

Local Talk Back

APRIL 2020

ISSUE 503



Bluebell Wood. Picture by Ray Bird.



A MAGAZINE WITH NEWS, VIEWS AND REPORTS FOR THE RESIDENTS
OF ACTON TURVILLE, BADMINTON AND LITTLE BADMINTON

APRIL 2020 --- ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a result of the current coronavirus situation, many of the events planned over the coming months have been cancelled. Thanks to everyone who contacted Local Talk Back to provide us with updates.

ACTON TURVILLE – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The above meeting planned for the 6th April has been postponed until further notice.

DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

The showing of the film Knives Out planned for the 17th April has been cancelled. However, the DVD, along with those for other films shown by the cinema, may be borrowed from The Kings Arms.

SOPWORTH LADIES

The Sopworth Ladies' calendar of events has been temporarily suspended. It is hoped to restart them when the situation improves. Full details will be announced in Local Talk Back.

ACTON TURVILLE SPRING CLEAN

South Glos Council have cancelled their annual Spring Clean initiative for 2020. The Acton Turville Spring Clean due to take place on the 18th April will not therefore go ahead. Thanks to all who offered to help – maybe next year!

BADMINTON VILLAGE CLUB

The Badminton Village Club, in common with other local meeting places, is currently closed until further notice.

CHURCH SERVICES

Services at all churches in the Badminton Benefice have been suspended. Regrettably it has not been possible to proceed with plans to leave some churches open for private prayer.

LUNCHEON CLUB

Meetings of the Luncheon Club at the Fox & Hounds have been suspended due to the closure of all pubs and meeting places.

ST MARY'S CHURCH LENTEN LUNCHESES

The Lenten Lunches that were planned to take place on the 2nd and 9th of April in Acton Turville have sadly been cancelled. Thanks to those who arranged the very successful lunches that did take place, and to those who attended.

Local Talk Back is printed by

SPRINT PRINT, 33 STATION ROAD, YATE, BS37 4PS

Tel: 01454 852255 or email: info@sprint-print.co.uk

Items for Local Talk Back email to: localtalkback1975@gmail.com Tel: 01454 218267

To advertise in Local Talk Back, please email Pauline on: LocalTalkBackAds@gmail.com

PLEASE SEND IN ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH LOCAL TALK BACK BY 15TH APRIL

LIST OF BUSINESSES ADVERTISING IN THIS TALK BACK

**(if using these advertisers please tell them that you
saw it here in the Local Talk Back)**

- 4 COUNTIES OIL TANKS
- BELGRAVE HOUSE DENTAL
- CHIMNEY SWEEP, FRENCHAY
- CHORLEY'S Auction Valuations
- CLAPCOTE FORESTRY LIMITED - SAWMILL
- COACHSTYLE MOT TESTING STATION
- D. J. MAYHEAD ELECTRICAL SERVICES
- FARM SHOP AT HAWKESBURY
- FOOT HEALTH CARE
- THE FOX & HOUNDS INN, ACTON TURVILLE
- FOXLEY PLUMBING & HEATING
- HELPING HAND – Care in the home
- LB COMPUTER SERVICES
- MARDEN ROOFING
- MARSHFIELD & WICK TAXIS
- MATTHEW BUTLER BOOKS
- M & M BUILDERS AND CARPENTRY
- THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME INN, BURTON
- PJD HOME IMPROVEMENTS
- PRIOR & COMPANY - Building, Renovations etc.
- PUMPKINS NURSERY
- STW MAINTENANCE
- VILLAGE LINK – Community transport
- WESSEX RESOLUTIONS - Loans for homeowners

DONATIONS

*We very much appreciate all donations as it
helps to keep the Local Talk Back being
delivered to your doors.*

*There are Local Talk Back collection boxes in
Acton Turville Stores, Badminton Stores and
Badminton Village Club.*

*To donate by cheque, please make payable to:
LOCAL TALK BACK and send to
The Treasurer, Local Talk Back,
Church Farm House, The Street, Acton
Turville, Badminton, S.Glos, GL9 1HL*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ACTON TURVILLE 100 Club

WINNERS FOR MARCH 2020

**Catalina Pimiento
Carol Barrett
Joanna Dickson-Leach**

Congratulations to all the winners!!



VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Events to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on the 8th May 2020 have been greatly affected by the current restrictions imposed to combat coronavirus. Local Talk Back remains committed to recognising this special occasion, but we need your help. Do you have memories of previous VE Day celebrations that have taken place in our villages? Do you have memories of VE Day itself, or pictures of the celebrations that marked the end of the Second World War in Europe? If you can help, please get in touch with us at localtalkback1975@gmail.com.

We'd love to hear from you!

EDITORIAL APRIL 2020

When the great Australian cricket commentator Richie Benaud died in 2015, his colleagues reflected on some of the advice handed out by this wise and thoughtful man. One sticks in my mind: “The Titanic was a tragedy, the Ethiopian drought a disaster. Neither bears any relation to a dropped catch in a cricket match.” In this age of 24-hour, wall-to-wall, multimedia communication when different news channels are desperately seeking to establish an edge over their rivals, it has become second nature for editors to reach for the next superlative. Sadly that can be seen in some of the coverage of the current Coronavirus outbreak, which is clearly designed to achieve maximum impact at the cost of accurate reporting, and can all too easily cloud the vital messages that official sources are putting out.

This edition of Local Talk Back comes to you in what are undoubtedly “unprecedented times”. We are in the midst of a situation which is having an impact that, 12 months ago, none of us could have envisaged. Where it will take us, no one can be sure. In such situations, people often look to Government, or industry, or science to find the answers. Or maybe the media. What’s become clear to me when preparing this month’s Local Talk Back is how much people are pulling together locally, how much we can all do to help each other, and just what a difference that can make to peoples’ lives. In the centre pages we’ve listed some of the groups you can approach for help and some of the offers that have already been made – everything from dog walking to grocery delivery services. If you just want someone to chat to, that’s fine too.

There is also a new website, set up by Chris and Christine Bennett (<http://www.actonturville.info>). The website provides a bulletin board which will be updated with useful information and announcements as and when they become available. Please make a point of checking it out regularly. More importantly, consider what you can do to help others. If there is something you can do, some way you can help, or you just want to help but don’t know how, contact some of the people listed in the centre pages and they will point you in the right direction. The more we help each other, the better we’ll get through this.

No doubt we’ll all have different ways of dealing with the situation. I’ve heard of houses that are in line for some serious de-cluttering, gardens that will be transformed into something approaching show quality, and at least one person who aims to be fluent in Italian by the time this is all over. Bellissimo. So what are your plans? We’d love to know – drop us a line at localtalkback1975@gmail.com and we’ll publish them in future issues.

We will get through this. Together.

Until the next time
IAN CARTER



The Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club



Very sadly the Luncheon Club is suspended until further notice due to the present crisis and the closure of all pubs and meeting places. We can only hope that this situation will resolve itself before too long.

Wednesday 11th March brought a wonderful visit from over 20 pupils from Trinity School. They had all worked hard putting together a delightful variety show which was greatly appreciated by almost 40 of us who managed to squeeze into The Fox and Hounds bar.

I would like to urge everyone to Take Care and Keep Safe.

Sally 01454 218510

Filming at Badminton



At the end of last year you may have noticed the large marquee and the many white trailers of the film unit opposite the airfield between Badminton and Little Badminton.

They were filming part of a series called 'Bridgerton' to be shown on Netflix sometime in 2020. It is a Regency costume drama based on eight books by author Julia Quinn. Each book is about one of the eight children of a well-to-do titled family in Regency London.

It will be shown as a series of eight one-hour episodes and Julie Andrews is the voice of the narrator, Lady Whistledown, in the story. Before coming to Badminton the film crew were in various locations in Bath including Sydney Gardens, the Holbourne Museum and the Royal Crescent. Here the inside of Badminton House and the Park were used for scenes, and on some days hundreds of 'extras' descended on Badminton for the filming of crowd scenes. From local information we believe that a Palace scene may have been filmed here, and men on horseback with very tall top hats were seen.

Hopefully one day it will make its way on to other TV channels for all of us to see.



Mike Andrews

We sadly report that Mike Andrews passed away recently. Mike had a long connection to Badminton as a former Badminton Village Club member, committee member and then, along with his wife Trish, they took over the Stewardship of Badminton Village Club in the early 2000's. Mike worked very hard in the club and it was said that anything that didn't move would be cleaned to within an inch of its life, or thrown out.

We send our deepest sympathy to Trish and family for their sad loss.

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Monday 9th March 2020

*Please! No Dogs are allowed on the playing field or in the play area.
All gates must be kept shut. No vehicles are allowed in or on the playing field except by
permission of the Parish Council. Please put all litter in the bins provided. Thank you.*

Playing Field

As previously mentioned, routine work has been carried out to prune undergrowth around the playing field in preparation for the new growing season. The pruning will be completed before the nesting season commences.

Drains in the village

South Gloucestershire Council have cleared some of the drains in the area and are continuing to explore how these can be improved to prevent further flooding. Investigations are continuing and we await further information.

Annual Spring Clean

South Gloucestershire Council have advised that this year's Annual Spring Clean has been cancelled so our event planned for the 18th April will not now be going ahead. South Glos advise there may be an opportunity to arrange something for later in the year, in which case full details will be provided closer to the time.

Chair

Chris Farrell has, with regret, decided to step down as Chair and Councillor of Acton Turville at the end of our February meeting. Councillors were sorry that Chris was leaving but understood his reasons for doing so. We wish to thank Chris for all his hard work, expertise, knowledge and his considerable contribution (both in time and effort) whilst on the Council, which has been greatly appreciated. We would like to take this opportunity to wish both Chris and his partner well for the future, and once again thank him for all his help over the last 5½ years.

Sandra Broomsgrove

Many of you will be aware that Sandra served on the Parish Council for a great many years. Sandra brought a variety of skills to her role as Councillor. In particular, she was our village historian. There was nothing about Acton Turville that Sandra did not know, and she was always willing to share her knowledge with others, welcomed those interested in local history and enjoyed recalling past events along with visits around the area. We send our condolences to the family in particular, her daughter Claire.

Sybil Haddrell (Acting Chair) 218772, Sally Smith 218510, Chris Bennett 218550, Toby Evans 219116

NEXT MEETING - ~~Monday 6th April 2020 Time: 7 p.m.~~

PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 218675

Email: actonturvillepc@aol.com Website: www.actonturvilleparishcouncil.org

THE VALENTINE CLUB – FROM THE ARCHIVES 1995



‘HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED’ – The title of the talk given by speaker Yvonne Bell, who had returned to our club for the umpteenth time. This was a journey through old books from 1895 to 1910 collected by Yvonne Bell for between £1 and £5 each. She had travelled quite a long way to get to us but says she really enjoys coming to visit us. She does feel like an ‘old friend’. Her talks are always amusing, she has us, literally, in stitches. Before she begins her talk

she brings us up to date on the escapades of her family, some who live in America and Germany. After cleaning the house top to bottom for the family coming to stay for a wedding her husband decides to have new windows fitted!. So, when she came to give a talk to us it was to save her sanity (Her words, not ours).

Back to the books – at the time of printing these books were ‘*deadly serious*’ but looking back with hind sight after 90 years they are *hilarious*! And, of course, Yvonne has a unique way of telling the stories. Some are compilations of magazines such as ‘Woman & Home’, ‘Lady’s Realm’, ‘Boy’s Own Paper’ and ‘Little Folk Annual’.

The articles included recipes for cooking quails and pigeons and for making Fish Custard for people who are ill. (Who would EVER want to be ill?); the art of wearing corsets to improve your mental condition – corsets push the stale, accumulated blood from the stomach area to the brain to help you think better, (they cannot be SERIOUS, can they?) and how men hated women drivers and called them ‘Motorinas’ but officially women were the safest drivers.

And then ‘How to look after Canaries’ – don’t put them over a gas mantel! A cure for constipation – take a cold bath! A cure for a red nose – take a cold bath! In fact you had to take a cold bath for most things including many unmentionables.

It really was a ‘must’ to get your corsets and petticoats cleaned after a whole season in London. Another article was ‘How to be happy though married’, and a story on driving suggested that after learning for one or two weeks how to drive you should spend another week or two driving at less than the top speed of a car and afterwards NEVER go over 20mph.

The Women’s Imperial Health Association said ‘but anyone who knows much of villages can only wonder that there are centenarians to be found in them, considering the lack of ventilation in the cabins and cottages. Open windows are far more typical of the poor of towns than the poor of the country. Any old people that one sees at the cottage doors seem to survive in spite of their unhygienic living rooms rather than because of them.’

These were just a few of the extracts which brought a lot of laughs to the evening. Yvonne Bell was her usual lively, jolly self.

One book listed: THE TEN HEALTH COMMANDMENTS

- Keep windows open day and night
- Do not spit
- Breathe through nose and keep mouth shut
- Drink pure water
- Eat slowly, take well cooked food and cultivate regular habits
- Wear loose clothing of seasonable material
- Take regular open air exercise in sunshine if possible
- Wash whole body once a week
- Work but do not worry
- Get house drains certified by the Sanitary Authority.

A POEM FROM A CHILDRENS ANNUAL 1902

Dolly has died of the measles
She came out all in a rash
I made the spots with my paint box
As red as my Sunday sash

I gave her some Gregory Powder
And some Castor Oil besides
And I felt her pulse over and over
But in spite of it all, she died

So I buried her down in the garden
In a beautiful biscuit box
And I made a wreath for the tombstone
Of Puffballs and Fairy Clocks

It was lovely to be chief mourner
But then it began to rain
And I’d nothing else to play with
So I dug up dolly again

The National Trust – 125th Anniversary

The National Trust celebrates its 125th anniversary this year. It was registered on January 12th 1895. The three founders were Octavia Hill, a social reformer who wanted to make open space available for the enjoyment of all; Robert Hunter, a solicitor who worked to preserve the right to access common land and protect historic buildings; and Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley, who wanted to protect the natural landscape from development.

Their ambition was to care for nature, beauty and history and not only to save important sites but for everyone to be able to enjoy them.

The National Trust now looks after more than 250,000 hectares of farmland, 780 miles of coastline and 500 historic places, gardens and nature reserves. It is Europe's largest conservation charity thanks to the millions of members, volunteers and staff that support it.

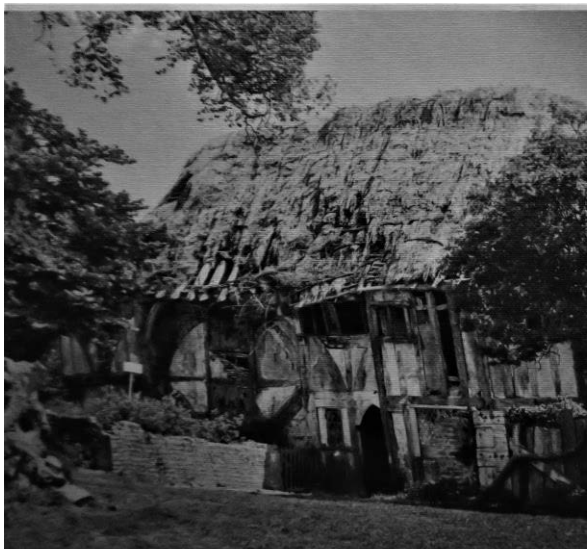
A former Badminton resident was very much involved with the National Trust for 37 years. James Lees-Milne, who had lived in Essex House (opposite the Badminton Club) from 1974, was a writer and expert on country houses and had worked for the National Trust from 1936 to 1973. He was secretary of the Country Houses Committee of the National Trust, holding the position until 1950. He continued his connection with the Trust, working as a part-time architectural consultant and member of committees.

At a time when country houses were in decline and many were going to be knocked down or turned into country clubs and hotels, James Lees-Milne saved many of them from extinction. In his first year with the National Trust he conducted a census of 250 country house owners, producing a report that set in motion the National Trust Act of 1937, which enabled the owners to give their priceless family properties into the care of the Trust free of death duties.

There was also a scheme by which owners could transfer their country house, and contents if they so wished, to the National Trust, but could remain living in at least a part of the house as a tenant.

The care of these old houses along with their gardens and parks, and often with family pictures and furnishings, was quite unrivalled in any other land. Mr Lees-Milne recognised this as "the continuity of history".

Opening the historic houses to the public gives so much pleasure to the visitors as they relive the history of times past and can enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the gardens and woodlands as well as the coastal and other open spaces the Trust has saved.



The Clergy House almost falling down.

THE CLERGY HOUSE, ALFRISTON, EAST SUSSEX

The First Building Acquired by the National Trust.

When the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty began in 1895 they protected open space landscapes. The following year they acquired their first building, Alfriston Clergy House, which was in a very dilapidated state, overlooking the River Cuckmere. *(pictured left)* They bought the 15th century Wealden hall-house for £10 as a restoration project. One of the founders, Octavia Hill, was the main person involved in the acquisition and she led the fund raising for the project. Over the years the house went through many renovations to get to the lovely place it is today.



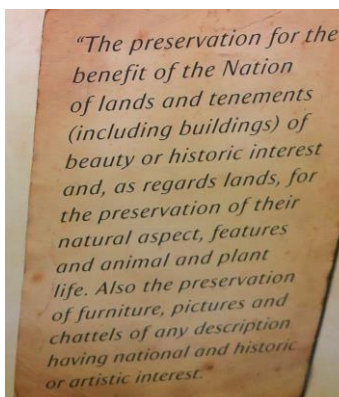
In 1889 the future of the Clergy House was in doubt when Rev. F W Beynon was appointed to St Andrew's Church. He was a member of Sussex Archaeological Society and realised that the house was an important relic of Medieval England and sought to save it. An appeal didn't raise enough money and in 1895 the building was still in a perilous state. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings advised Beynon to approach the recently formed National Trust. The Deed passing it to the Trust was dated 16th April 1896.



There began many decades of restoration and renovation to bring it to what you see today.

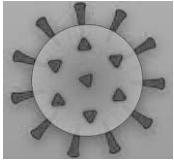
This house is typical of many thousands of timber framed Wealden houses put up during the late middle ages, predominantly in Kent and Sussex. The oak frame was filled with interwoven strips of chestnut or oak, then covered with daub and finally lime washed. Oak trees were found in abundance on the clay soil of the Weald. Green, or unseasoned oak was used, as the young wood was more pliable and easier to bend. The floors were Rammed Chalk and Sour Milk.

A simple plan with a central communal hall open to the rafters. To the east were the family rooms comprising a parlour downstairs and a lavatory (garderobe) and living room upstairs. At the opposite end were two floors of humbler service rooms, where food would have been prepared and stored, with servants sleeping above.



The renovated Clergy House at Alfriston

CORONAVIRUS



The blanket media coverage currently being given to Coronavirus, and the stringent restrictions being imposed to help control its spread, reflect how serious the situation clearly is. The messages can be confusing though, and the source of real anxiety to those most impacted by them. Local Talk Back has a clear message:

You are not alone. You do not have to feel lonely. If you need help, there are people who can provide it. We will get through this together.

The following pages are not intended to repeat information that is readily available elsewhere. They are intended to direct you to people locally who can provide you with help if you need it, or put you in contact with other organisations if necessary. The most up-to-date information on Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is provided by the NHS at;

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

If you want help or just need someone to talk things over with, please contact your Parish Councillors who will do their best to help.

Sybil Haddrell	218772
Sally Smith	218510
Chris Bennett	218550
Toby Evans	219116
Sue Radford-Hancock (Clerk)	218675

It's a very strange situation we all find ourselves in at the moment, so let's get together as a true community and help each other.

The Parish Council website is currently being regularly updated with information and links. Please visit <https://www.actonturvilleparishcouncil.org> for the latest information.

ACTON TURVILLE COMMUNITY INFORMATION WEBSITE

A new website has been set up which provides up-to-the-minute information about the help and services available to local residents during the current Coronavirus outbreak. The website can be accessed via the Parish Council website or directly at <http://www.actonturville.info>. Please send updates or details of other services that you think would be of help to residents to actonturvilleinfo@gmail.com.

HAWKESBURY PARISH COUNCIL

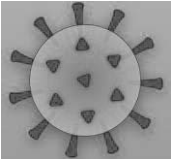
Hawkesbury Parish Council has agreed to help coordinate members of the community who require help.

If you have been diagnosed or told to isolate by the NHS and you need help with essential shopping or collecting medicines, contact Hawkesbury Community Stores on 01454 238639 retail@hawkesbury-stores.co.uk.

If you need any other form of help, please contact Hazel Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council, on 01454 238074 who will help coordinate members of the community who are prepared to support people who have been identified by the NHS as having COVID-19, or those who have been told to isolate themselves by staying indoors, and who may need help in any way.

If you would be prepared to help a householder as part of a Community Support Group, please let Hazel Jones know so that we can increase the number of volunteers.

CORONAVIRUS



Please contact Local Talk Back if you are a business or an individual who might be able to help those in our local community who need support or assistance. We will publish details in forthcoming issues. We've already had people come forward with kind offers – see below.

DOG WALKING

If you have been advised to remain indoors during the current coronavirus outbreak but have a dog that needs exercising, Clare Broomsgrove may be able to help. Clare has very kindly contacted Local Talk Back and told us she is willing to walk dogs for those living in the Acton Turville/Badminton area who cannot get out due to the current restrictions on movement. If you are worried about exercising your dog and would welcome the offer of help, please contact Claire Broomsgrove on 01454 218433 - leave message with a phone number if no answer.

DREWETT'S STORES, BADMINTON

Drewett's Stores and Post Office remain open to support local residents and businesses between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturday (the Post Office opens at 9am). The majority of items remain available with no apparent supply issues including milk, bread (which can be ordered in advance) and eggs. Those customers who are more vulnerable to the virus should stay at home and get their order delivered. This service will be available to anybody who does not wish to risk a visit to the shop. Please contact the store on 01454 218212 or check their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DrewettsStores/>

When visiting the shop please respect the advice to remain six feet apart and note that no more than three customers should be in the shop at any one time. Antibacterial cleaner is used regularly to clean the shop surfaces and handles, but it's generally a good idea to wear gloves when visiting anywhere outside your home. Take the gloves off and dispose of them before returning back inside for your own safety.

THE STORES, ACTON TURVILLE

The Stores in Acton Turville can provide assistance to those in the village who are self-isolating or who need to restrict their movement due to other vulnerabilities. They are willing to help with shopping deliveries, mobile phone and electricity top-ups, and may even be able to arrange to have medication collected. You can ring the shop for assistance on 01454 218264 or call Tim on 0798 9701266.

Local Talk Back would like to thank Tim, Iris, Rachel, Julie and Kay for supporting the local community at this difficult time.

FARM SHOP PRODUCE

The Old House at Home in Burton is able to provide a range of produce from the Allington Farm Shop. To order, call the Old House at Home on 01454 218227. Orders can be placed until 8pm and will be available to collect from 12pm the following day. Visit their website to view the range of items available:

<https://www.ohhpubs.co.uk/farmshop-menu-available-now/>

LENTEN LUNCH



The first of the Lent Lunches in Acton Turville was on 5th March. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus crisis not all of the six lunches were able to take place.

A brief service of reflection, meditation and prayer took place in St Mary's, Acton Turville followed by a lunch of soup, bread and cheese at the home of Peter and Prue Moss



Sudoku

April's challenge set by Neil Fozard

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

EASY !!

	7	1						
9						2	3	
	2		1				7	
				5	6			
2			9		8			
6	4	8		1		5		
			8					7
	6		7			8		2
			3	2			6	

NOT SO EASY !!

					9	7		
9	7				1			
		1		6				9
				7		2	5	4
4	5						1	6
	3	2		4				
1				9		8		
			4				2	7
		6	3					

Answers to the March quizzes:

'Easy'

3	1	7	8	2	5	6	4	9
4	9	5	7	1	6	2	8	3
6	8	2	4	9	3	7	5	1
2	4	1	5	6	7	3	9	8
8	7	6	9	3	4	5	1	2
5	3	9	2	8	1	4	6	7
1	2	3	6	5	8	9	7	4
7	5	8	3	4	9	1	2	6
9	6	4	1	7	2	8	3	5

'Not so Easy'

6	5	1	9	4	8	2	3	7
4	3	8	2	7	5	6	9	1
9	7	2	1	6	3	5	8	4
5	6	3	7	2	1	8	4	9
8	9	7	6	5	4	1	2	3
1	2	4	8	3	9	7	5	6
3	1	5	4	8	7	9	6	2
2	4	9	5	1	6	3	7	8
7	8	6	3	9	2	4	1	5

Community Oil Buying Scheme

We thought Local Talk Back readers might be interested to know about an oil buying scheme run by the West of England Rural Network, a local charity promoting rural sustainability. The scheme aims to reduce rural fuel poverty and obtain cheaper prices for its members by placing a single large order once a month and negotiating with multiple local suppliers to get the best price. **Members' prices are on average 6 pence per litre cheaper than average oil prices, and was 39.10p per litre (plus VAT) in February 2020.**

The West of England Rural Network is offering free memberships (*normally £20/year for domestic users) to domestic heating oil users aged 70 and over who may be struggling to pay their fuel bills, living in the West of England. This is thanks to a grant awarded by Quartet Community Foundation from their 'Surviving Winter' fund. The scheme is open to all residents of Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bristol. Local community buildings such as village halls, schools and churches can also benefit from the scheme, as well as businesses such as farms, shops and offices. If you are interested in joining the community oil buying scheme, contact Kaz Adams on Tel: 01275 333701, Email: karen@wern.org.uk or visit

<http://www.wern.org.uk/community-oil-buying-scheme/>

Church Matters

Coronavirus

In light of Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended with immediate effect.

Consequently, all services in the Benefice are cancelled until further notice.

April 2020 Letter from the Vicar

My Dear Parishioners,

This gives me more joy than you can imagine to write this letter to you. My last one was in May 2018, so it is a long time that I have been away from you. And just as my joy is profound in returning to ministry, your suffering of 'social distancing' has begun.

I would like to share with you words from the Bishop in a letter to the churchwardens of the Benefice:

'In the coming days amid people's fear and uncertainty, I hope that as followers of Christ we can be those who continue to look outward and share Christ's love and hope in many practical ways, not least with those who are isolated and anxious. Amid the pain and turbulence which the spread of this virus is bringing, I hope it will once more focus us on what it means to be the Church as we continue to receive and share the generous love of God in Jesus Christ.'

Many of you will be uncertain as to how long the situation will go on and what suffering may be in store for those we love and care for.

I would like to offer you my prayers and support and remind us all that being a Christian is not limited to those who come to church on a Sunday, but is something deep within any person's soul that stirs them to follow the humble carpenter of Nazareth, and that means as well as other things, being people of care, compassion and prayer.

This comes with my prayers and best wishes,

Richard

Contact details:

Richard Thomson, Priest in charge, Withymoor Vicarage, Old Down Rd. Badminton GL9 1EU

Benefice website: www.badmintonchurch.org.uk/

Email: revrichardthomson@gmail.com

Tel. 01454 219236

Mobile 077 177 91858

Bible Readings for April 2020

Date	Day	Main Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading
8 th April	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21.1-11	Ps 118	None
9 th April	Maundy Thursday	John 13.1-17,31-35	Ps 116	1 Corinthians 11.23-26
10 th April	Good Friday	John 18. 1- end of 19	Ps 22	Isaiah 52.13- 53.12
12 th April	Easter Day	John 20.1-18	Ps 118.14-24	Acts 10.34-43
19 th April	2 nd Sunday of Easter	John 20.19-end	Ps 16	Acts 2. 14,22-32
26 th April	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Luke 24. 13-35	Ps 116	Acts 2. 14, 36-41

There are several opportunities for you to join in worship:

- BBC Local Radio stations will be broadcasting a regular service. Radio 3 as usual transmit a Cathedral Evensong at 3pm
- We have videoed our own Evensong for Mothering Sunday at 6pm, which can be found through the link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRmh_rX0gjE15rKnaTFCr3A

This will be updated weekly – if you subscribe, then you may get notification.

I know not everyone has a computer, but I hope some people may appreciate this.

The Farm Shop at Hawkesbury

- a proper farm shop -

Open Fridays 2pm - 6pm & weekends 10am - 4pm

Free Local delivery

01454 238215 / 07929947149



Finest quality Pork, Lamb & Aberdeen Angus Beef
"Hawkesbury Born, Hawkesbury Bred, Hawkesbury Fed"
"The Water Hog" Pig Roasts with all the trimmings!
France Lane Farm, Hawkesbury Upton, GL9 1AN.
www.ajmorganfarmproduce.com

HOME COMPUTER PLAYING UP? NEED SOME HELP? DON'T DESPAIR!

For help with:

- Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 10 and Tablets
- The Internet, Wireless Router Setup
- Hardware Upgrades and Repairs
- PC's Custom Built to order

No problem too small or large!

Contact Lloyd Buckingham

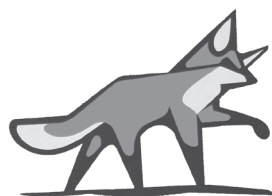
Tel: 07940155064 or 01454 260504

Email: lb_cs@hotmail.com

LB Computer Services



YOUR LOCAL, LOW COST,
HOME COMPUTER REPAIRER



FOX
& HOUNDS INN

Acton Turville, nr Badminton
GL9 1HW

01454 218224

Good Home Cooked Food
All occasions catered for - contact us for details

TAKEAWAY FISH & CHIPS
TAKEAWAY MENU AVAILABLE

Binend Wines from £14.50 per bottle

BEER GARDEN & LARGE CAR PARK

B&B accommodation available
All En-Suite

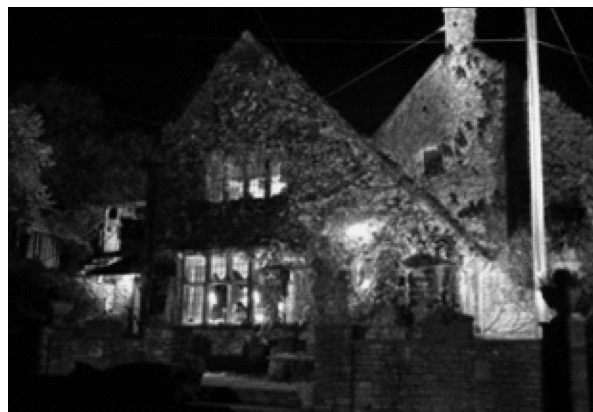


The Old House at Home

Burton

Telephone 01454 218227

www.ohhpubs.co.uk



Food served all day, every day
12 noon - 9.30 p.m.

Gourmet Burger Night

Every Thursday

All Burgers £10 (G/F available)

Take-away available

To advertise your business or club, please email:

localtalkbackads@gmail.com



PUMPKINS NURSERY

Badminton & Tormarton

Nursery Care and Pre-school Education
catering for children aged 1 year – 5 years

Open all year 8am – 6pm

Pre-school sessions, mornings/afternoons/school days

Nursery Education Grant funded sessions available

Forest School sessions run at both settings

For more information or to request a prospectus
contact

01454 219400 / 218747

or email Amanda Wallis at

enquiries@pumpkinsnursery.co.uk

or visit our website **www.pumpkinsnursery.co.uk**

MOT TESTING STATION

COACHSTYLE has an **MOT** station at its
depot at **The Gibb** able to test Cars, Vans,
Camper Vans and Mini Buses

We now do air-conditioning as well as
service and repair on any vehicle

TYRES at competitive prices
General Servicing and Repairs

01249 783366

Ask for Andrew



MATTHEW BUTLER BOOKS

Old Garage House, Acton Turville

butler.books@btinternet.com

01454 218036

Good quality and antiquarian books valued,
bought and sold. Specialities: Architectural
History, Archaeology and Art History.
Browsing by appointment



- Corns
- Nail Trimming
- Verrucae
- Hard Skin
- Athletes Foot
- Ingrown Toenails
- Nail Infections
- Cracked Heels (fissures)

**foot
health
care**

Sina Ohms
MCFHP MAFHP

*Foot Health
Practitioner*

Clinic available at
The Chippenham
Natural Therapy Centre
(above the Lodge Surgery)
Tel: (01249) 443390

Home Visits:
Tel: 01666 838683
Mob: 07593 324128

The Oxford Practice
5 Oxford Street
Malmesbury
Tel: 01666 824560
www.foot-health-care.co.uk



**Belgrave
House**
DENTAL

General Family Dentistry
Crowns and Veneers
Bridges and Dentures
Six Months Smile (tooth
straightening)
Invisalign (clear braces)

Dental Implants
Tooth Whitening
Hygienist
Nervous Patients Welcome
Children under six seen free
of charge

Belgrave House Dental is a state of the art dental practice
in the centre of Tetbury.

We are currently welcoming new patients, so come and
experience customer care from our highly qualified team
offering a wide range of treatment in a stylish welcoming
environment.

Tel: 01666 503403

Email: **reception@belgravehousedental.co.uk**
www.belgravehousedental.co.uk

8 Market Place, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8DA

Perry Bishop
and Chambers



Now helping people on the move in North Wiltshire

"I am thrilled that award-winning estate agents Perry Bishop and Chambers are expanding into North Wiltshire and that they have invited me to head up valuations and sales in this special part of the world, where I also happen to live.

If a move is on the cards this year, you can now enjoy a very personal service – from valuation through to sale – with the backing of an established and respected brand when you choose to sell with Perry Bishop."

Call me on 01249 470166 or 07971 244865
for your **FREE consultation** and property advice.

Or **email me** carolineferris@perrybishop.co.uk



My charity of the year.
Donation from every sale.



Wiltshire
Air Ambulance
funded by you, flying for you

To advertise your business or club, please email:
localtalkbackads@gmail.com

Plumbing & General Maintenance



Stewart White

07341 824612

info@stwmaintenance.com

44 Easton Town | Sherston | Malmesbury | SN16 0LS



4 COUNTIES OIL TANKS

SUPPLIED & FITTED

Call: 01666 510510
Mobile: 07966 690807



PJD Home Improvements
All types of DIY, painting, decorating and garden maintenance

Paul John Davidson
3 Corvus Cottages
Station Road
Badminton
GL9 1EP

Ring or email for competitive quote
07766680161 or 01454 219371
paul.davidson123@btinternet.com

M & M Builders And Carpentry
GENERAL BUILDING AND LISTED PROPERTY

Mike Brazier

M: 07779944773 T: 01454 218765
mikebrazier50@gmail.com
www.mandmbuild.co.uk




**3 Tormarton Road, Acton Turville
Badminton, S.Glos, GL9 1HP**

Foxley Plumbing & Heating

Oil boiler installation, servicing & repairs
Oil tank replacement
Heating installation & repairs
Bathroom installations
Unvented cylinder systems
No job too small

Tim Hibberd
Malmesbury (01666) 822863
Mobile: 07966 462202
Email: foxleyph@btinternet.com



D. J. Mayhead
ELECTRICAL SERVICES
DOMESTIC • INDUSTRIAL • COMMERCIAL

- Wiring, Re-wiring & Upgrading of existing system
- Periodic Inspection, Testing & Certification
- Electric Boilers, Showers & Heating
- Consumer Unit Upgrades
- Internal & External Lighting
- Appliance Connections, T.V & B.T Points
- Fire & Security Alarms
- 3 Phase Installations
- CCTV & Entry Systems

We are fully insured and all work is guaranteed



Please contact us for a FREE no obligation quote...

D.J. Mayhead Electrical Services Ltd, 9 Hollybush, Acton Turville, GL9 1JJ
T: 01454 219 205 M: 07971 684 524 E: info@djmayheadelectrical.co.uk
www.djmayheadelectrical.co.uk

To advertise your business or club, please email:
localtalkbackads@gmail.com



PRIOR & COMPANY
Building on a great reputation!

Experts in all building works, renovations, conversions, decorating, kitchens and bathrooms for your home or business

Tel 01249 782898
enquiries@priorandcompany.com
The Courtyard, Bath Road, Shaw, Melksham SN12 8EP



www.priorandcompany.com



MARDEN ROOFING
Taking Service & Quality to new heights!

Specialists in all roofing, Upvc fascias, soffits and guttering, leadwork, chimneys and sundry works for your home or business

Tel 01249 814204
enquiries@mardenroofing.co.uk
The Courtyard, Bath Road, Shaw, Melksham SN12 8EP



www.mardenroofing.co.uk

Helping Hands
The Home Care Specialists
Est. 1989



Do you need a Helping Hand?

If you are looking for an **alternative to residential care** or extra support for those everyday tasks that are becoming difficult for you or a loved one – then we're here to help - **from 30 minutes per week to full time Live-in Care.**

Our **Badminton care team** has been providing award winning quality homecare since 1989 and can help with: personal care, housekeeping, help getting around or even to provide a break to an existing family member or care-giver.

To find out how we can help you, call: **01454 643 752** or visit: **www.helpinghands.co.uk**

Great British Winner
UKICA
3rd NATIONAL DEMENTIA CARE AWARDS 2014

CHORLEY'S

Free auction valuations
Regular fine art & antiques sales
Insurance & probate valuations

01452 344499
enquiries@chorleys.com
www.chorleys.com

PRINKNASH ABBEY PARK
GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL4 8EU

FRENCHAY CHIMNEY SWEEP

All sweeps certificated
for house insurance purposes
and landlord

Local, professional no mess service

**Contact Paul on
07832 995391**

Village Link
Volunteers transporting the Community

Do you know anyone who might benefit from our services?
or consider joining our volunteers?
Please ask them to call one of our coordinators on
07590 720836

Did you know ...

South Gloucestershire Council fund a
Home Improvement Loan Scheme
for homeowners and landlords*

We understand the expense of maintaining your home and want to help you to take the stress out of funding repairs, improvements or adaptations to your home

We see you as an individual, not a credit score

For a free, no obligation home visit or more information, contact:

Wessex Resolutions CIC
01823 461099
or visit **www.wessexresolutions.org.uk**

* Subject to eligibility

CLAPCOTE FORESTRY LIMITED
Established 1981

CLAPCOTE SAWMILL

Specialising in
OAK, LARCH,
DOUGLAS FIR and
ALL NATIVE HARD
& SOFT WOODS
for beams, lintels
planks (inc. air dried)
& fencing materials

SUPPLIERS of best quality
hardwood logs, cut and
split to your requirements

KINDLING
ENGLISH LUMPWOOD
BARBECUE CHARCOAL
WOOD CHIP

SWEET CHESTNUT
FENCING STAKES

Telephone : Norman and Diane Matthews
YARD & OFFICE **01666 837230**
or visit our yard between Grittleton and Hullavington
to discuss your requirements

MARSHFIELD & WICK TAXIS
01225 892005 07703 703475

Cotswold Couriers
Covering South Glos and North Wilts
4 – 16 seats Wheelchair access vehicles
Luggage transfers, Airports, Hen & Stag Nights,
Weddings, School Contracts
Coaches by arrangement

BEAUFORT TAXIS
01454 313721 07703 703475
4,6,8,16 AND 40 SEATERS
Functions, Airports, Any distance, 24 hours
(BEAUFORT MINIBUS & TAXIS LTD)

Disclaimer

The articles in this magazine reflect the personal opinions of the writers and not those of the Editorial Team. Furthermore, the Editorial Team are not responsible for any errors of fact printed in the magazine. Advertising is accepted in good faith. The LTB cannot be held responsible for loss, damage or injury arising out of goods and services sold through any adverts in this magazine. The appearance of an advert in the magazine does not imply any endorsement by the Editorial Team of either the company or its services, nor does it constitute a recommendation. All articles written and submitted should have a contact name and telephone or email information, please. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the prior consent of the publisher.

Photos from the Archives

A fete at Badminton about 15 years ago - Do you recognise your younger self?

