#### The Link November 2020

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



Due to Covid-19 some Fireworks displays may not run this year, check with organisers for up to date information. If you find a display, stay safe and enjoy.

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#### The below is copied from the Sibford scene with kind permission from the editor.

Kids at a Caithness school were asked questions about the old and new testaments and the following statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. incorrect spelling has been left in.

- 1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness. god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
- 2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
- 3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
- 4. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
- 5. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- 6. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
- 7. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- 8. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
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#### The following events are now bookable via the school website:

Year 7 entry Sixth Form Whole School
Tuesday 3 November Friday 5 November 2020.
Friday 13 November 2020.
Friday 13 November 2020.

17.30 18.00 09.45

If you are interested in attending a virtual open event, visit sibfordschool.co.uk/events and simply fill out the contact form and select which event you would like to join. A link will be emailed ahead of each event to all registered attendees.

#### Half marathon success for Head of Junior School and his son

A huge well done to the Head of Junior School, Edward Rossiter and his son Oliver on their recent half marathon challenge.

Edward said 'The conditions were terrible - cold, wet and windy - but I'm delighted to announce that both of us managed to beat our target time of two hours - Oliver by 54 seconds and me by just 20 seconds! In the process we raised over £1000 for Maggie's Centres - your contributions are very much appreciated as it is particularly important to us at the moment as they are supporting our colleague and teacher Nicola Key.'

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Since then Scouting has flourished in the surrounding villages but had never returned to Tadmarton, until now!

Due to Covid restrictions and changes of requirements at Bloxham Primary School, 1st Bloxham Scout Troop (the oldest running Scout Troop in the North Oxfordshire area) no longer had a place to meet and that's where Tadmarton Village Hall has come to the rescue.

Even though 1st Bloxham's Beaver Scouts & Cub pack will stay at the Primary School in Bloxham, the Scout will now meet on (most) Thursday's evenings in Taddy.

The Scout Group wish to thanks the village hall committee for allowing us to do this, (especially on the celebration of the troops 111th year), and also say that if anyone in the village would like to become involved with the Scout Group either as a trainee leader or as a member of the group board of trustees (who help look after the accounts, fundraising, etc.) then please get in touch.

Yours gratefully

Graham Duckworth

1st Bloxham Scout Leader

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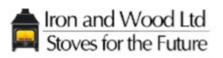
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Under the latest Government Covid-19 Guidelines and the 'Rule of 6', the hall is open for only a limited range of activities. In October, both 1<sup>st</sup> Bloxham Scouts and the Tadmarton Table Tennis team have made bookings.

If you wish to make a booking, please contact us in the first instance to check if your event is allowed under the current guidelines.

#### Please contact:

Alex Silverman <u>alex@alexsilverman.co.uk</u>

Tel: 788776

Helen Yeomans <u>helen@barncroftbook-keeping.co.uk</u>

Tel: 780426



TADMARTON VILLAGE
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## Covid update; we are open!!!



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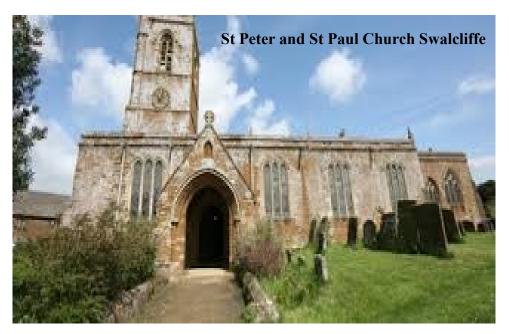
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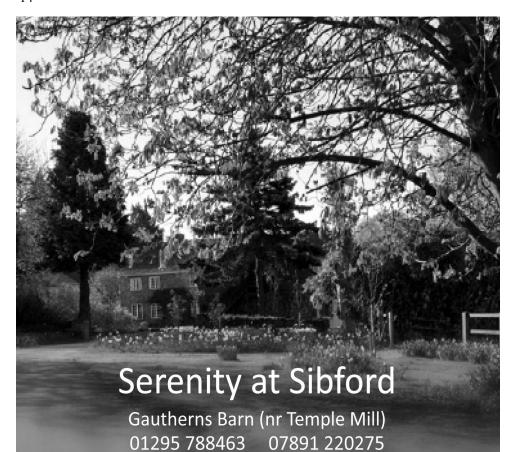
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 9.30am Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance (The Rev'd John Tattersall)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am Morning Worship (lay led)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Rev'd Dr David Pym)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am Holy Communion (The Ven Keith Smalldon)

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#### All are welcome

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There was no charge just a request to put a donation in one of the envelopes provided.

I contacted a few people through Facebook and via the email and I was amazed at the response.

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Swalcliffe Barn, like most small museums, has remained closed throughout this year, but as we plan for a reopening in 2021 a relevant piece of history has come to light in the Swalcliffe Archive.

In 1992 the barn had recently received a through renovation and had opened for the first time as a museum. The Banbury Guardian sent a reporter to find out about the museum and on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1992 published an article shown in the clip on adjoining page. The article shows Sue Digby-Firth (in whose house we now live) flanked by John Morris and Jeff Demmar with the restored barn and collection of local historic vehicles in the background.

Having recently taken over the Swalcliffe Archive I have been rediscovering many items of local historical interest and we hope to make this a regular column in The Link. The Swalcliffe Archive arose from a course on Village History which took place in Banbury and Swalcliffe in 1977 and 1978 which was attended by a number of Swalcliffe residents. At that time Swalcliffe Barn was in private ownership and in much need of repair however a few more years passed before it was "rescued" and funds were found to restore it.

Meanwhile the local group continued their research, forming themselves into The Swalcliffe Society, and collecting a large amount of information about village residents, land use and history, so that by the time the barn was ready to be opened as a museum the Archive had gathered enough information to enable the creation of a substantial exhibition of local history which has occupied one end of Swalcliffe barn ever since.

The Swalcliffe Society has continued to support the opening of Swalcliffe barn each year by managing a team of dedicated volunteers who staff the barn on open days and the Archive has continued to collect new material with the aim of better understanding of local history. Some of the archive material can be seen in the Barn as exhibition displays and more is now on the Swalcliffe Digital Archive computer in the barn.

In recent years the Archive has slowly grown and we hope to make its content more available to the public in new ways including digitization and to ensure the more valuable items can be properly conserved. The snippet we present here is just a small example of the Archive content which spans three millennia of local history.

The Swalcliffe Society continues its work and is always welcoming of new members to help with archiving and operating Swalcliffe Barn on open days. However the collecting of information of local interest is largely dependent on local residents finding and offering it, so if you have or find anything of local interest, including but not limited to documents and photographs, the Society would love to see it and have an opportunity to copy and digitize it. If you would like to contribute or find out more please feel free to phone **01295 788127** or mail **swalcliffe.society@gmail.com**.

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The Parochial Church Council has now, with guidance from The Rev'd John Tattersall, re started services in our church. St. Nicholas church has been open for private prayer for several weeks now and on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October we resumed our Sunday morning services. The Rev'd Dr David Pym conducted the communion service which was attended by many members of the congregation.

The Zoom services every Sunday at 5pm continue for the moment and if you wish to join with members of the Benefice please contact The Rev'd John Tattersall.

Participants in the Oxford Historic Churches cycle ride, which took place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, were signed in as visiting St. Nicholas Church in the village.

The Church Council was so pleased with the news that a minister has been appointed to this Benefice. Parishioners and the Parochial Church Council look forward to welcoming our new Rector Reverend Cannon Neil Bowler, in January 2021, to St. Nicholas Church and the Parish of Tadmarton.

We are hopeful that the Kitchen Project may soon proceed to construction; the project is in the hands of our Church wardens to obtain the necessary quotations, for the work.

Please be assured that if you wish to participate in the services, in our church, you will be most welcome.

All covid safety measures are in place within the church.

J.H.W. 14.10.20



#### **KATHARINE HOUSE CHRISTMAS SHOP 2020**

Our online Christmas shop is up and running with a selection of this year's Christmas cards, knitted novelties and our eBay shop has lots of wonderful gifts for sale. Head to <a href="https://www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop">www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop</a> to find yours.

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#### SANTA FUN RUN – 13 DECEMBER 2020

This year our Santa Fun Run is going to have to look slightly different due to the current social distancing guidelines, but we are working hard to ensure we can host a fun, festive, event for everyone to get involved with. Head to <a href="https://www.khh.org.uk/santa20">www.khh.org.uk/santa20</a> to register your interest and keep up to date with this year's event.

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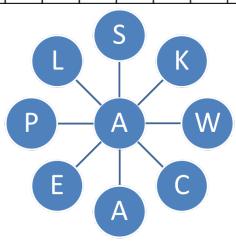
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#### **CODEWORDS**

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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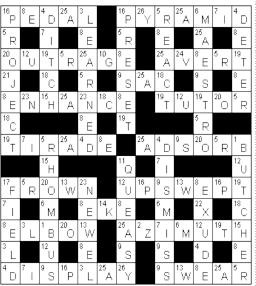


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We have had a very successful first half-term back at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The children are really enjoying being back at school and, despite all the procedures and rules in place to try and keep everybody as safe as we can, it is a very happy place to be.

Children across the school have become deeply immersed in their topic work and we have learned all sorts of things. Did you know

that herbivorous dinosaurs liked to eat from the monkey puzzle tree? Our youngest pupils do, along with all sorts of other interesting facts about dinosaurs.

Although we don't have monkey puzzle trees in our beautiful school grounds, we have been taking every opportunity to get the children learning outside in the fresh air, particularly through outdoor P.E and Forest School lessons. They come back from these sessions all 'bright-eyed and bushy tailed' with pink cheeks and smiling faces and the feedback from the children is that these activities are high on their list of things they really love about our school.

They are also very positive about their classmates and their teachers. We took some time to ask the children what they particularly like about being at Sibford Gower. While many of them identified particular lessons such as maths, science, P.E. art and reading,

"The selection of books. I have read lots of them and enjoyed every second of them." they also spoke about the community feeling here;

"What I think is great about the school is that everyone is considerate of you and your ideas."

"All the teachers because they help people learn new things and, even if you are in Year 6, the teachers will help you."

"This school is great because there is creativity in art and everyone is kind".

"I love how kind the teachers are when I'm having a bad day." (we all have them!)

"What I think is great about school is that I get to come in every day 💉 and see my friends and all of the lovely teachers! 🌞 📩 with a smile on my face."

We have also had lots of positive feedback from our parents, commenting on the care their children receive here and how much they enjoy coming to school. As the headteacher here, I feel incredibly proud to be part of such a warm, supportive, hardworking community at this very special village school.

With kind regards, Jane O'Sullivan, Headteacher

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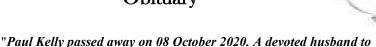
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#### Community page





Paul Kelly passed away on 08 October 2020. A devoted nusband to Dianne, a loving father to 3 sons and grandfather to 2 grandsons.

Paul spent many happy days at Swalcliffe Park school and many happy evenings at the Stags Head. He will be greatly missed.

Due to restrictions the funeral service was by invitation only.

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and well wishes.

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#### The Wildlife Page: This months Topic; Deer in the UK.

There are 6 different species of deer in the UK, only 2 of those are indigenous to the UK. These are the Roe and the Red Deer. 3 Are of Asiatic descend; The Sika and The Chinese Water deer and the Muntjac.

The Fallow Deer is believed to have been re-introduced by the Normans in the 11th century after becoming extinct with the fall of the Roman Empire.

Some deer are seen as threats to its environment, the main problem lies with them stripping and eating Crop plants, making them unpopular with some farmers. At the same time the negative economic impact is countered at some big estates by allowing deer to be stalked for a hefty fee (Trophy Hunting).

Apart from the Muntjac deer all other species are protected with a close season—a specific time in which it is illegal to hunt them. This is to avoid them being hunted during the breeding season. The close season varies for the different species. The muntjac is excluded since it breeds all year round.

Deer are susceptible to being hit by cars as a result of their dusk and dawn wandering habits. It is vitally important to get help if the animal is still alive since they are at risk to die of severe shock. Make sure you have a vet number handy when out driving. However If the animal has died it is good manners to move it of the road, if save to do so, for 4 reasons; it shows respect to the animal, it shows respect to other road users, it removes a potential dangerous situation and it stops carrions from getting killed whilst eating. Alternatively call 101 and report as a dangerous obstruction.

A young deer can be called a Calf, Kid or Fawn, the name is Species dependent. Their antlers when young are soft, vulnerable and easily damaged. The process of the Antlers hardening is called Calcification. The deer will rub their heads to remove old velvet, this is called Fraying.

Young deer are often left behind, snug up in some high grass or under hedges, whilst their mother is looking for food. It is important to realise this is normal and that touching the young can cause the mother to abandon the young (after all we are perceived hunters).

If a mother is worried about the threat to her young, she will flee trying to distract the threat away from her young. If you expect or know there are (young) deer around it is good practice to keep your dog on the lead.

After all if you are not out hunting, why would you want to upset wildlife.

If you find deer in your garden a nuisance, please give them my address, I would love to see them.

Serious please check with the British deer society to find out how to deter deer from your garden without causing them harm.

Their website is; https://www.bds.org.uk/

Should you be lucky enough to get some nice photo's of (Any Species) of deer, please forward them to me and I will use them in the next link.

Happy Wildlife watching everyone.



The Link Articles:

Have you got any articles you would like to share in the Tadmarton and Swalcliffe link, Now is your time.

Next month is the Winter Bumper edition, which covers December 2020 and Yes; Shock Horror January 2021.

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