

The Link July-August 2026

News and information covering Swalcliffe and Tadmarton



Goodbye Fritz, our wirehaired dachshund. For such a tiny dog, he was the biggest character in Swalcliffe! He will be missed not only by us humans, but by his Swalcliffe 4 legged squad.

RIP Fritz 13.4.2022 - 8.6.2026

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Following the success of our very popular plant sale & delicious coffee/teas/cake, there was a well-attended visit to the fantastic Claridges Barn in Chipping Norton.

Future Events

Thurs 2nd July, visit to Chivel Farm, Heythrop 2 – 5pm

This visit is for members and invited guests only.

Thurs 8th October – AGM with cheese and wine 7 – 9pm
Tadmarton Village Hall



You can join our friendly group for only £10 for the whole year.

For more details of the 2026 events and how to join the Society, please see the website: <https://thehorti.co.uk>

Spring Show Winners

Children's section results:

Age 5 & under - 1st – Hollie Cook

Age 10 & under - 1st Hollie Cook

Joint 2nd – Eli & Ezra Davis



Save the Date!



Come and join us for the Tadmarton Annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. It will be held in Tadmarton Village Hall on Saturday 3rd of October. 10am–12pm.

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Article & Advertising deadlines

What's Going On in our villages?
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 September & October please email your copy across by

THURSDAY 13th AUGUST

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- ◆ 1/2 page £45
- ◆ 1/4 page £25

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The next issue will cover events and news happening in September/
October

The deadline for any copy is August 13th

The Link can also be accessed on line at:

Swalcliffe Village Website: www.swalcliffevillage.co.uk
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Editor's bit

Change — I'm all for it. In villages like ours, it's practically a lifeline. It keeps things ticking, keeps us evolving, and frankly, keeps our wonderfully ancient houses from giving up the ghost. Someone once told me — she lived in a very old home herself — that she saw her role not as an owner, but as a *custodian*. Caring for the place until the next people arrived, ready to add their own chapter and breathe in new life. I've always thought that was rather lovely.

Some changes, though... well, they're less poetic. Technology, for instance. The software I've used for years to create *The Link* is being retired, and I must say, that particular "progress" feels more like a door slamming than one opening. I'm already hunting for a Windows□friendly alternative so our newsletter can continue without too much fuss. ***And while I do genuinely enjoy putting The Link together, if there's a budding Editor out there with the right software and a few spare hours every other month, do feel free to email or ring me. Fresh hands are always welcome.***

Now, the best kind of change — the weather. As I pull this issue together, we're basking in another glorious stretch of sunshine. Wouldn't it be marvellous if every day were sunny and every evening conveniently rainy? I'd vote for that in a heartbeat. And with the school summer holidays fast approaching, I suspect many parents would too.

Whatever your plans this summer, enjoy them, stay safe, and we'll catch up again in the autumn.

Karen Riordan

Editor

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Foot note: This issue is the lightest issue we have produced. The Link is divided by pages of 4, so if we are 2 or 3 short, we potentially lose more articles than we would want. If there are any feature suggestions please do email us! Obviously all dependant on us finding a suitable software package that doesn't take an age to pull together!

LINK Financial Statement as at 1st June 2026**1/01/2025 - 01/06/2026**

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Current Account	2589.09	
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RECEIPTS		1709.25
Advertisers	984.25	
Sponsors	625	165
AD Hoc*	100	
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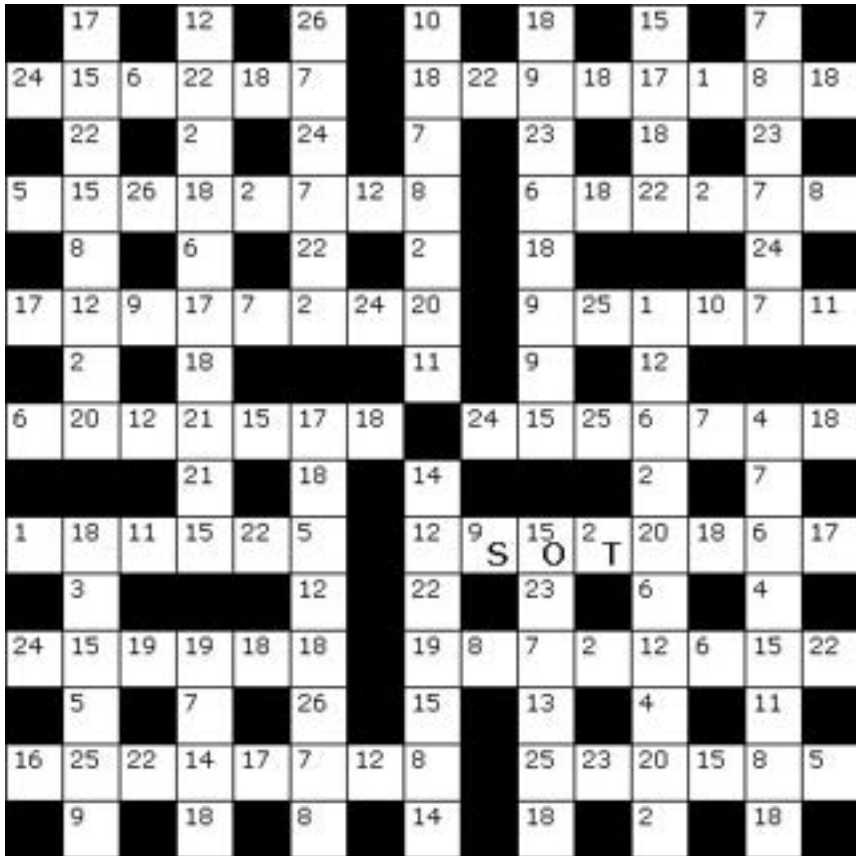
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* Santander Bank compensation for errors in handover from previous editor/treasurer

** Easter egg prizes x2 in 2025 & Quality Street boxes as a 'thank you' to distributors Christmas 2025

*** In attempting a colour version for January 2026, our previous printer had several 3rd party errors. We agreed to pay towards his costs as he had been printing The Link for 8 years. Subsequently The Link was then sent to another printer more local with the ability to give us the quality and turnaround time we want. We have been with KallKwik Banbury since then.

Codeword July - August 2026



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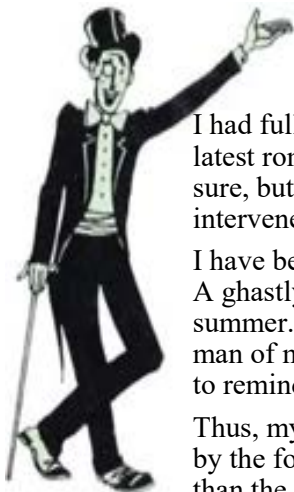
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Thursday	12-2.30-5.00-to close	12-2.00-6.00-8.30
Friday	12-2.30-5.00-to close	12-2.00-6.00-8.30
Saturday	12-to close	12-3.00-6.00-8.30
Sunday	12- 8.00	12-3.00

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I had fully intended to write today with triumphant news of my latest romantic conquest, a matter of great public interest, I'm sure, but alas, fate (and the blasted Parliamentary summons) has intervened.

I have been *called upon* to perform my duties in "The House". A ghastly inconvenience, particularly during such a glorious summer. One does try to avoid these things, but apparently even a man of my standing must occasionally waft through Westminster to remind them I still exist.

Thus, my summer, temporarily, I assure you, has been consumed by the following so-called "responsibilities", each more tedious than the last, yet all performed with my trademark dignity, reluctance, and minimal physical exertion.

Charging the House

"On occasion, I am expected to 'charge the House', which sounds thrillingly martial but in practice involves reading things aloud and announcing amendments. I simply declare matters with an air of authority, and everyone politely pretends this is essential work."

Making the Formal Report

"I then 'report' back to the House, a task requiring the formidable skill of repeating what everyone already knows. It is, I assure you, the most elegant form of echoing ever performed."

Voting

"I may vote, of course, though I am denied a casting vote, a dreadful oversight, as I am certain my opinion would resolve every matter instantly. Still, I cast my vote with the serene confidence of a man who will not be personally affected by the outcome."

Self-Regulation

"The House is 'self-regulating', meaning we are all responsible for following the rules. Naturally, I interpret this as ensuring *others* follow the rules while I supervise from a comfortable distance."

Chairing Business

"The Lord Speaker presides over the chamber, though curiously cannot tell anyone what to do. A marvellous arrangement, one gets the chair, the robes, and the prestige, but none of the awkwardness of actually managing people.

Hoorah we are approaching periodic adjournment and my work here will be done!

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July

Sunday 5th 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell (ES)
Sunday 12th 11.00am Holy Communion (GE)
Sunday 19th 11.00am Holy Communion (ES)
Sunday 26th 11.00am Village Service (ES)

August

Sunday 2nd 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford (ES)
Sunday 9th 11.00am Holy Communion (ES)
Sunday 16th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)
Sunday 23rd 11.00am Village Service (ES)
Sunday 30th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sundays (ZOOM) at 11.00am From Tadmarton

Meeting ID: 831 2824 7821

Passcode: 305275

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

On Sunday 31st May Lindsey and Rolf Smith held a garden party at their home. Tea and cakes were on offer and fellowship in the lovely garden. Rolf was happy to show people his model railway and Lindsey had a stall of her cards and gifts. £401.72 was raised and £104 pounds was raised from Lindsey's gifts and cards. Half of the money went to Katherine House and half to the church. Well done Lindsey and Rolf.

The church sponsors a girl from Rwanda called Chartine. She is twelve years old and we sponsor her through the charity Compassion. This helps with her education, vocational training, medical care and learning about faith in her **local church**. She writes to us regularly always starting her letter with Dear Mr Chris, she talks about her family, her school and her church. We love hearing from her and wish her well in all she does.

Emily is holding a garden party at the rectory on Saturday 29th August. It is a bring and share lunch 12-30 -3.30pm. This is to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Wykeham Benefice.

Lynn Deacon 1945-2026 Lynn and David lived in Tadmarton for many years and brought up their three children Sarah, Suzanne and Andrew here. Lynn trained as a nurse and it was always an integral part of her life caring for others. She started the Senior Citizens lunch club and was an active member of the PCC especially doing the job of Church Neighbourhood watch and was an active fundraiser for the church. They moved to East Farndon fifteen years ago where they were huge church and village supporters. Lynn died on 26th April after suffering from osteoporosis for many years. She had a great send off at her funeral at St John the Baptist church. Lynn will be very much missed by us all.

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Swalcliffe church is open all day, everyday and is a beautiful quiet place for prayer and worship. We are a friendly and welcoming village church family and have a service every Sunday.

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Services at Swalcliffe Church

Sunday 12th July – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Emily Robottom Scott)

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

Sunday 26th July – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Brian Fairbank)

Sunday 9th August – 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Emily Robottom Scott)

Sunday 16th August – 6.00pm Evensong (The Rev'd Emily Robottom Scott)

Sunday 23rd August – 9.30am Holy Communion
(The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

In addition there will be Benefice Eucharist services at 10.30am on Sunday 5th July at Epwell and on Sunday 2nd August at Shutford.

Swalcliffe Parish Councillors

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Coffee Morning - Tuesday at 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Folk Dancing - Tuesday at 7:45 pm to 9:45 pm (Termly) **P25**

Pilates - Wednesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Termly)

Chair Exercise - Thursday 10:00 am to 10:45 am (PAYG Donations) **P23**

Seniors Luncheon Club - 4th Friday of the month 12:30 pm to 14:00 pm **P26**

Kids and Caffeine - Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Booking Required) **P27**

Film Club - Last Saturday of the Month 7:00 pm (Nov-Mar) 7:30 pm (Apr-Oct)

Craft in Company - 2nd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm **P11**

Green Dragon Martial Arts - Tuesday 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm, Friday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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The plot is available now to Taddy & Swalcliffe residents.

No experience necessary. Please contact Christine Coles, Parish Clerk, 01295 276229 or clerk@tadmarton-pc.gov.uk Tadmarton Parish Council. National Allotments week takes place in August with a theme of Grow to Learn. There is a great website with more information:



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Aerobic: To improve heart health

Strength based: To build muscle

Yoga Inspired: To stretch the body

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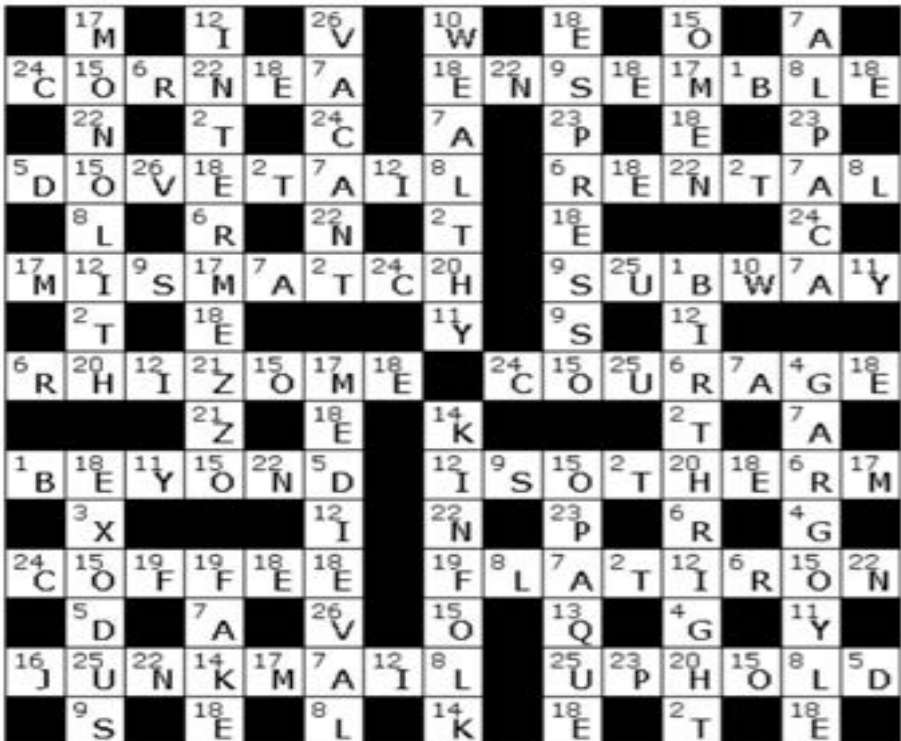
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As we move through the summer term, the children have been making the most of the warmer weather with plenty of outdoor learning and Forest School activities. Our fire pit has been a particular highlight across the school this term. In Oak Class science, pupils used it to investigate combustibility and heat convection, while Beech Class recreated the Great Fire of London by safely burning the paper models they had made as part of their history topic. Of course, no Forest School session would be complete without toasting marshmallows around the fire at the end of the day!



A science lesson at the fire pit with Mr. Cameron



Building a fire with Mrs Davies

Oak Class also enjoyed a special Forest School Day to celebrate the end of their Year 6 SATs. After a busy week of examinations, it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to relax, work together outdoors and enjoy some well-earned fun. We are incredibly proud of all the children for the mature, positive and determined way they approached SATs week: they were absolutely marvellous throughout.

There have also been exciting educational visits; Willow Class took part in an Anglo-Saxon Day at the Earth Trust in Abingdon while Oak Class travelled to the Law Courts in Oxford for an engaging trial day experience in a workshop called 'The Dark Side of the Victorians'. We have more trips planned, with Acorn Class visiting the Cotswold Wildlife Park, and Beech Class travelling to the Story Museum in Oxford.

With Mosaic Day and Circus Skills Day workshops still to come, there is certainly plenty more creative excitement ahead. The summer term is always one of the busiest times of the school year, but it is also one of the happiest, filled with memorable experiences, outdoor learning and opportunities for the children to learn beyond the classroom.

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