The Link April 2021

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe

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Read a bit of Jane Asser's memories of moving to and living in Tadmarton in the early 60-ies on page 4 and 5.

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www.tadmartonvillage.co.uk

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There will be a Benefice Eucharist at 10.00 am on Sunday 2nd May at Sibford (led by the Rev'd Neil Bowler). In addition, there will continue to be services on Zoom at 6pm each Sunday.

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Tadmarton in 1961

Richard and I bought Tadmarton Manor in March 1961. Caroline was 3 years old.

During that first summer we 'camped' in the far end of the house which had a sound roof while Alcocks worked on the front and middle sections which leaked. The Stonesfield slates had to come off and rotten beams replaced. Stonesfield roofs are expected to last for 100 years. Etched on a main beam in the attic at the front of the house were a mid-18th Century date and a mid-19th Century date. Alcocks were able to add our mid-20th Century date.

The roadway between the churchyard wall and the Manor wall was very narrow with no verge or path. In fact there was no footpath from the Tadmarton Church in the direction of Swalcliffe. But pedestrians felt safe because there was very little traffic.
Very few Tadmartonians had cars and there was not much through traffic on the B4035 from Banbury to Shipston-on-Stour!

The school was still open in those days with a supply teacher and her assistant. To my surprise I was co-opted onto the school governors' board and tried to do my bit to stop the Oxford Education Authority from closing the school. But after a while their policy of closing smaller village schools could not be denied.

There was also a Post Office; run by Mrs Howkins, who lived in the house. The Pub was open, but they did not do food or let rooms. I think there was a Public Bar and a Saloon Bar but I must say I did not go there.

There was no Village Shop. People went in to Banbury on the bus on Market Days to do their shopping. The biggest cattle market in the country was still open and Banbury was a thriving market town – so different from nowadays. Incidentally, early closing day was Tuesday. It was no good forgetting that.

The Rector was Dr Ahrendt; a world authority on Berberis. I was told, he used to name new varieties discovered by plant hunters in China. When he died two of his favourite Berberis varieties were planted in the churchyard opposite the church door with a plaque in his memory. He lived in the Queen Anne rectory at Broughton. Tadmarton Rectory, now the Grange, had been sold years before when the two parishes were linked. Tadmarton always had Evensong, never Matins. We were told that this was probably because Lord Saye and Sele liked to have a morning service! The church had a harmonium played by Mr Lord and a Sunday school and Choir run by Mrs Lord. She was also Clerk to the Parish Council for many years.

Dr Ahrendt came to call a short time after we moved in to the Manor. After an initial misunderstanding when he thought I was the maid he came out with the reason for his visit, which was: ''could the Church Fete be held in the garden as usual? ''. Of course I said yes. It duly took place in July and was a fairly low key affair. There was Bowling for the Pig, Guess the Name of the Doll, a Bran Tub, Wheel of Fortune, Shove Halfpenny, Pony Rides and a few other amusements; it was all over by 4.30 with not a scrap of litter to be seen and the takings (just over a hundred pounds as far as I remember, which was satisfactory) all added up and announced by about 5pm.

Working in agriculture was the chief occupation of the menfolk. The other main employment was at the big Aluminium Company works in Banbury. There were three mixed farms in Upper Taddy and three in Lower Taddy, all with milking herds. The milk was put into milk churns and put out by the road side for the milk lorry to pick up each morning to take to be pasteurised and bottled for sale. The big farmers at Swalcliffe Lower Lea had built no fewer than seven houses in Upper Taddy for their employees: 4 at Church Furlong, 3 on the main road next to Home Farm and 2 at Preedy's Orchard next to Preedy's Farm. There were no commuters as far as I know. Most Tadmartonians did not have a car and not everyone had a fridge or a phone. There was mains electricity and mains water had arrived in the 50s, but no mains drainage as yet. We had a policeman who lived in Bloxham and who was ready to come over (I think on his bike) to deal with any misdemeanours in a sensible manner.
The countryside was even lovelier then than it is now. For one thing Madmarston Hill still looked beautiful with a landmark clump of pine trees on the top and a pattern of hedges with some wild cherry trees marking the grass field borders on the south slope. The delineation of the defensive ditches and banks round the Romano British fort could be seen in the grass near the top. Also the whole landscape was well furnished with the magnificent shapes of elm trees growing in the hedgerows before the onset of the terrible Dutch elm disease.

But there are also tremendous improvements in the village itself since the days which I have been describing. The inhabitants of the newer houses in the Old Glebe and at Highlands have added greatly to the talents and community spirit of the village – dare I mention in gardening particularly! – and it would be hard to exaggerate the benefits that the Village Hall organisers provided –and will again - with all the activities and fun to be enjoyed there. And last but not least, do not let us forget the regular village newspaper which we all enjoy ..... THE LINK!!
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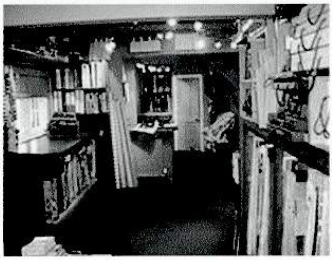

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Notes from the Editor:

No doubt as a result of people having the time for tidying their paperwork and finding some interesting articles, or putting their thoughts in writing, we have had some really nice articles since lockdown began last year. Combined with the historical pieces send in by Colin Hill it is currently "quite easy" to fill The Link. Just to be sure that we do not loose momentum, don't feel shy and let us know if you have an article or some nice photos worthy of being published.

So on the front page we have the Asser family with some history on page 4 and 5.

On the 2nd page we have a flyer regarding Swalcliffe Church, I was originally asked to insert a flyer to sell the tickets, BUT Swalcliffe being Swalcliffe all tickets were sold way before the putting together of this publication.

Well done guys, that's the spirit!

Talking about selling tickets, There are still some Tadmarton Village Hall tickets up for grabs, we tried to contact everybody who had tickets last year, if we missed you or if you have decided to buy a ticket this year and you are 'new' to us, contact Helen on 01295-780426 or Mery on 01295-780451. For those who did buy tickets, thank you very much for your continuous support.

Remember you have to be in it, to have a chance to win it!

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For information the words designated to village locations are:

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Sunday 18th 11.00am Village Service (Lay Led)
Sunday 25th 11.00am Holy Communion (NB)

May

Sunday 2nd 10.00am Benefice Eucharist (NB) at Sibford
Sunday 9th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)
Thursday 12th 7.00PM Benefice Eucharist for Ascension Day (NB) at Broughton
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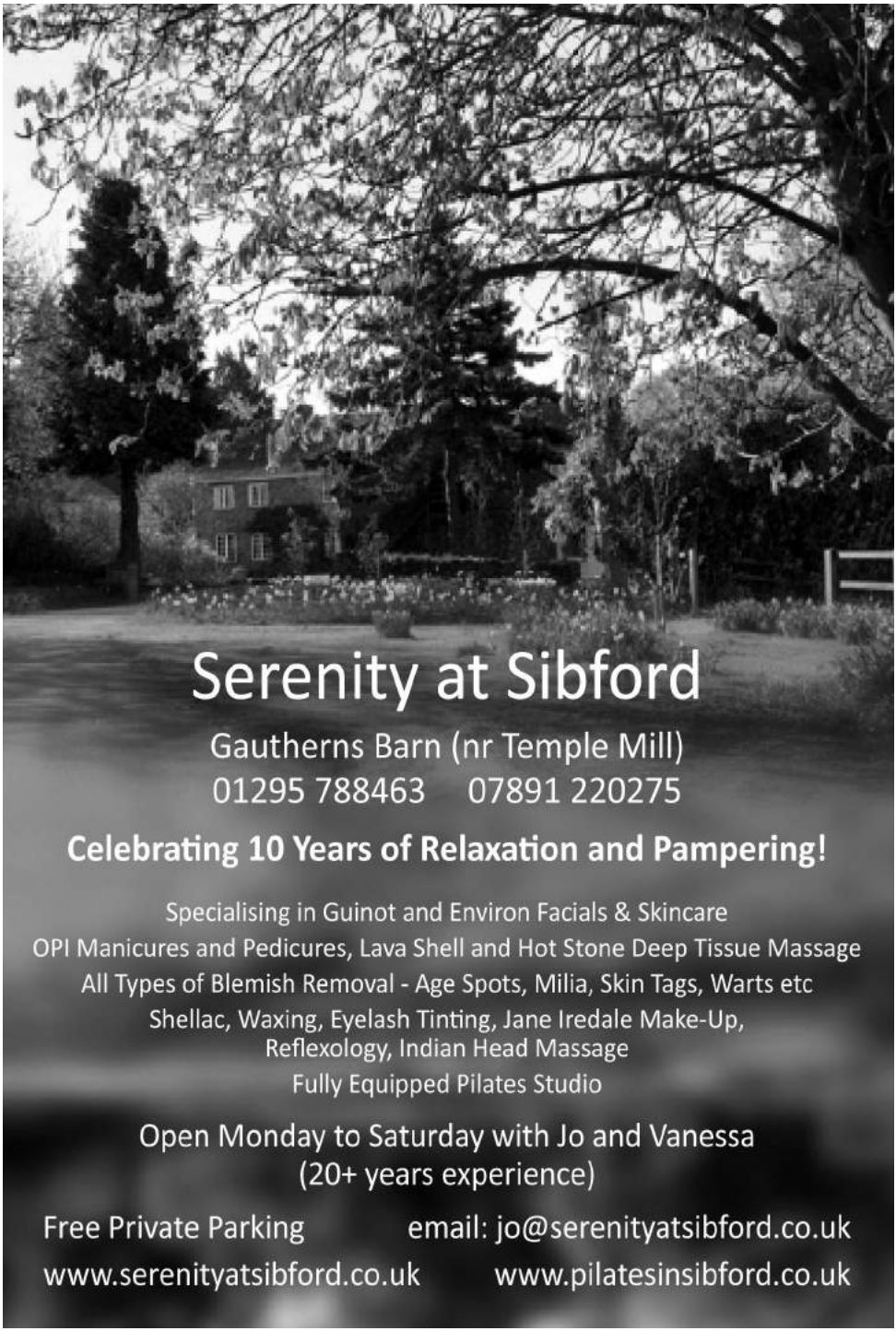
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FROM the ARCHIVES

JOHN DUNCOMB OF DEDDINGTON

A puzzle from the Swalcliffe parish register.

Since Tudor times, each Church of England parish has kept a record of all baptisms, weddings and burials. These basic life events have been recorded in simple lines of standardised text that are the same for all parishioners: gentry, labourers, and everyone in between. The Swalcliffe parish registers, begun in 1558, contain pages for Baptisms, Weddings or Burials, with line upon line giving a date for the event, and the family name and given name of the person concerned [1]. Occasionally, there is more information: the names of a child's parents; whether a woman was a wife or widow; a man of property identified as "Mr.", "Esq." or "Gentleman"; a mother and baby noted as "*buried in the same coffin*". But generally, the registers hold few personal details, so the personalities and family stories behind the entries can only be guessed.

One entry in the Swalcliffe Burials register for 1647 is, therefore, both unusual and intriguing: [2]

Who was John Duncomb? Why was a Gentleman of Deddington buried in Swalcliffe? Why, if he died on Nov. 16 at Berington, was he not buried in Swalcliffe until March 5? And where is Berington?

The search for answers begins in Swalcliffe church, where John Duncomb and his wife Elizabeth are commemorated on a very grand monument in the south aisle. Two marble figures represent the couple: Elizabeth's left hand rests on a skull, while John's right hand lies tenderly over hers. A Latin inscription tells us that after they had been happily married for about 50 years *"...Elizabeth, her age already burdensome, departed peacefully from this life 20 March 1645.[3] Her husband found it hard to survive her even for a few short months. On the 16th of the following November, he accompanied her to a better life; he was then restored to God and Elizabeth."* [4] The inscription shows that they had three daughters: the first died in infancy, but the other two survived to adulthood and made good marriages to men in the legal profession.

John Duncomb was clearly a man of substance, but his name is not prominent in Swalcliffe history. In fact, the name "Duncomb" appears only three times in the parish records, two of those entries being the burials of Elizabeth and John. The third is an earlier burial: Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Duncomb, buried on 19 December 1597. She must have been the couple's first baby, whose death was noted on their monument. But why was she buried in Swalcliffe?

A clue is found in the coats of arms on the Duncombs' monument. The arms on the wife's side are the same as those on the nearby monument of John Hawten *"of the Lee, Gentleman"*, who died in 1598. He had held the manor of Swalcliffe Lea, and came from a gentry family whose names appear in the parish records of Swalcliffe, Epwell, Shutford and Banbury. John Hawten's monument lists all of his *"aleven children by name in order"*. His second child was a daughter named Elizabeth, baptised in Swalcliffe on 16 February 1571/2 [see note 3]. She would have been 23 years old in 1595, the year the Duncombs' 50-year marriage began – just the right age for a bride in the 17th century.

Elizabeth's birth date, along with the coat-of-arms evidence, points to the probability that Elizabeth Hawten, of Swalcliffe parish, became John Duncomb's wife in about 1595. When their first baby died, they buried her in her mother's family church where, nearly 50 years later, her mother was also buried. Finally, in his will, John Duncomb directed that his body should be *"...decently interred in the parrish church of Swackley in the County of Oxon as neere as may bee to my deere wife Elizabeth lately deceased..."* [5]

The couple clearly had strong emotional ties to Swalcliffe, although their home was in Deddington. In fact, John had been born in Buckinghamshire. He was the second son in a family of landed gentry whose wealth came from agriculture, particularly sheep and wool. John's elder brother would have inherited the family estate, but John probably received a 'settlement' under his father's will. He must also have developed business interests of some kind because, by the time of his death, John Duncomb was a very rich man. In his will, he made cash bequests totalling at least £1638 (nearly £170,000 today), including £100 (over £10,000) to each of his four grandsons and £150 (over £15,000) to each of his four granddaughters, plus another £500 (over £50,000) to his one surviving daughter so that, if she had more children after his death, they could receive similar sums. There was also a list of debts owed to him – nearly £4,000 (£400,000), lent to more than 20 people. Could John Duncomb have been a financier or money-lender?

In his will, he instructed his daughter to *"...erect a monument in the same place* (Swalcliffe church) *within one yeare after my decease for my selfe and my wife such another as that of Mr Wickhame in that church and not inferiour to it..."* This refers to the monument in the north aisle, dedicated to Richard Wykeham of Swalcliffe Park, who died in 1635. Duncomb clearly admired it and wanted something similarly impressive – could this suggest a bit of social rivalry?

The final puzzle is the discrepancy between John Duncomb's dates of death and burial, and the place of his death. Berington is probably the village now known as Burrington, on the edge of the Mendips in Somerset. It was the birthplace of Duncomb's son-in-law, William Turner, so perhaps John was visiting someone there when he died in November 1646. Because his will stipulated that he should be buried in Swalcliffe, his body had to be brought back – a journey of 75 miles. The roads must have been very difficult at that time of year; perhaps his body was kept in the Berington church crypt until conditions improved the following March. It probably fell to William Turner, the son-in-law, to organise transport, and it must have been quite a performance! When Turner wrote his own will in 1665, he was possibly remembering the complexities surrounding his father-in-law's burial when he directed that: *"..My Body I desire may be interrd ... in any place which it shall please God to ditermine my tyme as my deare wife ... shall think most convenient..."*[6]

From the simple parish register entry, a personality has emerged. John Duncomb, Gentleman, of Deddington: rich, sentimental, somewhat vain, generous to his family, married to a Swalcliffe girl.

Written by Cathy Stoertz

FOOTNOTES

[1] Swalcliffe parish registers transcribed by Oxfordshire Family History Society in 1993, available at Oxfordshire History Centre (as are other transcribed Oxfordshire parish records).

[2] Photographic copy of Swalcliffe parish register accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

[3] Until 1752, the 'official' year began on 25 March, so 20 March 1645 would be 20 March 1646 in the modern calendar. Dates from 1 Jan to 24 March are often shown in 'double date' form (e.g. 16 Feb 1571/2).

[4] Translation provided by Prof. Gregory O. Hutchinson, Regius Professor of Greek, Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford.

[5] John Duncomb's will, reference PROB 11/199/101, obtained from the National Archives.

[6] William Turner's will, reference PROB 11/334/108, obtained from the National Archives.

If you have anything of local interest, the Swalcliffe Society would love to hear from you.
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Several residents have been out litter picking although an official day couldn't be arranged this year. Angie Dean (788470) has lent equipment to any Tadmartonians who have contacted her to help keep our lovely village tidy.

So a big thank you to all those volunteers.

Do you feel like spending some of your time litter-picking, it **is not** restricted to the month of March . Give Angie a call, put on your boots and high viz and get out there.

Tadmarton 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 Tadmarton or Swalcliffe are very welcome to join us.
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We are aware that it will not be as we knew our services in the past, but it will be a comfort to us all to be at church and to share our fellowship.
Members of the Benefice, who have been able to join with our Rector Neil on the Zoom meeting; Lenten journey through Art, have been enlightened by Neil into the way in which the artists have given us an understanding of their pictures and meaning behind what we see.
A very worthwhile time spent with Neil and we offer our thanks to him for giving us guidance into what Lent may mean to us all.
The Church Council has started to think about our events in the coming months and the Scarecrow event should be able to go ahead, and hopefully we can also plan The" Pudding Club" in October.

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The Puzzle Pages. Answers can be found on Page: 32

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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.

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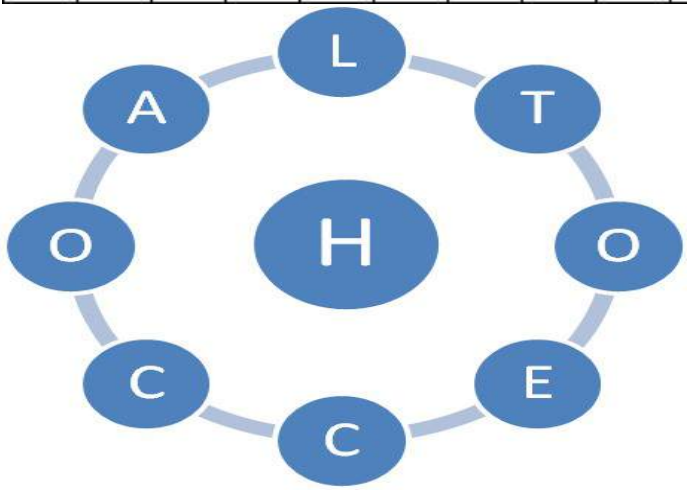

Find as many words of three or more letters as you can in the wheel.

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Letter Wheel solution: Chocolate

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The Wildlife Page: Garden Birds, enjoy the beginning of the next generation.

Once again that time of year is upon us where we are spoiled by nature. Birds start their chorus around 5am (depending on the light pollution in your area) and they go on until about 10pm when the owls take over.

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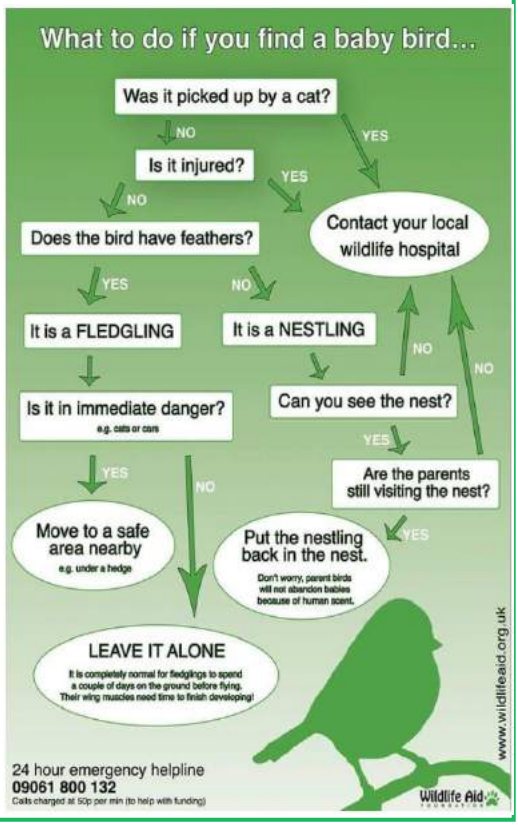
There are also (still) some undeveloped barns around for which many an owl is grateful. And some local landowners have put up owl boxes to help those amazing animals thrive in the area.

We see berry bushes and fruit trees now available from many supermarkets, these can be put to good use in small garden borders feeding delighted black-birds-and we discussed the importance of allowing Ivy to grow and bloom in our gardens to help produce food for birds during the meagre winter times. Did you know we have 8 different Brambles in the UK to feed our garden birds (If we allow some to remain that is).

So we do our best, we hang up nest boxes, trail Brambles and thorny bushes under nesting sites, build small (decorative) drystone walls, allow for weeds and nettles to grow (to house insects), we don't kill off the bees and insects with pesticides and... **hey presto** we are awarded with chicks. The delight of them squawking when mum or dad arrives with a mouth full of protein, their little beaks poking out of the nest. The hard work those parents put in... Chicks with messy hairdos attempt to fly with wings sometimes not quite there yet, should this be the case please check out the enclosed information to help you decide to step in - or not as the case might be.



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Ettington, Village Hall	..	0915	0920	..	1120	1222	1320	..	..	1615	C	1647	1829
Halford, Bridge Inn	..	..	0930	..	1130	..	1330	..	..	..	C	..	..
Tredington, White Lion	0632	..	0932	..	1132	..	1332	..	..	..	C	..	..
Shipston on Stour, Tilemans Lane	0637	..	0937	..	1137	..	1337	..	..	..	1632	..	..
Shipston on Stour, Pettiphers Garage	0640	..	0940	..	1140	..	1340	..	..	..	1635	..	..
Lower Brailes, The Park	0650	..	0950	..	1150	..	1350	..	..	..	1645	..	..
Kineton, Church	..	0928	..	1055	..	1235	..	1445	1445	..	..	1700	R
Kineton, School	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1450	..	..	..	..	..
Ratley	..	..	..	1105	..	..	..	1500	1455	..	..	..	..
Oxhill, Village Hall	..	0936	..	..	..	1243	..	..	..	..	..	1708	R
Tysoe, The Peacock	..	0943	..	1115	..	1250	..	..	1505	..	..	1715	R
Shenington	..	0951	..	..	..	1258	..	..	..	..	..	1723	..
Shutford	..	..	..	1126	..	..	..	..	1516	..	..	..	..
North Newington	..	..	..	1132	..	..	..	..	1522	..	..	..	..
Wroxton	..	0958	..	..	..	1305	..	1512	..	..	..	1730	..
Sibford Ferris, School	0702	..	1002	..	1202	..	1402	..	..	..	1657	..	..
Lower Tadmarton	0712	..	1012	..	1212	..	1412	..	..	..	1707	..	..
Banbury, Browning Road	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banbury, Bus Station	0725	1011	1025	1143	1225	1328	1425	1525	1533	..	1720	1743	..

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Banbury, Browning Road	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lower Tadmarton	..	..	0743	..	..	1043	..	1243	..	1443	1443	..	1743	..
Sibford Ferris, School	..	..	..	..	..	1053	..	1253	..	1453	1453	..	1753	..
Wroxton	0744	..	..	..	..	..	1214	..	..	..	..	..	..	1804
North Newington	..	..	..	..	1030	..	..	..	1355	..	..	1620	..	..
Shutford	..	..	..	..	1037	..	..	..	1402	..	..	1627	..	..
Shenington	..	0720	..	..	..	..	1221	..	..	..	..	..	..	1811
Tysoe, The Peacock	..	0727	..	0920	1048	..	1228	..	1413	..	..	1638	..	1818
Oxhill, Village Hall	..	0735	..	0927	..	..	1235	..	..	..	..	..	..	1825
Ratley	0756	..	..	..	1059	..	..	..	1424	..	..	1649	..	..
Kineton, School	0805	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kineton, Church	..	0747	..	0940	1111	..	1248	..	1436	..	..	1701	..	1841
Lower Brailes, The Park	..	..	0756	..	..	1106	..	1306	..	1506	1506	..	1806	..
Shipston on Stour, Pettiphers Garage	..	..	0806	..	..	1116	..	1316	..	1516	1516	..	1816	..
Shipston on Stour, Tilemans Lane	..	..	0809	..	..	1119	..	1319	..	E	1519	..	1819	..
Tredington, White Lion	..	..	D	..	..	1124	..	1324	..	..	1524	..	1824	..
Halford, Bridge Inn	..	..	D	..	..	1126	..	1326	..	..	1526	..	1826	..
Ettington, Village Hall	..	0800	D	0952	..	1136	1300	1336	..	..	1536	..	1834	1853
Loxley, Fox	..	0808	D	1000	..	..	1308	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellesbourne, Chestnut Square	..	..	D	..	1120	..	..	..	1445	..	..	1710	..	..
Stratford upon Avon, Avon Crescent	..	0818	D	1010	1135	..	1318	..	1500	..	..	1725	..	..
Stratford upon Avon, Bridge Street	..	0825	0834	1015	1140	1150	1323	1350	1505	..	1550	1730	1844	1905
Stratford upon Avon, Wood Street	..	0827	0837	1018	1143	1153	1326	1353	1508	..	1553	1733	1846	..
Stratford, Girls Grammar School	..	0845*B*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		

Stratford upon Avon - Wellesbourne - Kineton - Tysoe - Shutford - Banbury	**6**
Stratford upon Avon - Ettington - Kineton - Tysoe - Wroxton - Banbury	**7**
Stratford upon Avon - Ettington - Shipston on Stour - Lower Brailes - Banbury	**50A**
Stratford upon Avon - Ettington - Wroxton - Banbury	**X7**

A Starts from Stratford College Layby at 1610
B Only serves this point on Schooldays
C Operates via Ilmington at 1624
D Operates via Ilmington at 0817
E Continues to Stratford upon Avon as Service 3
R Serves these points at request of passengers already on the bus

Sch Operates on Schooldays Only
SSH Operates Saturdays and Monday to Friday during School Holidays only
NS Does not operate on Saturdays

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How lovely to be back at school together!

It has been such a pleasure, and such a relief, to welcome all of our pupils back into school for the last few weeks of the Spring Term. At time of writing this article, we have had 100% attendance every day, everyone is fit and well and the children are eagerly getting on both with their learning and playing with their friends.

Quite naturally, we are having a strong focus on well-being as part of the transition back into school. The children are having many opportunities to spend time outside in our beautiful grounds and have been engaged in creative projects too.

The thematic 'topic' for the younger children is Splendid Skies. As part of this, they have been exploring and developing the language of feelings through talking about images reflecting the changing seasons, by artists including Seurat, Monet, Rousseau and Van Gogh. This has linked well to their outdoor explorations of all the changes that indicate the coming of Spring.

When it comes to practical art lessons, some artwork has been completed individually, with an emphasis on calm expression and 'mindfulness' through the process of creating. We love these 'circle' drawings by children in Willow & Oak Classes (luminously bright colours in their original form) which were inspired by the work of American artist, Bruce Gray, and linked to their topic of 'Bright Lights, Big City'.

Some work has been completed collaboratively. It is amazing how much can be done collaboratively even when we are all being careful to maintain social distancing. The children are becoming more adept than ever at articulating their ideas to share their thoughts with others, and at turn taking. The impact of these collaborations can be seen in these carefully produced examples of outdoor 'pavement' art in gentle pastel colours using chalks and masking tape. Very simple, yet highly effective, and created by happy, smiling children on the first day back at school.

To find out more about our wonderful, welcoming village school, please take some time to visit our school website at
http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/