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Harvest Supper 2026

Friends and neighbours from Swalcliffe and the surrounding villages came together on 17th October for another fun-filled evening celebrating the harvest.

A hearty supper of delicious pies, potatoes and vegetables was enjoyed by all, followed by comforting autumnal crumbles and a wonderful cheese course.

Special thanks go to Martin Collett, Maggie Irwin and Gay Harris for their superb organisational skills, and heartfelt gratitude to our generous main sponsors, including Tina & Steve Gandy and John Tattersall.

Of course, we mustn't forget the many wonderful volunteers and talented cooks, without whom the evening simply wouldn't be possible!

The ever-popular auction provided plenty of entertainment, with some fabulous prizes on offer, a wonderfully generous audience and an enthusiastic auctioneer who made sure no opportunity was missed!

All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable evening of good food, great company and community spirit, raising an incredible estimated amount of **£3450.** Proceeds supporting Church 40% and 20% each to PlayPark, Village Hall & Charity.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success!



Tadmarton Annual MacMillan Coffee Morning was held in Tadmarton Village Hall on Saturday 3rd of October.

It was a wonderful turnout and we are really grateful to everyone who attended and helped us to raise an amazing £882.

Editors Bit!

What a wonderful summer we've had. I know it got *too* dry and it got *too* hot, but as we hardly ever experience perfect weather, what's just past will do me very kindly thank you!

I am actually writing this piece from a desk at our rented farmhouse where we've spent the final few weeks of summer in Normandy (*feeling just like Colin Firth in Love Actually*). The weather is still gloriously warm meaning we've had beach walks and sea paddles everyday.
Fruits de la Mer from the best places, shopping at the most exciting supermarkets and paying so much less I may add for super quality fresh foods, not to mention the wine! Although I believe many French people may not entirely agree with me - come shop in our supermarkets and you'll really cop the cost of living increase!

My husband does very well in the native language, I seem to be getting by really well speaking English with a French accent, which is getting stronger & stronger - I'm telling you it works! J'adore La France!

However, as you are reading this we are back home ready for my most very favourite time of year! We're already well into autumn, which is my most loved season. Blue skies (apart from when it's pouring downs obvs), golden, red and orange leaves, conkers and switching from light crisp rosé to full bodied deep rich reds! Smoke from the fires swirling out of the chimneys and much talk/planning and excitement already about the most wonderful time of the year!

Well for some it is including me. I still truly believe ***in the big jolly man with the long white beard*** and it really works at keeping that apprehension and anticipation of all things sparkly, cinnamon scented, Mariah Carey and Michael Bublé alive and kicking.

And, I so saw him last Christmas Eve (there, I said the C word!) at Carols on The Green in Swalcliffe to prove a point!

Whatever the weather brings us over the next couple of months, do keep safe and warm. And whatever your feelings about the 'C' word might be, remember for some it's a hard, reflective and lonely time, so any magic sparkles you can sprinkle may just make someone's day.
Kindness is a gift we can all give for free.



Seasons Greetings!

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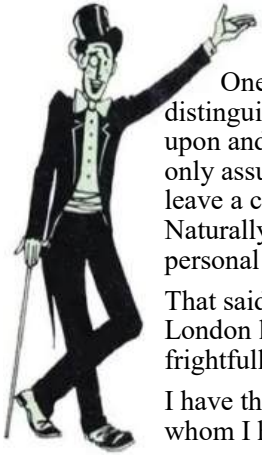
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Huzzah, my most devoted readers!

One has, at long last, returned to the pages of this most distinguished little rag, the very publication we villagers eagerly seize upon and leaf through during those precious 'me time' moments. I can only assume that my enforced absence from the previous edition did leave a considerable void in your varied, important busy little lives. Naturally, I have therefore returned with a healthy collection of personal revelations, observations and mildly inappropriate anecdotes.

That said, even I occasionally tire of reporting upon dreary London lawyers, Lords and other persons who take themselves frightfully seriously. Variety, after all, is the spice of life.

I have therefore enlisted several wonderfully indiscreet neighbours whom I have had the pleasure of befriending.

These delightful individuals possess almost no self-restraint, yet an astonishing abundance of self-judgement and moral superiority - precisely the qualities required for reliable village journalism.

Let us begin with the tale of a most gallant gentleman. Our hero, being the very model of chivalry, nobly undertook to escort **h**is **g**ood **l**ady **w**ife safely home following what I am assured was a perfectly respectable afternoon/evening of conviviality and hospitality. Alas, even grown men are not immune to that most modern of afflictions: **FOMO**.

Unable to bear the thought of festivities continuing without him, he discreetly hurried back to the engagement and with haste, tripped over an entirely innocent gravestone and dislocated his arm. Fortunately, the gathering of party animals left - armed with considerable confidence, a quantity of the old Doppelbock and a rather alarming enthusiasm for amateur orthopaedics naturally became would-be medical professionals.

The arm was duly *popped* back into place - Obviously, it subsequently popped straight back out again.

And so, the next day with grateful thanks to the NHS and The Horton our gallant gentleman was eventually restored to something approaching working order. The colourful eye, courtesy of hglw (see above) took slightly longer to recover!

One must also mention the chap whose good lady's bedding suffered from an astonishing quantity of claret flowing from his shanks the morning after. Whether *claret* remains an acceptable euphemism for the Latin *sanguis*, I shall leave to those of a more scholarly disposition.

Thankfully, the source was less dramatic than one might imagine. Our chap had apparently decided that he could fly. Fortunately, the wall he 'took off' from was only four feet high. One must admire the optimism.

And so we discover, once again, that there is never a dull moment at our village functions.

Between amateur surgeons, recreational acrobats and alarming quantities of German lager, one begins to wonder whether the social calendar ought to carry a Health and Safety warning.

I appreciate that the ladies of our parish themselves are far too discreet to reveal anything of consequence about their private lives. Quite extraordinary, really.



As for myself, I shall say little for the moment as I believe my weekly soirées with my newly acquired circle of extremely well connected ladies should provide ample material for future editions.

One must, after all, do one's very best to keep the village informed

Yours, as ever, in the strictest confidence,

Lord Whispermere of Tadmarton & Swalcliffe



Pistols at Dawn!

IT WENT BACK

Tadmarton v Swalcliffe Inter Village Clay Shoot Held at The Oxfordshire Shooting ground near Enstone on Saturday 17 October

It was a nice day with over 25 shooters.The shooting ground had some hard targets yet again but they were all hittable.

Some of the Tadmarton team went to Edgehill Shooting Ground and now hold the land speed record for the race between both venues!

Top 5 guns from each side were as follows (all out of 50)

TADMARTON	SWALCLIFFE
Chris Dean 30	Ben Benson 46
Henry Jones 29	Maxwell Taylor 35
Mark Yeomans 22	Adam Lawrence 34
Jim Lindsey (Rifle) 17	Tom Negus 30
Brian Fisk 15	Val Plant 27

Well done to Ben Benson for a great score, he only missed 4, and winning high gun and a bottle of his choice presented by Christopher Dean & Co (mentioned for tax reasons). Chris Dean also won a bottle for being top gun for Tadmarton (Always nice to win your own prize!)

For those like me who need a calculator to add up Tadmarton scored 115 and Swalcliffe 152. A victory for Swalcliffe by lots! The Tadmarton team will be reporting for practice shortly

Chris Dean

Tadmarton Charities

As in the past I thought it would be helpful to give a little background to the charity especially for new people to the village.

Tadmarton Charities is an amalgamation of the Poor's Land Charity, the Macdermot Charity and the Macdermot's Educational Charity. The Poor's Land Charity arose from the Inclosures Act of 1775 when a small area of land, which is now part of Tadmarton Golf Course, was made available to help the poor and needy of the parish. Subsequently this land was swapped for the 16 acres which the charities now own. This comprises of 2 fields which run down from the golf course road and up to a field owned by the Banbury Ornithological Society.

The 16 acres of land provide a rental income which in most years covers the income distributed to those recipients in the parish who have regularly received support. In addition, the Charity has an investment

holding in M & G Charifund which contains monies received for granting a right of access to the Banbury Ornithological Society land back in 2005 and a small sum held in a Building Society Account. These holdings do not routinely distribute income but are used for the ongoing administration of the Charity and to enable additional distribution of funds where deemed appropriate.

The Trustees are strictly bound by the trust deed which allows us to 'relieve either generally, or individually, those residents of the Parish who are considered to be in genuine need, or suffering hardship, or distress'. It is interesting to look back and see that in 1867 the charity delivered coal to 70 families who were deemed to qualify.

However there are still people and families who are in genuine need and it is the trustees job to allocate funds to them.

They do of course rely on people applying for themselves or nominating others.

The Trustees would now like to hear from any person who feels that they, a neighbour, friend, or family member, might qualify for consideration for the 2026 distribution.

This year has seen fuel increase dramatically and it may be that more people will feel the need to apply to us. The name, address and brief details should be provided to the Clerk to the Trustees at the address given below.

Those who have always received help from the Charity will automatically be considered and need not reapply.

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Ellen & Jethro Thompson have been in love with all things equine for mostly all of their lives. And now, after years of developing expertise from the bottom up, their hopes and dreams are fast becoming reality.

Ellen was always a lively child, so much energy! Ellen's mum thought a brilliant way to use up some of that early energy, was to introduce her to Brampton Riding school as a hobby. Brampton offered "Own a Pony Day", which Ellen couldn't get enough of! Ellen then moved to Radway Riding School working with livery horses and got her first horse "Maggie" for her 16th birthday. Maggie is still with Ellen, now enjoying her well earned retirement at the age of 21 after a few years of eventing and having had 3 foals.

Jethro discovered his love of riding and all things horsey in his early childhood, borrowing other people's ponies, riding, grooming, mucking out anything and everything. He got his first pony "Charlie" at the age of 10 and later discovered a significant interest and skill set in the art of 'backing' horses. Many would know the term 'breaking in', but modern professionals have moved from that term as it almost implies the breaking of an animals spirit - and that is far from any result wanted from both Jethro & Ellen.

Although Jethro knew horses would be his life, he was persuaded to attend Moreton Morrell College for an equine business studies degree but he soon knew it was his practical ability and hunger for experience that was going to get him where he wanted to be. Starting to work at Radway Riding School, teaching 100's of young enthusiastic people to ride has seen Jethro's huge love of training horses grow to todays successes.



Radway Riding School is where Jethro first spotted Ellen. It was a relationship made in equine heaven! (Editors soppy bit)!

They rented their first yard at Edgehill, both working hard in training their own horses as well as working hard to bring other people's animals up to competition standard.

8 years ago they both moved to rent the stables at Hill Farm in Swalcliffe. Continuing to do what they do so well for others and growing their own success in eventing, their desire for breeding was also growing!

The dream is now happening at pace. Swalcliffe Stud is becoming a reality. Still within the beautiful setting of Hill Farm. A lot of hard graft has been put into designing and building the new 20 stable yard (6 stables specifically designed for foaling). Moving not less than 20,000 tonnes of earth! The building itself being perfectly in keeping with the landscape whilst matching the quality of experience offered by both Jethro and Ellen. They currently house existing liveries and competition horses whilst starting to focus on further breeding.

They are looking to facilitate more engagement and transparency, both are very meticulous in seeking out trusted and caring breeding partners, using their own super quality mares to deliver future superstars! They are currently busy with six 3 & 4 year olds that are ready to start their ridden careers, whilst still teaching and passing on their experience to others. All this, and Ellen working harder than ever as she has been selected for the British 3 Star Eventing squad with her very own mare Dee Dee!

I am so pleased that Jethro and Ellen agreed to this interview. I feel the equine family in Swalcliffe and Tadmarton is growing. They are all helping and supporting each other where they can by using local businesses including farriers, vets, physios and farmers. Promoting and supporting local equestrian events as well as developing superstars for national and international competitions.



Thanks for helping to keep our villages evolving and on the map!

Getting to know who's doing what in our Villages!

There are so many interesting - old and new business and ventures that are happening in both Swalcliffe and Tadmarton.

I'm sure you'll agree it makes for great reading in between all of our great advertisers and sponsors material. We'd really like to offer more of you the opportunity to tell us about what you do, how you do it and why you do it!

Do email us at: tadmartonandswalcliffelink.com

I'd be delighted to come and meet you!



News from St Nicholas Church Tadmarton

We have just enjoyed a lovely Harvest Festival service and supper. The church looked beautiful, decorated with flowers, vegetables and sheep and a duck at the altar. Thanks go to all those who took the time to make the church look so lovely. The bells rang out to celebrate and the church path was lit to welcome people.

After the service around fifty people came to share food and fellowship. There was a huge selection of food and thanks go to everyone who contributed to a wonderful meal. Thanks go to Louise Hillman for arranging the evening and to Shirley for organising the day and for making the village hall look so beautiful. Thanks also go to Carrie and Edith from the pub for putting bottles of wine on all the tables. After supper we had our traditional auction with our great auctioneer Mike Hillman. We had been given some great produce to sell. We are very grateful to Rolf for doing all the washing up and for all those who helped clear away at the end of the evening. The total received from the evening was £600 which will be split between The Banbury Food Bank and Polly who feeds the homeless and Banbury. Well done everyone!

We are now starting to think about Christmas. St Nicholas Sunday is December 13th and will be a toy service. Please bring any unwanted toys (must be in good condition) and Emily will find homes for them with children who have little at Christmas.

Our traditional carol service is on Tuesday 15th December at 7.00pm. Christmas Day service is at 10.00am.

Have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas from all at Tadmarton Church

In Memoriam Service

On Sunday 1st November there will be an In Memoriam service at St Mary, Broughton at 6pm. This service is an opportunity for people across the Wykeham Benefice to come together and remember their loved ones who have died. If you are unable to attend and/or would like the name(s) of your loved ones to be read out at the service in Broughton, there will be an opportunity to come to Tadmarton and Swalcliffe churches in the morning on Saturday 31st October to light a candle and write their name down. You would be most welcome indeed.

Revd Emily R-Scott
Rector of the Wykeham Benefice in the Oxford Diocese

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6.00pm In Memoriam Service at Broughton (ES)
Sunday 8th 10.55am Remembrance Service (BF)
Sunday 15th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)
Sunday 22nd 11.00am Village Service (ES)
Sunday 29th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

December

Sunday 6th 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton (ES)
Sunday 13th 11.00am St Nicholas Service (ES)
Tuesday 15th 7.00pm Traditional Carol Service (ES)
Sunday 20th 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)
Sunday 25th 10.00am Family Communion (GE)

Sundays (ZOOM) at 11.00am from Tadmarton and any extra Easter Services
Meeting ID: 851 3086 9357
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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)


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Services at Swalcliffe Church

Sunday 8th November – 9.30am:
Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)
Sunday 15th November – 6.00pm:
Evensong (The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)
Sunday 22nd November – 9.30am:
Holy Communion (The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott)
Sunday 13th December – 9.30am:
Holy Communion (The Rev'd Brian Fairbank)
Sunday 20th December – 9.30am :
Holy Communion with carols (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)
Christmas Day 25th December – 9.30am:
Family Communion with carols– (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

There will be carol singing in the church in the week before Christmas: please watch for notices with details.

In addition, there will be Benefice Eucharists at 10.30am on 1st November at Tadmarton, on 6th December at Broughton, and on 27th December at Epwell, and a Midnight Mass at Sibford starting at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

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The Parish Council meets regularly throughout the year, every six weeks on a Monday night in the village hall, and Councilors are expected to attend meetings and participate in council business.

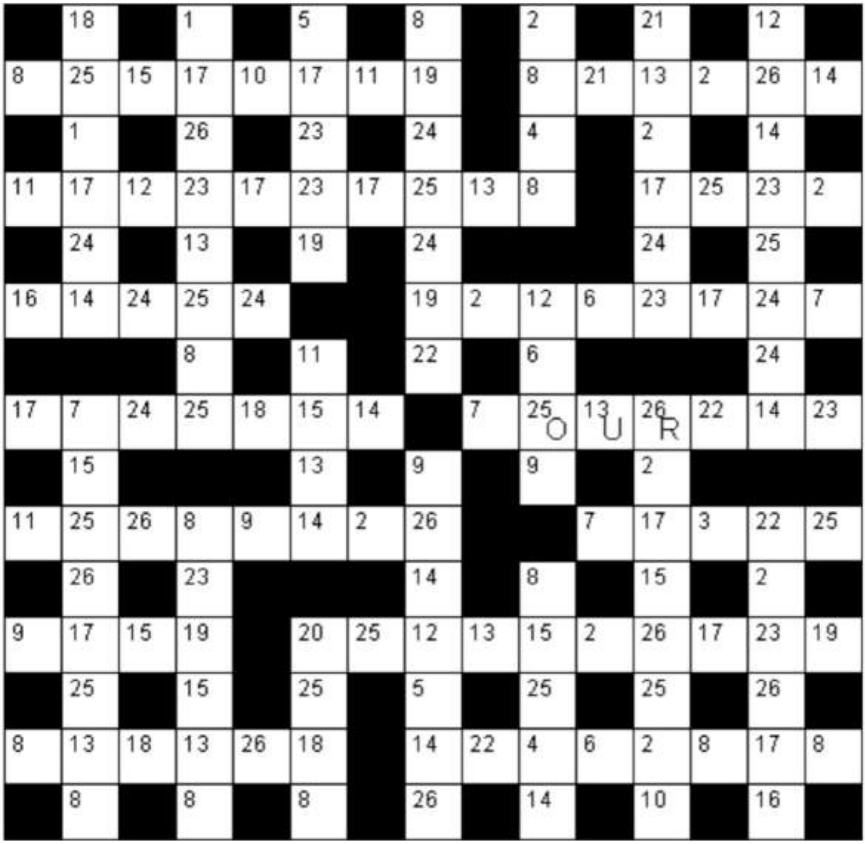
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WELCOME TO TADMARTON

If you have recently moved into Tadmarton, or if you know someone who is a new arrival. Please contact Tim Turner on 01295 780764 He will be delighted to call with one of the "Welcome to Tadmarton" leaflets.

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A Bright Start to the New School Year

The new academic year is off to a wonderful start at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School, and it has been a pleasure to welcome both familiar and new faces through our doors.

We were especially delighted to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children, who have started school full of enthusiasm and excitement. They have been greeted by a smartly refurbished outdoor space, thanks to the generous support of the Town Estates Trustees, who funded the resurfacing of our Early Years outdoor area over the summer. The transformed space looks absolutely lovely and provides a safe, attractive and stimulating environment for our youngest learners to play, explore and learn. We are extremely grateful to the Trustees for making this project possible.






We also have more exciting outdoor developments planned thanks to the incredible support we received through the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. We are thrilled to have raised £500 through the blue token voting initiative, which will help us further develop our outdoor wellbeing and science area. A huge thank you goes to everyone in the community who took the time to pop a blue counter into the box for us during their shopping trips. Your support will make a real difference for our children.

We would like to thank teacher, Mrs Benjamin, for leading a fascinating whole-school assembly about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. The children learned about many of the traditions and customs associated with this important celebration, including the significance of reflection, new beginnings and hopes for the year ahead. To bring the learning to life, Mrs Benjamin kindly brought in apples and honey for the children to taste, helping them experience a traditional Rosh Hashanah custom which symbolises the hope for a sweet and happy new year. The assembly was a wonderful example of the enriching opportunities that help broaden our pupils' understanding of different faiths, cultures and traditions.



As always, we are immensely grateful for the continued support of our families and the wider village community. We look forward to sharing more news and celebrating our pupils' achievements with you throughout the year.

To find out more about our wonderful, welcoming village school 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/

Swalcliffe & Tadmarton Horticultural Society

We had a very good turnout at the AGM.
Thank you to those who arranged the lovely cheese and wine etc.

Events

Thurs Nov 12th November – a very timely talk by Jo Worthy from Haven4Wildlife on
'Plants for a Changing World.'
Tadmarton Village Hall 2 – 5pm. Followed by a cream tea.
Visitors welcome. Please use the website to contact us.



Our final event of the year is on Thurs December 10th, Tadmarton Village Hall, 7 – 9pm.



The speaker is Andrew Baxter talking about 'The Tea Gardens of Edge Hill.'
Visitors welcome.

We have many events planned for 2027 so why not join our friendly group, only £10 for the whole year.
For more details, please see the website: https://thehorti.co.uk

Regular Clubs & Activities at Tadmarton Village Hall

T'ai Chi Chih - every Monday at 3pm to 4.15pm
Line Dancing - every Monday at 7pm to 8.15pm
Tuesday Coffee Morning - every Tuesday at 10.30am
Folk Dancing - every Tuesday 7.45pm to 9.45pm (Termly)
Pilates - Wednesdays (Termly) 10am to 11am
Chair Exercise – Thursdays 10am to 10.45am
Seniors Lunch Club - fourth Friday of the month 12.30pm
Kids & Caffeine - Saturdays 10am to 12 noon
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Friday	12-2.30-5.00-to close	12-2.00-6.00-8.30
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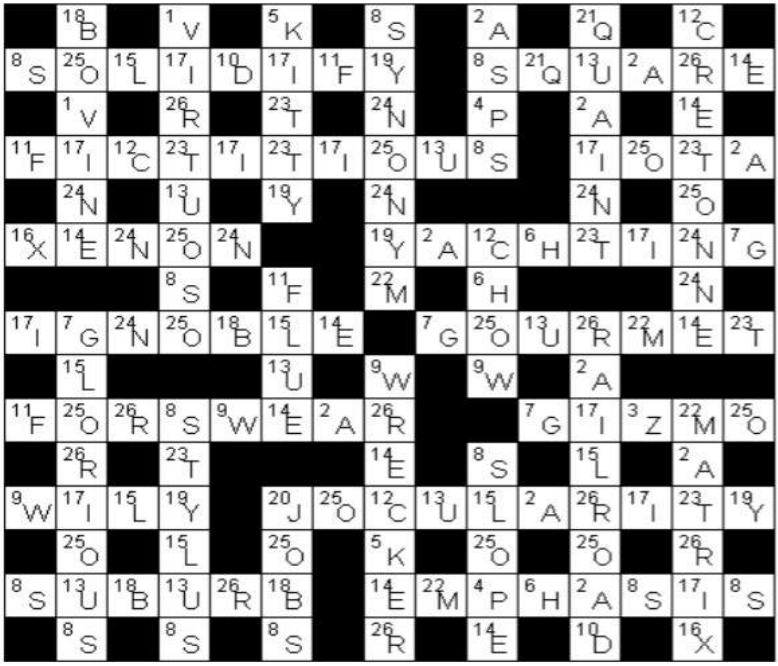
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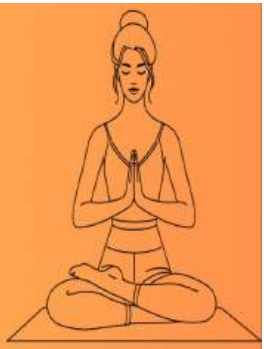
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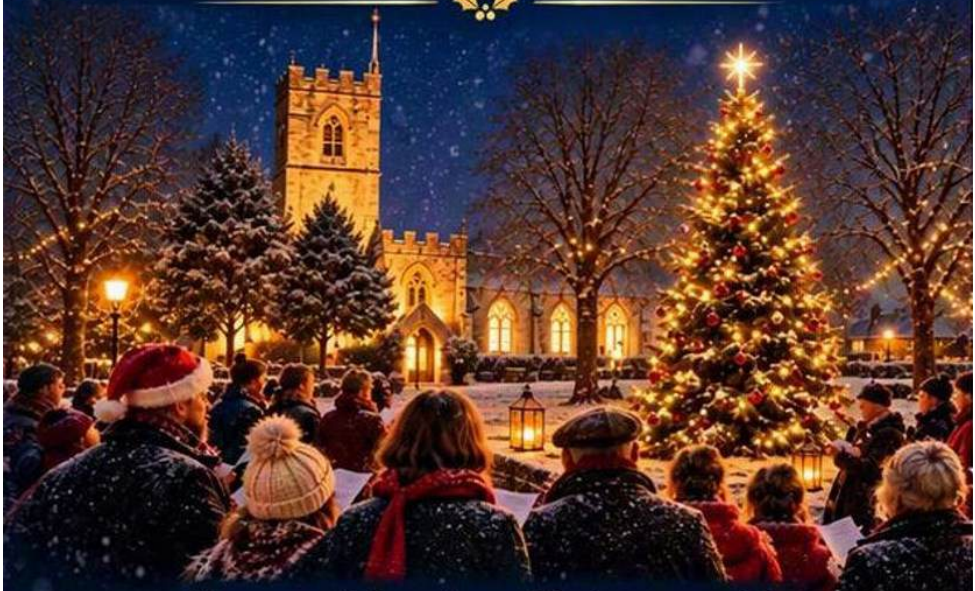


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