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AND RELAX. PICTURE BY CHRIS FARRELL, ACTON TURVILLE



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

# EDITORIAL AUGUST 2022

I quite like lists. I've got them for all sorts of things, such as jobs I should really be getting on with, people I need to contact and places I fancy visiting. Whenever something catches my eye, it goes on the relevant list. Thinking about it, it's something I've always done; at work I would have a pile of Post-It notes scattered around my desk with the most important ones stuck strategically to my monitor. Hanging on the wall would be a year planner with key events carefully recorded using various colours of ink to denote importance, and there'd always be a notepad to hand so I could scribble down random thoughts as they occurred to me. The list concept works for me, but with one proviso – it has to be a physical list, on a piece of paper. For whatever reason, I just cannot get on with electronic lists and calendars. The idea appeals and I've had various goes at populating the calendar on my phone with key dates and important appointments, but having been caught out on too many occasions I've gone back to what I know and understand – a good old piece of paper (I did trial a hybrid solution whereby I wrote out my shopping list and photographed it, but the text was so small I couldn't read what I was supposed to be buying...).

One of the entries on the “places to visit” list was Bristol Zoo. First opened in 1836, the zoo's future has been the subject of much debate for some time. Initially concerns were raised on ethical grounds when people started questioning whether it was acceptable to keep large animals in small enclosures purely for the enjoyment of the visiting public. Although Bristol Zoo spent considerable sums of money on improving the conditions in which the animals were kept, they were very much constrained by the physical size of the site the zoo occupied, and in the end they adopted a policy of not replacing large animals when they died. More recently, it's been impossible to ignore the fact that the zoo occupies a large area of real estate right at the heart of one of Bristol's most affluent areas, and the decision has been taken to sell the site and develop it for housing. Very expensive housing, no doubt. So, time for one last trip down memory lane.

I probably first went to the zoo in the early seventies. Back in those days it was used as the film location for the popular children's TV series *Animal Magic*, introduced by the irrepressible Johnny Morris. The show would include sketches where he would pretend to have amusing conversations with various animals, both sides of the conversation being (cunningly) provided by the host. One of the animals he regularly worked with was Wendy the Elephant, who for many years would be led around the zoo by her keeper, giving rides to children on her back. In addition to Wendy, Bristol Zoo had two further famous residents. Firstly there was Alfred the Gorilla who, when he arrived at the zoo in 1930, was only the second captive gorilla in Europe. Alfred became a true celebrity and a favourite with visitors who would spend hours watching him interact with the public, in particular children with whom he appeared to have a real affinity. Apparently he was less keen on “men with beards, double decker buses and aeroplanes”. It was a sad day for Bristolians (with the possible exception of men with facial hair) when he died in 1948, but his place in local history was cemented when he was stuffed and put on display in the city's museum.

The other animals synonymous with Bristol Zoo were white tigers - there was a time when it seemed like every car in the South West of England had a sticker in the back window proclaiming they'd been to see them. Having white tigers on display was quite a coup for Bristol, and when they arrived in 1963 they were the only zoo outside India to have them. Manufacturers of car window stickers still lament the day in 1985 when Bristol Zoo's last white tiger sadly passed away. It was the end of an era.

So, it's 2022 and I'm off for my farewell visit to the zoo. I've done my research and I know I won't be seeing Johnny Morris, Alfred the Gorilla, Wendy the Elephant or a white tiger. Expectations are not high. But as soon as I reached the entrance I was hit with a wave of nostalgia, it really was like going back in time (although I'm sure it wasn't £25 to get in last time I visited). Nearly all the large animals have gone but those that remain were in spacious enclosures with plenty to keep them occupied, and the zoo gardens were immaculate and beautifully planted. It'll be sad to see the place go but I'm glad I had one last visit. Why not go and see for yourself?

Now I need to visit Alfred in the museum. I'll add that to my list. If only I could find my pencil...

Until the next time

*IAN CARTER*

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THANK YOU.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### August

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of Eventing, Gatcombe Park
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Beaufort Hunt Horse Show, The Slaits, Badminton
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wine Tasting, Badminton House
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Somerford Show, Great Somerford
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thornbury Horticultural Society Summer Show
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sevington Victorian School Open Day
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tortworth Arboretum Visitor Day
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tough Mudder, Badminton Estate
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hawkesbury Show

#### September

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Firework Competition, The Slaits, Badminton
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton House Open Gardens
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Didmarton Boules Tournament
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding Showcase, Worcester Lodge
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Italian Night, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville

#### November

26 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Market, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville
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**\*\*\*Please check with venues before setting off\*\*\***

**Please let Local Talk Back know if you're planning an event and we'll add it to our dates for the diary.**

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### SEVINGTON VICTORIAN SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

*Sevington Victorian School, near Grittleton, will once again open its doors to visitors on the 14<sup>th</sup> August between 2pm and 5pm. Homemade teas will be available and there will be activities for children as well as School Room tours. See last month's Talk Back for more details of this fascinating time capsule which provides a unique glimpse of what a village school was like more than 100 years ago.*

*Adults £2    Children £1    Families £5*

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ACTON TURVILLE

#### **100 Club**

#### WINNERS FOR JULY 2022

Tracey Packer  
Wendy Chappell  
Emmie Gilbert

***Congratulations!***

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## In Memoriam

### ELIZABETH ROSE (BETT) PAISH.

We were sorry to hear of the recent passing of former Badminton resident Elizabeth Rose Paish.

Born in Doynton, Bett, as she was more popularly known, married Victor Paish in 1957, remarkably being part of a double wedding with her sister. Bett & Vic were to live in the community for around the next 50 years, firstly at Woodland Cottage on the Sodbury Road near Lyegrove, and then in Withy Cottage in Station Road. For over 30 of those years Bett worked as a domestic help at Lyegrove Farmhouse for the Sainsbury family. Her late husband Victor having been employed on the farm there for over 50 years. In her spare time Bett's interests including knitting, which she was very accomplished at, reading, bingo and day trips on Flints coach outings.

In around 2016, having lost Vic some years before, she moved firstly to a flat in sheltered housing in Kennedy Way, Yate and then into Oak Trees nursing home, also in Yate, where she died on June 5th at the grand age of 93 years

Local Talk-Back sends its deepest sympathy to family & friends.



## Richard Rich Funeral Service

Richard Rich's funeral service will take place at Little Badminton church on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Please note the time of the service is 3pm, not 2:30pm as printed in last month's Talk Back. We apologise for the error.

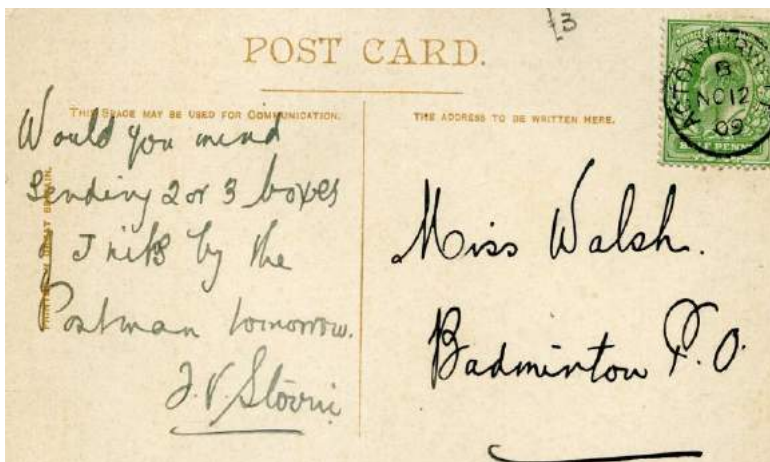
## From The Archives



PORTCULLIS HOTEL, BADMINTON

Travel back to the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and Badminton railway station (located slightly confusingly in Acton Turville) was a hive of activity. In addition to foot passengers, the station was busy handling coal, farm produce and, of course, visitors arriving for the hunt, who were often accompanied by their horses which would travel in specially-designed horse boxes. As many of these passengers were looking for somewhere to stay, it wasn't long before their accommodation needs were being satisfied by the Portcullis Hotel. And it wasn't just the needs of the human visitors that the hotel could satisfy – the hotel also offered stabling for 50 horses which had been “constructed with special care”, according to one contemporary advert. Standing across the road from the station, the imposing building opened its doors to paying guests shortly after the arrival of the railway and continued to operate as a hotel until it closed in the 1930s whereupon it was converted into private residences.

The postcard on the left dates from 1909 and the writing on the reverse side reveals that it was sent between the Post Offices in Acton Turville and Badminton. Despite our best efforts, we can't quite work out what the Acton Turville PO is asking its Badminton counterpart to deliver. Can anyone help??



# WHAT'S ON

## BEAUFORT HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB SHOW 2022



**Wednesday 10th August 2022**

**The Slaits, Badminton, GL9 1AA**

Gymkhana, Dressage, Show Jumping,  
Showing Classes, Dog Show, Fancy Dress and lots more!

### **Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Tea/Coffee on arrival

Two Course Lunch (main course + dessert)

Coffee to finish

£10.00 per head

**Everyone welcome!**

*The Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club meets the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month.*



### **LUNCHEON CLUB UPDATE!!**

*The Luncheon Club update continues to go from strength to strength with over 30 people joining in the fun when the Luncheon Club met in June. "We played a game of Hoy and held a raffle", reports Sally Smith who helps to organise the events, "then after a lovely lunch we had a light-hearted quiz which involved questions on popular music, places in Bristol and the name of birds." Why not go along, you'll be made to feel very welcome and we can guarantee you'll have a great time.*

### **TEA AT HORTON CHURCH**

Come and enjoy lunch or tea at Horton Church and look across the grounds of Horton Court.

Throughout the summer teas will be served in the Church on Saturday afternoons, from 12 noon until 4.30 with savoury food for lunchtime visitors.

*We are on the Cotswold Way.  
Dogs are welcome, as are walkers.*

Please support our Fund Raising project for repairs to the roof of the Lady Chapel, and the redecoration of our Grade 1 listed building.

*We look forward to seeing you.*

Tina Hildick-Smith, Church Warden

## *FROM THE ARCHIVES - BADMINTON STATION*

*A collection of memories of the Badminton Station from various articles printed in Local Talk Back*

An article appeared in The Evening Post on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1968 about the closure of the Badminton Station. It was also telling the story of Mr Thomas Jamieson who at the age of 55 would now be losing his job as Stationmaster, Booking Clerk and Porter at the one-man Badminton Station. For 21 years Tom Jamieson had been sweeping the platforms which had welcomed Royalty and aristocracy on their way to the home of the Duke of Beaufort. Mr Jamieson had met most of them including the late Queen Mary, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret. He said he had never worked at any other station. As well as stationmaster Mr Jamieson was also the Church Warden at Acton Turville Church.

He told the reporter that 'the closure is a hard blow for the whole district'. When he joined the staff there was a stationmaster, three porters and two lorry drivers. One by one they left and the station became a one-man station. Badminton was the only passenger station between Newport and Swindon on the London to South Wales line. The station closed two months later.

*(from an article in the Talk Back by Ray Bird)*

Badminton Station had opened in 1903. An earlier Covenant signed between the Duke of Beaufort and GWR agreed to stop four passenger trains each way daily at the station and any train had to stop at Badminton if a first-class passenger wished to alight. Visitors coming for the Hunt would often stay at the privately owned Portcullis Hotel which had been built at the same time as the railway.  
*(Hotel photo elsewhere in this magazine)*

The Talk Back had told the story of a Royal visit to Badminton in 1908. King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra were in Bristol to open the Royal Edward Dock at Avonmouth. The Duke and Duchess of Beaufort were to meet the Royal party in Bristol and plans were made with GWR for the trains, not only to take them to Temple Meads, but also to transport carriages and horses and postillions on a special train from Badminton for them to use in the Royal Procession. Three carriages, a Postillion Landau an Omnibus and a

Brougham, were sent to Badminton by train ready for the Royal visit to Badminton House the following day.

After the ceremonies the King and Queen left Avonmouth on the Royal Train, arriving in Badminton station around noon. In Ray Bird's article 'Badminton Railway Station' there was a photograph of a rear of a train possibly passing through the station.

We then received the following correspondence from Graham Carpenter who had seen the Talk Back while visiting Badminton. He explained what train was in the photo saying "I can give additional details for the rare black and white photograph. It was initially Queen Victoria's Royal train which was built to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee in 1897. The coach with the white roof was the Queen's Saloon, built in 1874. The original plan was to construct a replacement to match the five other coaches. The Queen wanted it to remain unaltered. Following Queen Victoria's death, the coach was used by King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra following some changes to the décor." So, this would be the same train that brought the King and Queen to Badminton station in 1908.

Frederick Tower, Vicar of Badminton in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century wrote a newsletter every month and when the 1914 war began he wrote about the war work that would be necessary.

"We too in this village must bear our share in the war work. Some even from Badminton will be going to the front, others will be on Military service where their country needs them, and before long we may find ourselves, those who remain at home, called to help a great work of love for our sick and wounded soldiers and sailors. We understand that we are to expect from time-to-time wounded men passing through Badminton Station on their way to the Bristol Infirmary, and as they pass through will require attention and no doubt food."

## *FROM THE ARCHIVES - BADMINTON STATION (cont.)*

Rev. Tower continued "At the same time Portcullis House has been fitted up as a small hospital, ready for any cases which may be sent there. If a train load of wounded should come through our help would certainly be required. I notice that a Hospital train prepared by one of the railways contains 100 berths. If so many as 100 wounded came through and all needed attention at once we should require many willing helpers." The Duchess of Beaufort was, herself, part of the Red Cross nursing group and was always organising charity gifts and collections to help wounded soldiers, but also for help for those who belonged to our area of Badminton, Little Badminton and Acton Turville.

Philip Clutterbuck, originally from Acton Turville, wrote an article for the Talk Back headed 'Farming in Acton Turville before WW2'. He mentioned that the stationmaster was Mr R Bray and continued with some memories of the station. He wrote "At the behest of the Duke of Beaufort all main line passenger trains stopped at Badminton Railway Station. Local services stopped there too. This made quite a hub for those who could afford it. The farmers benefitted because it provided the route for their milk into the processing and distribution system. Carts and trailers could be seen making their regular journeys to the station will full churns and returning with empties"

Ray Bird wrote about the Railway Station in May 2018 to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closure of the station. He said "originally it had been on the list of closure for 1961 but opposition, mainly by the 10<sup>th</sup> Duke of Beaufort, over a clause in the original agreement. The Railway company got their way and the Beeching Axe fell on the station on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1968.

In its 65 years the station became a great asset for travellers, and a source of employment. Trains were much used by those coming for a days hunting with the Beaufort Hunt and in WW2 for transporting local based American troops to the

war front. In later years it was used by many attending the Horse Trials.

In its heyday the station employed ten staff. Some local farmers got contracts to provide straw for packaging of items such as bananas. For other farmers it meant their daily churns of milk could go direct from the station to a bottle plant at Wootton Bassett. The Royal Mail benefitted with some mail collected and dispatched from the station."

Terry Tripp responded with his own thoughts the following month. "This rail route served the main line from London Paddington to Cardiff and South Wales. In its heyday of steam such trains as the Red Dragon, Capitals United, Pembroke Coast Express and South Wales Pullman were daily features. These trains would be hauled by GWR engines such as Castles, Counties, Britannias, Halls and the occasional King. Back in the early 1960's the Government in the form of Dr Beeching decided that British Railways were losing too much money and cuts had to be made.

700 stations closed, they tore up 6,000 miles of track and reduced the workforce by 70,000."

Many of the local older generation remember trips, first on the steam trains and then on the diesel trains with a corridor all along one side of the carriage with the seating split into smaller compartments. Young local boys from Acton Turville were able to catch a train to Chipping Sodbury to go to the Cubs or Scout meetings in about 1959/60 with no parents in attendance.

Going back in time to the steam age, how amazing is it that we have young local lads with a workshop alongside the Badminton railway where they repair, renovate and rebuild steam engines both as business and pleasure. To bring back to life these beautiful steam engines they often have to make the tools to make the parts. At their own cost they take these steam engines to shows around the country, giving pleasure to many people.

If you have your own stories of the Badminton Station\Line please share them with us.

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## J J'S GARDENING BLOG



While you are sitting enjoying your refreshments, notice what needs cutting back: is some treasure being swamped? Does another area need something light and bright? Elevate a pot or statue to make it bit special. Top pots with pea gravel for a finishing touch.

### ***Planting Suggestions***

A plant for a shadier area is astrantia. Some white with a touch of green and others red. Very useful plants and can be cut and used in an arrangement indoors.

Make a mosaic with different coloured sempervivums in a shallow area or container. Maybe something to do with a youngster.

Houseplants can enjoy being outside if away from high temperatures in a conservatory or hot window cill.

Remember that plants grouped in uneven numbers are usually more pleasing. Slugs don't seem to attack euphorbia, nicotianas, rock roses or honeysuckle.

### ***Jobs For This Month***

Play hide and seek with your courgette plants. They are deft at becoming marrows if you take your eye off them.

Don't cut back penstemon until spring, as the old foliage gives them some winter protection, and they will gallop away with new foliage and flowers in June.

Check that the runner beans are still secure. Other plants that may have too many stems reduce the number of stems, which will give a much bigger display next season. Keep feeding.

Euphorbia that have finished flowering should have this year's stems cut-off low down, or they will seed everywhere. Wear Marigolds as the white sap is an irritant.

Rhubarb, don't pick too much, give a good mulch of compost and put discarded leaves on the compost. Clip evergreen shrubs which have finished flowering and reduce them to their desired height. It's easy for them to get too tall and wide and it suddenly becomes a big issue, particularly when they overhang footpaths or other boundaries.

Plum, damson and cherry trees can be tidied up if necessary in warm weather when the cuts will heal, reducing the risk of infection from silver leaf fungus.

### ***Caring For Your Irises***

If you have irises in the garden that have finished flowering loosen them out of the ground carefully with a fork, they are shallow rooted so come up easily, divide them into chunky, healthy rhizomes (discard any which are shrivelled) and plant the selected good-looking pieces onto a small mound of soil. This is quite tricky as there is very little root to each section. However it can be done. Finish off by cutting the leaves into a fan shape, this tidies the leaves up and carefully water. They like a well-drained sunny aspect.

### ***How About These For Your Garden?***

Look out for a shorter verbena Bampton which has small flowers, like tiny lights and dark foliage.

Something for your gardening note book: a lovely mid spring plant which likes muted shade and a damp situation with gorgeous blue flowers is Corydalis.

Take cuttings Nepeta, easy to grow and comes in various sizes from the small rockery size upwards. Keep picking sweet peas, they start off with nice long stems which gradually get shorter. That's not your fault - they just do, but still nice for a bedside posy. Cut the seed heads off peonies leaving the stems, all the greenery is needed to feed the plant.

Check out erodiums. They are Mediterranean and therefore need gritty compost and full sun. They are well behaved and flower the whole summer without being eaten or turning brown. Perfect if you are holidaying away.

Nerines come from South Africa, so that is a clue to the conditions they like. But don't despair as they are everywhere on the Isles of Scilly and the Channel Islands. They flower at the end of summer planted with half the bulb exposed so that they can bake in the sun. The most usual colour is a strong pink but there is a pale pink, though it may be harder to find.

### ***And Finally***

Keep deadheading. If you spend five minutes several times a day it gets done without being a chore, ditto weeds. Keep a pair of secateurs by the door and a basket there too for weeds.





BADMINTON ESTATE

## Forthcoming events at the Badminton Estate

**12<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Join Château de Pommard for an evening of wine tasting at Badminton House. Enjoy a variety of six different wines and discover how to assess the quality of these Burgundy gems. Delicious charcuterie and cheese platters will be served from locally sourced suppliers to accompany your wines plus a champagne reception on arrival.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 7pm-9pm in the West Wing of Badminton House. Tickets are £50pp



**20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022.**



Tough Mudder South West is back at the Badminton Estate for 2022. Tough Mudder is a 10-mile mud and obstacle course unlike any other. For most entrants, it's not a race against the clock, but a team effort to scale the obstacles and to cross the line having achieved something extraordinary. The Badminton course is held mostly within the historic Badminton Park, stretching out into adjacent fields and woodland.

Visit [www.badmintonestate.com/events](http://www.badmintonestate.com/events) to find out more.

## Sudoku

August'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 !!

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

### NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the July quizzes:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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

## *The Grand Reveal*



*For some time now the timeless features of the historic dovecote at Little Badminton have been obscured behind scaffolding as the Badminton Estate team worked hard to repair and conserve the structure of the roof. With that work now complete, the dovecote has been revealed in all its splendour, and we're sure you'll agree it was worth the wait. The Grade II listed building stands on the site of a sunken medieval village, and it is believed that the version we see today was built in the 18th or 19th Century using materials from a much earlier dovecote that stood in the same location. Generally considered to be one of the best examples of an early dovecote in the country, the recent work will ensure its future is assured for generations to come.*

*Many thanks go to Yvonne Nettles for providing the pictures.*





# Charlton Down House Open Gardens

*By Claire Broomsgrove, Acton Turville*



Charlton Down House near Tetbury is open throughout the year as part of the National Gardens Scheme. This beautiful house and gardens were built in two stages, 1848 and 1938.

It is now owned by Neil and Julie Record, who have built a walled garden, greenhouse, chicken enclosure and classical pool pavilion, all since 2009.

There are lots of other things to discover apart from the gardens, including the "Big Chair" and the Queen Bee Trail created to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Make sure you see the animals too, including horses, donkeys, chickens, goats, pigs and sheep. And of course, not forgetting "Casper" the tortoise.

The gardens are open in August on Thursday afternoons on the 4th, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm. Well worth a visit for the whole family. The tea & cakes are also delicious!



*The National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique access to over 3500 exceptional private gardens and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake. Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, the scheme has donated over £63 million to nursing and health charities. For full details, visit:*

<https://ngs.org.uk/>



*This fine chap is Thomas, he's 27 years old!*



# ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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.*

JULY 2022

## Playing Field

Grass cutting on-going. We would still like a few more 'mowers & strimmers' to join the team. If interested contact a Councillor or the Clerk (details below). Thank you.

## Overgrown pavements/footpaths

We have received reports of an overgrown pavement and footpath in the village. The Parish Council has contacted the South Glos Public Rights of Way Team and asked them to address the overgrown footpath, and we have also asked that brambles and nettles are cut back from the pavement concerned.

## Planning

We have received a number of enquiries recently regarding what is happening with the Badminton Estate planning application. At our July meeting we asked our South Glos District Councillor Pat Trull to ascertain the latest situation so we can hopefully notify everyone.

## Village Signs

There are a number of signs in the village which are either missing or broken. We have reported these to South Glos Streetcare and those signs which need replacing are currently on order and will be replaced shortly.

## Parish Councillors:

Chair: Sybil Haddrell 218772, Sally Smith 218510, Vice Chair: Ian Carter 219129  
Claire Broomsgrove 218433, Mark Studden 07885 791314

## Date of Next Meeting

Unless any urgent business arises our next meeting will be:  
Monday 12 September 2022 @ 7 pm. Venue: St Mary's Church, Acton Turville.  
Details and/or changes will be posted on the Parish Notice Board/Website

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 218675

Email: [actonturvillepc@aol.com](mailto:actonturvillepc@aol.com) Website: [www.actonturvilleparishcouncil.org](http://www.actonturvilleparishcouncil.org)



## ACTON TURVILLE SOCIAL

After a successful Jubilee celebration and prompted by enthused villagers, Acton Turville Social are proposing to hold a summer event in 2023. Fund raising will be essential to make this event happen so we are looking for volunteers to help run an evening of pig racing, a quiz night, bingo, and a coffee morning. All ideas welcome – please get in touch!

### *Save The Dates*

#### **September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Italian night at the Fox & Hounds.  
Enjoy pasta and a glass of wine  
for £14  
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#### **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Fireside carol singing and  
festive supper  
at the Fox & Hounds  
Further details to follow.

# Church Matters

## August 2022 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

May I take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy holiday and a refreshing summer break. Please read the article below about Ride and Stride. It would be great to build this event into our calendar as a fun bicycle ride round the churches, raising money as we go.

### Ride & Stride For Churches

*Join us on the 10th September to visit the beautiful churches and chapels around your local area, by bike, foot, horse, or whatever way takes your fancy. Some of the churches will be open and offering tea/squash and cakes. For you to choose and plan your own adventure, leaflets will be left in the Hawkesbury stores and the stores throughout the Benefice, suggesting routes of various lengths, to take in the churches. Alternatively, join a group leaving from St Arild's, Oldbury-on-the-Hill, Didmarton, at 10:15am.*

*The purpose of this event is to introduce people to our wonderful churches and to collect funds to be shared between the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) and the churches of the Benefice.*

*Funds can be collected via Justgiving, or using sponsorship forms, which can be found in the village stores, or on the GHCT Ride & Stride web site.*

*For more details please do visit: [www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride](http://www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride) and scan the QR code for the Badminton Benefice Justgiving page.*



Enjoy the summer.

Rev Richard Thomson

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## **Church Services for August 2022**

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
7 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion CW	R Thomson
	11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	R Thomson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	R Thomson
	6.00pm	Sopworth	Evening Prayer	Lay Led
14 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
	9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion BCP 1928	R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	R Thomson
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	R Thomson
21 <sup>st</sup> August	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	R Thomson
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
	11.15am	Sopworth	Matins	R Thomson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	R Thomson
28 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	R Thomson
	11.00am	Hawkesbury Show Ground	Songs of Praise	R Thomson

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## Picture Gallery



It seems hard to believe we were sweltering in record temperatures just a matter of weeks ago. Yvonne Nettles braved the heat to capture the latest technology being used to bring in the harvest, while Chris Farrell braved the local wildlife to photograph a bee collecting pollen from a burdock plant. Chris also photographed some quite striking cloud formations. Despite the best endeavours of the Talk Back team, we're unable to identify what these clouds might be, and sort of weather conditions might cause them. If you think you know, please get in touch.

