the village website page for full details and how to register if you and your family/friends are coming along so we can cater for you!

Thursday 2nd June – Lighting of Shutford Beacon on Jesters Hill (9.45pm) Meeting on the village green at 7.30pm to hear our very own Town Crier hale the Queens Proclamation before the procession to Jesters Hill. *Please register from the village website or this event.*

Friday 3rd June (4.00pm) A family service of thanksgiving and celebration for the Queen's reign will be held at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Swalcliffe and led by our Rector, the Revd. Neil Bowler

Saturday 4th June – Party with the Palace at The Stags Head (2.00pm onwards) A beer festival and full menu will be available. Live music with Pete Watkins and then a LIVE STREAM of Party With The Palace on the village green!

Sunday 5th June – The BIG THANK YOU LUNCH (1.00pm – 5.00pm) Swalcliffe Parish Council are sponsoring a Big Jubilee Lunch to be held at Tithe Barn for all of the villagers, family & friends. This is an event not to be missed! *Please register on the village website for this event.*

We need your help dressing the village for the occasion. To inspire everyone, we will be arranging a **best dressed house competition**. Houses to be ready for judging by Friday 27th May

For more detail please check the Swalcliffe.Org village website or contact Karen.riordan@swalcliffevillage.co.uk



There has been quite a GREEN theme evident across the school in recent weeks. In Science lessons there has been a focus on 'growth' which is very well-supported by our wonderful site and local environs. The children have been able to see green shoots appearing across the site, including those from bulbs they planted in one of the raised beds in the Old School playground.

A group of our older children have been working with Rob from the Oxford United in the Community team to tidy up our 'allotment' area too.

This was the children's choice of a project they could carry out to improve our school site. The area needed a bit of work as it had become slightly neglected during the pandemic.

Thanks to Rob and his pupil team, it is beginning to look lovely again. The next step is to repaint the outdoor wooden furniture with some 'mindful' colours to smarten them up.

We have signed up for the Tower of London Superbloom project. To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 20 million carefully selected seeds will be sown in the Tower's famous moat, '*creating a vibrant sea of flowers which will continuously evolve from June to September, changing colours and patterns throughout the summer*'. Our packs of seeds have just arrived and we will be scattering these within areas of the school site to create a linked display here, if on a much smaller scale!

Aimee White in Oak Class spent some of her playtime taking photographs of nature around the playground. She has captured the texture of the bark on our oak tree, the contours of the daffodils and the strength of a spider's web. Well done, Aimee!



Mrs Williams, one of our three qualified Forest School practitioners, has been liaising with our friends at Sibford School about a tree planting project on our site. Last year we planted hawthorn within some sections of the hedge to in-fill some gaps. This month, Harry Wragg from Sibford School is visiting to do a tree planting event in a corner of our Big Field with children from Willow Class (Thank you Harry!) Our plan is that each child will be able to plant one of a choice of trees including Rowan, Silver Birch, Cherry and Hazel.

We are exploring growth in animals too, and studying habitats. Thanks to a phone call from ex-governor Fred Inns, many of our children walked down to take a look at the Village Pond and it's workings while the pond was drained. This half-term they have been able to take a walk down and clearly see frogspawn by the pond plants to support their life-cycle lessons at school – all made more interesting because they understand what it looks like beneath the water. (Thank you Fred!)

Green cropped up in a different context too, with a special assembly on St Patrick's Day led by Beech Class teacher, Miss Niamh Keogh. The children learned about the legend of St Patrick, with pupils taking on different roles to act this out, they learned some words in Gaelic, performed some Irish dancing and learned a traditional children's song involving bogs and trees and nests and fleas. Great Fun!

To find out more about our wonderful, welcoming village school and nursery for children from 3+, 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/>