

The Link March 2021

News and information covering Tadmarton and Swalcliffe



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The front page:

I received an article from Jane O'Sullivan for this issue of The Link; which in her words is 'Quite a visual one this time. Hope that's OK.' There was just no way that I could put these beautiful art pieces anywhere else, but on the front page. I am sure you will all agree with me. So apologies to Jane for "messing up" her article. Below you can see the written article by Jane which explains what is what.



Even though we are missing the majority of our pupils and the 'buzz' that indicates a happy and successful primary school full of children, the term has been a successful one.

Our systems to support home learning are working well and communication between school and the children learning at home is good.

Some of our children have produced examples of very strong work in art & design over the last few weeks, both at home and at school, which we feel are well worth sharing.

If you want to see some more examples of their work you can look at the new Art Gallery page on our school website.

Evie, aged 10, has been inspired by the work of wildlife artist David Shepherd. She has created these three stunning art works (and more), using paints, pencil and pastel.

During birdwatching month, children at school and at home explored bird Murmurations. Here are some really varied but equally effective, artistic interpretations of this theme.

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Cometh the Hour Cometh the Man

The hour was a day - 23 Mar 2020. And the day became a year. A year made from a patch work of shut downs and tiers. An unattractive coat that had to be worn.

The Man was not a man. It was the old Drovers' road running alongside Swalcliffe Lea. The salvation for many seeking activity away from creeping depression, the onset of cabin fever, loneliness and much, much more.

And the many were not just the locals of Swalcliffe and Tadmarton. Some came from such foreign places as the Sibfords and the metropolis of Banbury. Soon the overflowing car park at Swalcliffe Village Hall became twinned with a pop up one at the other end of the Drovers' road where it crosses the Shutford road.

They came in their hundreds. All ages strolled, power walked or jogged; from the very young to the very old. Some were pushed in buggies. Not even born before the crisis. Others had endured many national crises before. These people took it all in their slow stride and even brought picnics as respite from unexpected forced exercise. The children jumped in the puddles and ran through the mud. Happy were the dogs that did the same. Happy, because home offered the reward of a hot shower and a sleep before the fire.

The road morphed into different things for different people with different needs. For those who needed gossip it became a 17th century coffee shop. The wide diversity of animals and birds ensured that it will be remembered as a nature park. A garden shop satisfied the needs of horticulturists. Artists were in a studio enthused by the changing vista and colours; the sky blue beauty of the borage in summer and the frozen tears of the Mad Marston springs twinkling in the winter sun. Cyclists enjoyed a velodrome. Horse riders trotted along a bridle way. It was an outdoor office to many where fresh air sharpened the mind to resolve a problem that was impenetrable in the claustrophobia of a small make shift home office. In summer it was a balmy Mediterranean plaza to promenade along with a partner before supper. A concert hall appeared one hot weekend when musicians sat by the road playing their instruments. And a shop was there. Limited to honey and candles. But a shop nonetheless.

For many undeclared people it was a place of worship where they could commune with their God; alone, silently and directly. No ritual. How many thanks were offered for the blessing of our NHS? How many prayers for the recovery of a sick infected friend or relative? How many pleas were made for an end to this?

It will end soon. The hour will pass. But the Man will remain with our ghosts, those that went before and those that are yet to come.

Keep safe.

The Sports Reporter

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- 68 – Sandra Warren £15
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 165 – I Clappison £5
 4 – Monica Dunster £5

December 2020

- 119 – Liz Lynxweller £60
 66 – Lesley Hill £30
 233 – John Perren £20
 197 – John Salethorn £15
 52 – David Morgan £10
 133 – M Durbin £10
 173 – Vi Masey £10
 248 – Clare Couldridge-Smith £5
 13 – Helen Butler £5



January 2021

- 112 – David Lovesey £15
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Covid update;



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Stay Safe !! And we look forward to seeing you soon.

**St. Nicholas Church,
Tadmarton,
Church Services
Subject to Change RE: Covid Regulations**

March

Sunday 7th 10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Broughton (NB)

Sunday 14th 11.00am Family Service (NB)

Sunday 21st 11.00am Holy Communion (JT)

Sunday 28th 9.45am (Palm Sunday) Procession of Palms & Benefice Eucharist at Epwell (NB).

April

Sunday 4th 11.00am Easter Day Holy Communion (NB)

Sunday 11th 11.00am Holy Communion (GE)

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 Holy Communion (NB)

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

Thursdays in Tadmarton Church 9.00am Morning Prayers (NB)

**Please note that there will not be any refreshments after services.
Covid 19 protection systems are in place in all Benefice churches**

Rector: The Rev'd Neil Bowler (NB) Tel: 01295788005

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TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 18th January 2021

To approve the minutes of the meeting on 30th November 2020

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

Review of Action List

New notice-board for Lower Tadmarton – Although wood is the preferred option, it is expensive. Other alternatives or local suppliers will be considered.

Highway Issues

Potholes are being reported on Fix My Street. There is still an issue with spring water at Stant Hill which is being resolved between Highways and the landowners.

To receive an update on Bridleway 12

The following update was given. OCC are struggling to get final agreement from the Estate. The grazier using the field near the lane may want to have a route nearer the road under the trees so the grazing field is not compromised in the future should she wish to expand the field towards the road. OCC will continue to chase for an answer.

To receive an update on the village gateways (CC)

The new village gateways have been installed and there has been lots of positive feedback from villagers.

Defibrillators

There are three in Tadmarton and each requires its own guardian. Guardianship was discussed. New pads are needed and will be ordered.

To discuss communication, the use of official email addresses and possible vacancies

Not everyone is signed up to the village email addresses and they cost a lot of money each year to have. The Parish Clerk encouraged those who had not changed to try and set up their new email addresses.

There are two Councillors who are unable to attend meetings due to other commitments and priorities. Meetings are currently held remotely and will be for the foreseeable future. Vacancies can only be advertised once a Councillor resigns. It was agreed a note would be put in the next Link asking for interest.

Action: The Parish Clerk to draft a note for the next Link.

Payments for approval

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£83.64 to Marsh Commercial (allotment insurance)

£20.72 to Banbury Print and Design (Food bank leaflets)

£47.00 to Jane Fitzpatrick (Food bank leaflet printing)

£30.00 to Tadmarton Village Hall (electricity use for defibrillator)

£30.00 to Mr and Mrs Lingwood (electricity use for defibrillator in Lower Tadmarton)
 £2.00 to White Commercial Surveyors Ltd (electricity use for defibrillator at Highlands)
 £14.39 to Parish Clerk (zoom subscription)

To set the precept for 2021/22

A draft budget sheet had been circulated. Estimated spend for 2021/22 is £9000.00. It was agreed to set the precept for 2021/22 at £10,715.00 (3% increase on previous year).

Planning

An update was given on older applications.

20/02763/F, *Erection of single storey front extension to form shower room at Apple Tree Cottage, Main Street.* Granted by CDC.

20/03495/TCA, *Tree work at Stonewold House, Main Street.* No further comments or objections by CDC.

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:-

CDC, Parish Bulletin (Census 2021). Cllr Tomblin has agreed to be the lead on this.

Councillors Reports

The idea of a footpath linking Lower Tadmarton and the main part of the village was discussed.

Concern has been expressed again at those who park in the bus stop space opposite the pub. This has been discussed before as it is dangerous for those who live nearby. There is not enough space for proper road markings. A sign on the wall had been suggested previously. The Parish Clerk will get advice from highways.

Draft notes from Extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting Held 25th January 2021

To approve the purchase and installation cost of a bus shelter for Brookfield Rise (details circulated)

The details were circulated before the meeting. A company called Externiture will supply and install the 3 bay bus shelter on Brookfield Rise. They already work with OCC as an approved contractor. The cost of £6012.00 (including VAT which can be reclaimed) was approved. Proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Tomblin and everyone voted in favour. Lead time is six weeks. The bench will have to be moved whilst the work is being done, then refurbished and put back in after.

Action: The Parish Clerk to place the order with Externiture.

Next meeting 1st March via Zoom
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Don't forget mothering Sunday on Sunday the 14th March



St Peter and St Paul Church Swalcliffe

Here are details of the services in Swalcliffe for March:-

Sunday 14th March (Mothering Sunday) – 4.30pm Family Service (Rev'd Neil Bowler)

Sunday 21st March – 9.30am Holy Communion (Rev'd John Tattersall)

Morning Prayer is also said in Swalcliffe Church at 9am every Friday.

In addition there will be Benefice Eucharists on Sunday 7th March in Tadmerton at 10am and on Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday) in Epwell at 10am following the Procession of Palms around Epwell village at 9.45am. Both will be led by the Rector, the Rev'd Neil Bowler. Please note the resumption of the Dawn Eucharist at 6am in Swalcliffe on Easter Sunday, which lockdown prevented us from holding last year, followed by a Family Communion at 11am.



FROM the ARCHIVES

OXFORDSHIRE WITHIN LIVING MEMORY

This month we bring you a fascinating story of past village life told by a Swalcliffe resident.

"My memories of Swalcliffe begin on April 1st 1938, when I moved with my husband [1] and nine month old baby into 3 Brick Row on the edge of (Swalcliffe) village.

On the flagstoned ground floor was a living room with a small black range and the door to an old baking oven in the inglenook, and a small pantry, with a spiral staircase leading up to a landing and bedroom and from thence up to an attic divided into two by a wall, not quite reaching the ceiling, and a tiny window. The upper floors were of wide elm boards, with many crannies, some polished and the attic stairs and floors were scrubbed white. The casement windows were small, one of metal with leaded panes and the other, wood, which had to be removed to get the bedroom furniture in! The light came from an oil lamp on the table, and candles for upstairs. Water was piped from springs to a stand-pipe out in the lane, if it failed unexpectedly, it meant a walk along the village, and the tap had to be lagged well in winter. The toilet was a bucket arrangement at the top end of the row, emptied into a hole in the garden at dead of night. Three doors down in the opposite direction was a large dry stone hovel as high as a house, with a wash boiler, and space to store fuel, cycle, etc.

Much to my surprise, the landlord called with his bailiff, after a few days and suggested we might need something, wallpaper for living room and bedroom, walpamur for attic and stairs. The pantry floor was worn hollow after a few hundred years of wear and I asked if he could do anything? I received a pattern book, (with pages marked) for wallpaper, paint and whitewash - and cement and sand for my husband to level up the floor. The wallpaper only cost 4 ½ d per roll but at least it was fresh and clean. Our rent was 3/6d per week!

Most cooking was done on the living room range, no problem in winter when the oven was usually hot. In summer the fire might be lit in time to cook the evening meal, bringing a lovely smell of woodsmoke round the village. A Primus stove was very useful especially for early mornings. Food storage was a problem in summer, without a proper cool larder, meat and fish really needed to be bought and cooked on the same day. A good food safe was necessary, and tins and jars etc., with well-fitting lids, because of insects and cockroaches - finally eradicated with Borax and removal of flagstones for concrete floor.

The milkman, baker, fishmonger and grocer called regularly and bacon and day to day needs could be bought at the village shop. Sometimes there would be rabbit or chicken, and pig killing time was a great event - bringing fresh meat and rosemary scented lard - and ham and bacon to be cured and hung in the chimney corner for winter.

Fruit and vegetables came from gardens, fields and hedgerows, and the town on market days. (A pram could be hired for 3d to push baby and purchases around). The Sunday roast could be cooked at the bakery for 6d. Many men worked on the land, and The Park and Manor employed women and men, indoor and outdoor staff, until the war. The Village Hall was well used, for reading, billiards and other games, whist, dances and meetings."

"The public telephone and post box stood in the centre of the village and a small lending library operated from the schoolroom, as well as the clothing club. Other clubs were run from the Stag's Head. The Village Carrier operated on market days, and given a note and bag, would shop for a variety of goods.

The Church had a good choir, a Sunday School and Bellringers. And the passing bell was tolled on the death of a parishioner. (except during the war). Children from 5 to 14 years attended the Village School until the new Act when the 11 plus were taken to Hook Norton. The Charity Coal was distributed to each house at Christmas.

It seemed to be a very healthy village, many people living to a good old age. 3d. a week was collected for the Nursing Association, covering nurses and midwife fees, but not the doctor's visits for births. Home remedies were often used, such as poultices of comfrey, bread, mustard and linseed, as well as fruit vinegars for sore throats. Warts were said to be charmed away.

Childrens' games and celebrations varied with seasons, whips and tops, skipping, Empire Day etc. On May Day girls carried the May Garland from house to house, sang the carol [2] and received pennies. The Summer Fete with its usual attraction, ending with dancing on the lawn. Harvest Festival with fruit and vegetables and giant marrows, Christmas Party and carol singing were all part of the village year - some seemed to fade out when war was declared.

With the coming of war, evacuees arrived, some agriculture workers were replaced by the women's Land Army; the Manor became their hostel. The Park [3] became a Red Cross Convalescent Home. The Home Guard and Air Raid Wardens and W.V.S. were around - a time of black-out, ration books and gas masks. Rationing brought problems and some very weird recipes. We preserved everything we could, one way or another made do and mended and carried on old crafts of rag rugs, knitting and toymaking, wasting as little as possible.

A bomb did fall in a field in November 1940 but fortunately no-one was hurt. When, at last the war was over, most evacuees went home, service men and women were demobbed, but rationing continued to plague us. The school was closed, with fewer children and they joined Tadmorton School. Electricity was supplied to most cottages in the early 1950's [4] and mains water about 1956; but mains drainage had to wait another 13 years.

By 1960 things were changing, and children of the war years, now grown up, were finding it difficult to stay and live in their own villages."

Written by Mrs. Margaret Rudge, Tadmorton W.I. resident of 4 Madmarston View, Green Lane, Swalcliffe, and read to a Tadmorton Women's Institute meeting in 1990.

*Collected by the Swalcliffe Society from Doug Seymour, February 2021,
Archive Reference SDA-2001-2.*

Mrs Rudge, well known to many in the village, was buried in Swalcliffe on 9th May 2014.

FOOTNOTES

[1] Lesley Rudge

[2] "The Swalcliffe May Carol", music and words are displayed in Swalcliffe Barn and the band "Maggie Lane" has made a recording of it.

[3] Swalcliffe Park, former medieval manor, home of the Swalcliffe Wykehams, now Swalcliffe Park School.

[4] Electricity was brought to Swalcliffe in 1933 but it took many years for all homes to get connected.

If you have or find anything of local interest the Swalcliffe 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, or visit Swalcliffe Barn when (we hope) it reopens in 2021.

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SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 11th January 2021

To approve the minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2020

The minutes were approved and signed.

Co-option of New Councillor

Karen Riordan was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Matters Arising

Footpath markings - The Chair has drawn up two maps and shared them with landowners and Oxfordshire County Council for comment. They will then be published on the website.

Village Hall Terms of Reference – These have been signed and Cllr Gandy has the originals. They will be passed to the Clerk for the archive.

Speedwatch – Nothing happened before Christmas as the police officer was away. This will re-start in the Spring.

Foodbank collection – This was successful.

Highway road warning signs – There is set wording for a play area highway warning sign. This will be discussed with the village when a face to face Annual Parish Meeting can be held later in the year.

Tree Planting on the Common – This is going ahead.

Garage Rent - All the rent has been paid.

To receive an update on the Community (Village) Hall

The topographical and feasibility study for a new structure have been received. There are a number of options for using the site and the scale of a new structure but how much will it cost? It is hoped the Parish Council can engage with the village face to face in a public meeting to gauge the degree of support. Whilst the Parish Council wait for this opportunity Cllr Gandy will get advice and budgetary quotes to refurbish the current structure. This will look at addressing the issues brought up in the survey from 2019 and consider different heating and insulation options. He thought that, in the current climate, it will be more difficult to secure the level of funding for a complete rebuild so refurbishment should remain as an alternative consideration.

Finance

The following payments were approved:

£226.73 to ABC Advertising Partners Ltd (play park bark and wood batten)

£32.49 to ABC Advertising Partners Ltd (website costs)

£21.00 to ABC Advertising Partners Ltd (website costs)

To consider a request from Swalcliffe PCC for financial assistance to repair the church clock

The church clock is in need of repair and the PCC have asked the PC to help fund the repair. As the church is open and functional the PC are not legally allowed to help with costs. Two documents have been circulated. A briefing note from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) dated January 2018 and a counter document from Church Care dated March 2018. The two documents have conflicting views..

In principle the Parish Council agreed to support the special circumstances that the PCC find themselves in and not being able to raise any funds. It was agreed in principle to pay up to £600.00. It was suggested that another note will be circulated by the PCC to the village about fundraising

To set the precept for 2021/22

The Chair had circulated a draft budget sheet. It was proposed and agreed to set the precept for 2021/22 at £7,660.00.

To receive an update on planning

The following applications had been received since the last meeting:

20/02956/F, *Formation of 3 new jumps at SPE.* Supported by PC.

20/01851/F, *Alterations at SPS.* Supported by PC.

20/012973/F, *Variation of Condition 2 of 20/00179/LB – to replace inappropriate painted ply cladding with stone facing to match other elevations at SPS.* Supported by PC.

20/03141/F, *Replace existing open, pitched roof storm porch with an enclosed natural stone entrance porch with slate pitched roof. New entrance door to face East. Existing external steps to be moved in line with new entrance at 1 Brick Row.* Supported by PC. This application was looked at in between meetings. There are three options to comment, Support, Object or Comment. The Parish Council had no comments to make but replied on 29th December with support. The Parish Council would make a supplementary comment bringing this observation to the attention of the Conservation Officer.

20/03070/TCA, *Tree work at SPS.* No further comments or objections by CDC.

20/03469/F and 20/03470/LB, *Erection of 473.6 sq m detached, flat roofed timber framed building with link connection to non-listed building for D1 educational use on school site with associated parking at Swalcliffe Park School.* Under consideration. The Chair noted that the application is to construct a building on the north side facing Old Forge Yard. The building will be used as a classroom and dayroom. This application was discussed at great length with various people speaking. The full detail is in the draft minutes. In summary the Chair noted the meeting had listened to the views of the school and those who were concerned. The Parish Council are content the school has identified and justified the need for educational facilities. Student numbers have increased but assurance has been given they will not go up again. Concerns were noted about lighting, heat pumps, traffic flow and parking. The school will submit comments noting these observations.

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

OALC Training Programme 2021

CDC Parish Bulletin, Census 2021. Cllr Riordan has agreed to take the lead on this

Councillors reports

The '20 is Plenty' sign is missing in Green Lane. The adjoining hedges will be checked. If not found a new sign will be ordered.

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The Puzzle Pages. Answers can be found on Page: 31

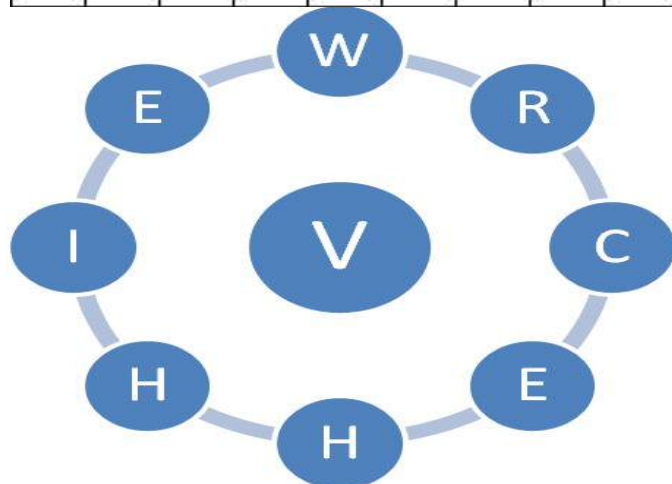
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CODEWORDS

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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★ Notes from the Editor: ★

★ March is here, and again we have some interesting articles for you to enjoy. ★
 ★ We have a look at village life throughout the years . ★

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 ★ Not good with the computer, not a problem, a handwritten note will be fine ★
 ★ too. ★

★ The Parish council reports are both in too this month, should you wish to ★
 ★ attend a meeting via zoom , you can request an invite. Remember things ★
 ★ that are discussed in these meetings may affect you. Or there might be ★
 ★ things that affect you which are not being discussed. Your parish council- ★
 ★ lers would love to hear from you. ★

★ This months wildlife page is all about Badgers. If you are a budding wild- ★
 ★ life enthusiast please send me your drawings and or stories of your favour- ★
 ★ ite wildlife subject for inclusion in the next issue of The Link. ★

★ You will see some Club 250 news. We hope that the village hall will be ok ★
 ★ to open soon. To maintain the structure, funds are required and the Club ★
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★ Or have you lost a loved one who you would like to see remembered. ★
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★ Volunteering: ★

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Swalcliffe Village Stuff - Swalcliffe Parish Council

First of all a big “Hello” from your Parish Councillors in these strangest of times.

Throughout lockdown your Parish Council has been meeting regularly and carrying out activities on your behalf. We have become quite expert in our Zoom calls, although they are not quite as lively as Handforth’s PC meetings! And, alas, we have not yet been blessed with the attendance of ‘Britney Spears’, although we would like to welcome Karen Riordan onto the Parish Council.

There are a couple of points we wanted to share with you specifically, not only for information, but for your support and opinions.

St Peter and Paul Church Clock

As you can imagine, the lockdown has had profound impact on all of the fundraising we usually hold in the village, not least, events held that support the upkeep of our Church. We have been approached by the PCC advising us that the Church clock is in need of immediate repair.

As most of us would be lost without the comforting chimes reminding us of what time it is, the PC has agreed to donate a significant sum towards the estimated £1000 needed. This has proved to be an opportunity to kick off some 2021 village fun to raise the balance to go towards the work on the clock, so lookout for news of a very special style of raffle coming your way!

The Village Hall

As most of you will know, over time our village hall has deteriorated, particularly the comfort levels in winter and the quality of the toilets. It has meant that we have not been hosting the many fantastic, fun events that we used to in the past. The PC has been working throughout last year to investigate a range of refurbishment options and also looking at the possibility of replacing the current structure with a modern purpose built structure. We aim to share our findings at the next Parish Meeting as there is much to consider, but clearly we do not know when it will be possible to hold such a face to face event.

In advance of our next meeting we want to seek your views before we progress further. To that end we are publishing a survey on the Swalcliffe Village Page at the beginning of March for your input to be considered. A paper survey will also be circulated. We would encourage all of you to participate as this will help shape the preparation work we do before presenting options to you all.

We look forward to hearing from you so that we may continue to get this sorted on behalf of our village.

Many thanks in advance for your support and interest in Swalcliffe Village Stuff!

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Saturday the 20th March 2021 between 10-12**

This will be a door to door collection and we would be grateful if you could leave your donation fully visible at the kerbside.

Any questions contact Jane Fitzpatrick or Mery Wolke on 01295- 780451

On the wanted list :

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Small bags of rice (250 grams)

Sauces to go with the rice (Sweet and sour , Curry etc)

Passata

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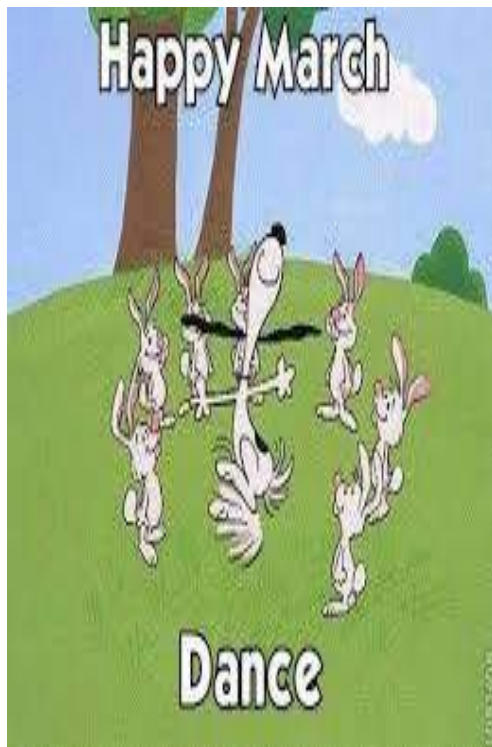
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Monday to Saturday														
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	50A	7	50A	6	50A	7	50A	6	6	Sch	6S	50A	7	7
Stratford, Girls Grammar School	1615B	...
Stratford, High School	1525
Stratford upon Avon, Wood Street	0615	0900	0905	1025	1105	1200	1305	1415	1415	1535	1605	1625	1800	...
Stratford upon Avon, Bridge Street	0617	0902	0907	1027	1107	1202	1307	1417	1417	1537	1607	1627	1802	...
Stratford upon Avon, Avon Crescent	...	...	...	1032	...	1207	...	1422	1422	1542	C	1632	1809	...
Wellesbourne, Chestnut Square	...	...	...	1045	...	...	...	1435	1435	1555	C	...	...	...
Loxley, Fox	...	...	...	...	...	1214	...	...	...	1607	C	1639	1817	...
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 Tadmerton	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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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	...
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Halford, Bridge Inn	D	1126	...	1326	1526	...	1826
Ettington, Village Hall	...	0800	D	0952	...	1136	1300	1336	1536	...	1834	1853
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Stratford upon Avon, Wood Street	...	0827	0837	1018	1143	1153	1326	1353	1508	...	1553	1733	1846	...
Stratford, Girls Grammar School	...	0845B

Stratford upon Avon - Wellesbourne - Kineton - Tysoe - Shutford - Banbury
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The Wildlife Page: Badgers

When I first came to the UK 26 years ago, I had never heard of Badgers. Well not long after moving here I met my first Badger, and I was hooked. I bought my first Badger book “written” and illustrated by a reclusive woman named Eileen Sopper. Her drawings absolutely stunning, together with her writing conjures up the most beautiful bond between a human and extremely misunderstood animals.

Badgers are of the Mustelid Family and have roamed the British countryside for at least half a million years.

Omnivorous with a serious set of teeth, a long strong snout ideal for foraging, strong Claws perfect for digging and a strong stout body they can look fierce and indeed can cause damage if felt threatened. Their main diet consists out of earth worms , but they also love snails, grubs and fruit. When food is scarce they will scavenge and eat carrion and sometimes can be found rummaging through bins.

Their homes are called sets and are dug underground, they can go on for many meters and have different “rooms” , including sleeping quarters, and nurseries and have more then one entrance.

They live in social groups called Clans and will remain in their social clans generation upon generation. Expanding their set and being true to their home soil.

Cubs are born at the end of the winter and can be seen above ground around 3 months of age. Watching Badger cubs playing is just delightful. Their agility whilst grooming themselves is hard to believe given their body shape and yet they can almost fold themselves double.

Unfortunately for Badgers Life is not great. As beautiful as they are, they are threatened from every angle.

It is estimated that 50000 badgers get killed on the road, 30000 get killed as part of wildlife crimes, of course we have the build build build, and to top it off ‘The Cull’.

TB is a serious problem for Dairy farmers , I am not disputing that, what I am disputing is the so called solution in the form of ‘The Cull’.

Everybody’s life would be a whole lot better if we would educate ourselves better and understand that an animal that has been roaming the planet in harmony with nature for longer then humans, should be given more respect.

If you feel you want to learn more about these magnificent animals please visit the following sites:

www.badgertrust.org.uk

www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/mammals/european-badger

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/animals/mammals/badger/

Happy Wildlife watching everyone and let us know what you have spotted!



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Foot and Bridle-Paths

If anyone has any problems with the gates on foot or bridle-paths the following link can be used to report any issues: prow@cherwell-dc.gov.uk.

Are you a landowner and want to know what you need to do to maintain the right of way please check out the following link:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/countryside/countryside-access/public-rights-way/information-landowners/gaps-gates-and-stiles

St.Nicholas Church, Tadmarton March 2021

Details of the church services, Sundays Zoom HC at 6pm and Wednesdays, Evening Prayer at 6pm details can be found on the Benefice web page www.wykehambenefice.org.uk

The Revd Neil also holds a prayer service every Thursday morning at 9am in our village church; all are welcome to join with him.

The Kitchen Project is still unable to proceed and waits for the time when we can, that will be when the virus situation improves. The agreement to all the quotations for the work are ongoing and in hand.

I attach a photo taken this week to remind us that there is always a welcome in our church. Stay Safe.



J.H.W. 17.02.21