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CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, JUNE 2022



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

EDITORIAL JUNE 2022

Crowds. And traffic jams. One of the abiding memories of lockdown was this picture taken two years ago by Yvonne Nettles from the bridge over the M4. The picture shows an empty road with not a car, lorry or caravan in sight. At this time, non-essential shops were shut and people were being told to stay home in order to control the spread of Covid. We were told this was the new normal and we needed to get used to it. There would be no going back to the way we were.



Several weeks ago I went to a show at the Three Counties Showground. A pleasant drive up the M5, take the exit to Malvern, then a short drive to the show. Lovely. At least it would have been if the queue for the show didn't stretch for miles. Once I arrived at the showground, I needed a map to navigate my way from the car park to the entrance gate: after walking for what seemed like an eternity, I set up basecamp, consumed my sandwiches and flask of tea, and prepared myself for one final push to the entrance. It was worth it, the show was excellent, I stayed for hours and saw lots to keep me entertained. But it was like Covid never happened. I've never seen so many people at such an event. Face coverings? Social distancing? Personal space? That's old hat daddio. We've moved on. Things have returned to normal. The old normal. Of course for some people life will never be the same again, such as those who lost loved ones or who are suffering the long-term effects of Covid, and there were times at the show when I wondered whether it was such a good idea to so eagerly throw caution to the wind. But then I looked around and saw how everyone else was behaving and sort of followed the herd. I guess it's human nature, but it still didn't always feel right.

Since then we have enjoyed the much-anticipated return of the Badminton Horse Trials. It was great to see the site gradually taking shape, with the grandstands and shopping village being constructed and the jumps and course markers going up. I always eagerly anticipate the arrival of the competitors' horseboxes, and enjoy watching the campsite and grass routes areas filling up. It's hard to believe it's all happening so close to home. After a two-year break I was interested to see what changes I would notice, but like the Malvern show, it was business as usual: the entry list was first class, the crowds seemed undiminished, and the shopping village was overflowing with people eagerly looking for those special purchases. It must have been hugely satisfying for the organisers to know that all their hard work was rewarded with such a successful event.

The next special occasions to look forward to (which may well have happened by the time you read this) are the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It's great to see so much going on in our villages to mark such a momentous occasion, from the lighting of the Jubilee beacon to the parties being organised at Badminton and Acton Turville. A great deal of effort goes into organising these events, with small groups of volunteers working tirelessly to make sure they are memorable. They provide an opportunity to meet up with friends, kick-back and relax. What could be better? Why not send in your pictures or your stories of the day to Talk Back so we can include them in the coming months? We'd love to hear from you. But above all else, enjoy yourselves and have a fantastic day.

Until the next time

IAN CARTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

June

Thurs 2 nd	Badminton Jubilee Beacon Lighting
Thurs 2 nd – Sun 4 th	Royal Bath & West Show, Shepton Mallet
Sat 4 th	Books & Jigsaw Sale, Didmarton Village Hall, 2-4pm
Sun 5 th	Acton Turville Jubilee Picnic
Sun 5 th	Badminton Jubilee Street Party
Wed 8 th	Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club
Fri 10 th	Death on the Nile, Didmarton Rural Cinema
Fri 10 th – Sun 19 th	Chipping Sodbury Festival
Sun 19 th	Badminton House Open Gardens
Sun 26 th	Berkeley Show, Berkeley Castle

July

Sat 2 nd /Sun 3 rd	Cotswold Show, Cirencester Park
Sat 2 nd /Sun 3 rd	Heddington & Stockley Steam Rally, near Calne
Sat 16 th	Sherston Boules Festival
Tues 19 th /Wed 20 th	Dauntsey Park Horse Trials
Thurs 28 th /Sun 31 st	WOMAD Music Festival, Charlton Park, Malmesbury
Sun 31 st	Terrier & Dog Show, Badminton Park

August

Fri 5 th - Sun 7 th	Festival of Eventing, Gatcombe Park
Sat 13 th	Somerford Show, Great Somerford
Sat 27 th	Hawkesbury Show

Please check with venues before setting off

DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

We have received the following donations this month for which we are most grateful:

Mr & Mrs Adrian Packer

Mr & Mrs Stephen Gregson

Mr Steve Stafford

Thank you all!

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6 Hollybush Close, Acton Turville,
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CARER WANTED

Seeking a live-in carer and companion for a lovely elderly lady living in the Badminton area. This would require companionship, helping with getting up and ready for the day, promoting independence whilst being there to help, preparing meals, general light household duties, encouraging to move and do things, assistance with bedtime routine.

Ideally the position is to start mid June. The proposed shift pattern would be 3 weeks on/off but there is flexibility to discuss this and to accommodate time off etc.

Driver's license and car are preferred but not mandatory.

Please contact in first instance June Gott: junegott@hotmail.com

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In Memoriam John Harris

Britain is fortunate to have a fine architectural history. These days we have an expectation that the finest examples will be preserved for the nation to appreciate and enjoy, but that hasn't always been the case. Indeed, over the course of the twentieth century, many of Britain's finest and most important houses and their irreplaceable interiors were destroyed by demolition. What led to such acts varied over the years? Taxation and the payment of death duties is a recurring theme, but the requisition of grand houses for use by Government Departments and the military during the First and Second World Wars certainly speeded up the loss of such properties, which were often returned to their original owners in a poor state and in need of considerable expenditure. Great estates were broken up, interiors were stripped and shipped off to satisfy the demand from America in particular, and the houses themselves were either demolished or simply left to decay and fall down.

That we now seek to preserve what remains is down to enlightened people such as John Harris, the architectural historian who lived in the Old Laundry House at Badminton until his death at the beginning of May. Shortly after the war, Harris found himself hiking around England, where he was intrigued to find so many derelict mansions – he estimated he had visited more than 200 between 1946 and 1960. This led to an interest in antiques, then architecture, which in turn saw him appointed as Assistant Librarian at Riba, the Royal Institute of British Architects. His stature as an architectural historian quickly grew, and in 1974 he was commissioned to assist with the landmark “Destruction of the Country House 1875-1975” exhibition at the V&A which included photographs of many of the properties destroyed during that 100-year period. One of the most memorable aspects of the exhibition was the solemn reading of the toll of lost houses given by Harris himself, as if honouring fallen heroes on Remembrance Day. This event is cited by many as being the point when attitudes towards the grand estates and houses began to change, and the focus slowly became one of preservation, conservation and renovation, not demolition and destruction.

Under Harris, the archive of architectural drawings held by Riba was transformed, with existing items carefully catalogued and made available to historians and scholars to study. He was also able to expand the archive by acquiring important collections which may otherwise have been lost. That the Riba collection remains of national importance is largely down to the vision and tenacity of John Harris.

In later life, Harris moved into the Old Laundry House at Badminton with his wife Eileen, herself a noted architectural historian and author of several books on the subject. It was whilst at Badminton that he wrote a history of Badminton House, as well as leading guided tours.

Local Talk Back sends its sincere condolences to Eileen and the family.

Conrad Jones

Acton Turville lost one of its great characters recently with the passing of Conrad Jones. Conrad lived in the village for many years and was active with the church for much of that time. The eulogy at Conrad's funeral, delivered by his son-in-law Angus, described how Conrad joined the Royal Navy from school and served in a variety of roles from being the First Lieutenant of HMS Walkerton to roles in intelligence and research. He was on the Royal Naval Ski team, completed the Cresta Run, and captained the UK entry into the Commonwealth Regatta in Boston. Later, he developed an interest in field sports and was a proud member of the Beaufort Hunt.

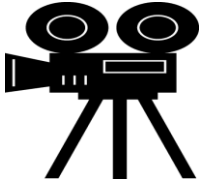
Locally, Conrad was an active member of the community. He was secretary of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and a Fence Judge at number of national horse events including Badminton Horse Trials. He was also Church Warden at St Mary's for many years.

Perhaps Conrad will be best remembered as a font of quotes and a raconteur. He knew most of Kipling poems by heart and would frequently quote from them when relevant to the current situation. When son Simon and daughter Tamsin asked to borrow the car, instead of saying a simple no he would recite, from memory the safety advice in Morris Bishop's poem Apollo which ends in the lines

***“And from the chariot Phaethon Plunged like a falling star--
And so, my boy, no, no, my boy. You cannot take the car.”***

The eulogy delivered by Angus perfectly captured the Conrad that we all remember, suggesting that his integrity and dedication to service are ultimately, perhaps, for what he should be remembered. Conrad, for your service, thank you. Local Talk Back sends its sincere condolences to the family.

WHAT'S ON



DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 10th June 2022

DEATH ON THE NILE

(2022, 12A) – Crime/Drama

Starring: Tom Bateman, Annette Bening, Kenneth Branagh

Director: Kenneth Branagh

Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns into a terrifying search for a murderer when a picture-perfect couple's idyllic honeymoon is tragically cut short.

Doors open at 6.30pm, film starts 7.30pm

Tickets £5, cash bar

Please let us know in advance if you intend attending so we can arrange tables and chairs

jennybody@btconnect.com

Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

Wednesday 8th June

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
2nd Wednesday of every month.*



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Well Done Alastair!

I would like to thank all those that supported me whilst I completed the 'Walk 100 miles in April' challenge to raise money for the Royal British Legion and Ukraine. In total, I raised an overwhelming £607. My last mile had me walking from Badminton to The Fox & Hounds in Acton Turville, where I received a warm welcome and congratulatory drink.

Alastair Gilbert



Badminton House Open Gardens

In last month's Talk Back we reported on our visit to the first Open Garden event of the year at Badminton House. The gardens looked sublime and we can't wait to see them again when they're next open to the public on the 19th June; whilst April was all about the tulips, in June it will be the turn of the roses which by then should be in full bloom. As always there will be a range of stalls offering refreshments, as well as plant sales for those inspired by what they've seen in the gardens. If you fancy something a bit different, Gloucestershire Bees will also have a stall, or you can go the traditional route with scones made in the Badminton kitchen and a glass of delicious Pimms.

The April event was a huge success with almost 700 people attending. It's great to see the hard work put in by the team at Badminton being rewarded with such a healthy turn-out, but it's also good news for the worthy causes that the open days support. In April, money was being raised for the Severn Area Rescue Association who have been saving lives on and around the River Severn for almost 50 years. The church was also able to raise some much-needed and very welcome money for their restoration fund.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE

Looking back at events in 1977 and 2002

In the first week of June 2022, our villages will join with the rest of the country and celebrate 70 years since the Queen's ascension to the throne in 1952. It is a historical landmark and one which deserves to be celebrated in style: no British monarch has ever reigned for 70 years, and it is a milestone that is unlikely to be achieved again for many generations.

We decided it would be interesting to look back through the Talk Back archives to remind ourselves how we celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and the Golden Jubilee in 2002, and as we did so something occurred to us: we all had very clear memories of the Silver Jubilee and the events surrounding it, but memories of the 2002 celebrations are somewhat hazy. Maybe it's because the Silver Jubilee was the first Jubilee for almost 100 years so it was a new experience for all of us, or because it came at a time when there was lots of industrial and social unrest and we all needed something to brighten up our lives. Conversely, by the time of the Golden Jubilee, memories of the Millennium celebrations were still fresh in our minds. Indeed, some of us were probably still recovering from them, which might have taken the edge off the occasion. But it also struck us that the focus of the 1977 Jubilee was very much the people, and the over-riding image is one of happy people waving flags at their street party. By the time we get to 2002, it's more about celebrity and huge, glitzy events. So, let's firstly wind the clock back to 1977 and see what was happening as our villages prepared for the big day.

Preparations began many months before the Jubilee itself. Committees were formed, plans were drawn up and, in the absence of any grants, considerable effort was put into devising ways to raise funds. For instance, in Acton Turville, a wine & cheese party was organised which raised a most impressive £172.33, helped no doubt by a raffle for which villagers had very generously donated some cracking prizes.

The fundraising was clearly a success because both Badminton and Acton Turville were able to present a packed programme of events. On the 6th June, Badminton joined in National celebrations a day early with a village tea party, scheduled for the open High Street, but actually held in the old school due to inclement weather. The school was packed – Talk Back reports that a few stalwarts had to sit outside, despite the weather! After what was rather quaintly described as “a splendid tea with a menu to suit all appetites and sizes of stomachs”, the children were presented with Jubilee memento crowns and mugs before everyone adjourned to the Playing Field to participate in a tree-planting ceremony, when three silver birches were planted as a permanent reminder of the occasion (in Acton Turville they attached a small plaque to the well). Celebrations continued throughout the day, culminating in a social evening in the Memorial Hall where a “jolly crowd” celebrated the Jubilee until a late hour.

It was a similar story in Acton Turville, albeit held a day later on the official Jubilee Bank Holiday. The day started with a Fancy Dress Competition, the theme being “Britain 1952 - 1977”. Participants gathered at the Fox & Hounds before parading down to Trinity School where the winners were selected. That must have been quite a sight! At the school, everyone was seated at gaily decorated tables where they enjoyed a fantastic spread put on by Mrs Mayhead and her many willing helpers. The centre piece was a magnificent Jubilee Cake which was enjoyed by all. With food consumed and the children presented with inscribed Jubilee Crowns (has anyone still got theirs?), the afternoon closed with a comedy turn ably compered by Bob Osborne. From the write up in Talk Back it sounds like quite a lively evening but the effect was positive and it “had the desired effect of producing much laughter from both young and old alike”. Events were topped off with a barbeque/dance, hosted by Barry Minty at Hollybush Farm, where the stables provided the 150-or-so people in attendance with some much-needed protection from the rain which had been a feature of the day.



The “It’s A Knockout” event at Badminton Park.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE (continued)

As if all of that wasn't enough, celebrations continued at the end of July with a "Jubilee Sports and It's A Knockout" competition, run on the lines of TV's popular programme of the same name. This time the weather was much more seasonal, and the event, which was held (with the kind invitation of His Grace) on the North Front of Badminton House on Saturday 30th July, took place in glorious sunshine. The competition was making full use of the spacious grounds and adjoining lake for a varied programme of competitive events between two sides — North, comprising Didmarton, Leighterton and Sopworth representatives, and South, from Badminton, Little Badminton and Acton Turville. Skill, humour and good sportsmanship were to the fore, and although the number of events won were equally shared, the final result on a points system was a 411 to 360 win for the North. To give an example of the sort of event it was, "the mixed fancy dress game resulted in a 3-2 win for the South, but more important than the result was the fun and laughter, being full of incidents' which Drag Artist Hartley Foster, as referee, efficiently sorted out — indeed he would have won the 'Lady of the Match' award if there had been one."

Decorum returned for the final act of the Jubilee celebrations when the Band of the Gloucestershire Regiment, who had played throughout the afternoon, beat retreat, signalling the start of an open-air "Dance in the Park" from 8 pm to midnight, the first part of which was accompanied by the Gloucestershire Regiment's Dance Band before local hero Merlin unleashed his disco. "North and South, old and young all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion made possible by the kindness of their Graces, the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, and the skilled efforts of the organisers with a special mention of the two heads of organisation — Richard Wood for the South and John Talbot for the North." Hear, hear.

Villagers were also involved in some events which took place outside of our immediate area. On the 8th August, the Queen visited Bristol as part of her Silver Jubilee tour, with one of her stops being at Filton High School. It is estimated that as many as thirty thousand people crammed into the school grounds and adjoining roads, amongst them a group of Brownies and Guides from Badminton and Acton Turville, as well as some pupils from Trinity School who presented Her Majesty with a card they had made for the occasion.

Fast forward 25 years and it's 2002, the year of the Golden Jubilee. In March, Talk Back reports that plans for a series of events running from Saturday the 2nd to Monday the 3rd June are well underway. The Jubilee Weekend is to start with Open Gardens, with villagers being encouraged to show off their prowess in the gardening department, as well as a flower show in St Mary's Church. Monday is to feature a children's party at Trinity School with fancy dress, traditional games, races and a children's entertainer. The adults will take over in the evening for a village family disco and barbeque at the Fox & Hounds, which will be closed for the night to allow the celebrations to take place. To raise funds there's a raffle, just like 25 years previously, although this time the sum raised is £119.05, despite the tempting list of prizes including a bag of Brazil nuts and what is frustratingly listed as just "a camel".

Meanwhile, Badminton's Golden Jubilee Day is to be on Saturday the 8th June at Badminton Hall and Sports Field. Billed as a fun day for all the family, visitors will be able to enjoy crazy golf, archery, pony rides and even a falconry display during the day, then some evening entertainment comprising a comedian and Tim's Disco (presumably Merlin had hung up his decks by then).

So, how did it all go? Well, unlike in 1977, subsequent issues of Talk Back are not full of reports of the days' events. We don't know who won the fancy dress competition, or who was last one to stagger out of the disco, or whether the comedian was the funniest thing since the vicar fell in the lake 25 years previously. And as far as we can see, there were no gifts for the children in 2002, no trees were planted and no plaques erected to mark the event. We can assume a good time was had by all, whereas it looks like everyone had a GREAT time in 1977.

Let us know what you think. In the meantime, let's see if we can recreate the spirit of '77 for our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Such a momentous occasions deserves it!

From right to left are [at the very edge] Sherman Barrett, Dale Witchard, Justin Witchard and Louise Barrett



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.*

MAY 2022

Playing Field

The mowing season has started - the field and play area will be mowed and strimmed on a regular basis. We do need more volunteers so please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested.

Village Spring Clean

Councillors would like to thank all those who turned up for the Spring Clean on 30th April. It has made a great difference to see our village clean and tidy. We will continue to carry out a similar event around September or October. Details will be posted nearer the time.

Mobile Phone Services

The Parish Council has been made aware of the significant problems mobile phone users suffered during the recent Badminton Horse Trials. The sheer volume of visitors, combined with the number of traders using the mobile networks to process payments, meant that many local residents had no access to phone services between Friday and Sunday. The Parish Council believe the organisers of the Horse Trials could have done more to prevent this issue occurring and are investigating how best to ensure it does not happen in the future. In the first instance, residents may wish to lodge a complaint with Ofcom who are responsible for regulating mobile phone services in the UK.

Broadband

Despite recent upgrades, our villages still suffer from poor broadband connectivity, and the availability high-quality, high-speed, reliable broadband services remain a serious issue. This is particularly significant as remote working becomes a more regular occurrence. The Parish Council have raised this issue with South Glos Council who have advised us that they will shortly be launching a comprehensive review of broadband services across rural communities. If you have any examples of the sort of problems you are experiencing, please contact the Parish Council and we will pass them onto the review team. We will also ensure parishioners are kept informed of the review's findings.

Parish Councillors:

Following our Annual Meeting on 9 May 2022, the Chair and Vice Chair have been duly re-elected.

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

Next Meeting: Monday 13 June 2022 @ 7 pm Venue: St Mary's Church, Acton Turville.
Details on Website & Parish Notice Board

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Extending the Hand of Friendship from Chipping Sodbury to Ukraine



Not one of us can fail to have been moved by the plight of the people of Ukraine, caught up in a desperate war with Russia which is now in its third month. News bulletins can only provide a glimpse of what life must be like in the country just now, and many of us want to know what we can do to help. The Chipping Sodbury branch of the Lions Club have been busy raising funds, with an amazing total of nearly £2000 being collected during a recent one-day event held in Yate Shopping Centre.

However, club members wanted to do something which would provide immediate and direct support to people living in the Ukraine, so the idea of taking a coach with supplies and returning with refugees was hatched. Club secretary Ian Gott, who lives in Acton Turville, was put in charge of organising the trip, and very quickly came up with a plan. Working in partnership with Turners Coachways of Bristol, the Lions Club arranged for a coach to leave Yate on Monday 30th May to take urgent food and medical supplies, provided by a number of local branches, to a warehouse in Krakow, Poland, where the Kyiv Lions Club has a warehouse. From there, the supplies will be taken to Ukraine to directly help the people who need them so urgently.

The coach was due to arrive in Poland on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st May. After an overnight stay in Poland, the intention is to fill it with people seeking refuge in our area. With a further overnight stop on Wednesday night in Germany (assisted by Lions Clubs in Germany), the coach will finally return to Chipping Sodbury late on Thursday 2nd June.

Local Talk Back hopes to provide an update on this remarkable story in a subsequent issue. For now, we congratulate Ian Gott and all those members of the Lions Club who have reached out to the people of Ukraine, and to Turners Coachways for generously providing the coach and drivers for the humanitarian trip to Poland.

If you want to know how you can help, please contact iang@cslions.org.uk or check out the Chipping Sodbury Lions Club Facebook page.

CAN YOU HELP US?



Here at Local Talk Back we're always on the look-out for new material. We'd love to hear from you if you have an interesting story to tell – maybe it's a review of somewhere you've visited, or a show you've attended. Or it could be to tell us about your time in the village – how long you've been here, what you like about the area, what walks you go on or any hobbies you might have – in fact anything!

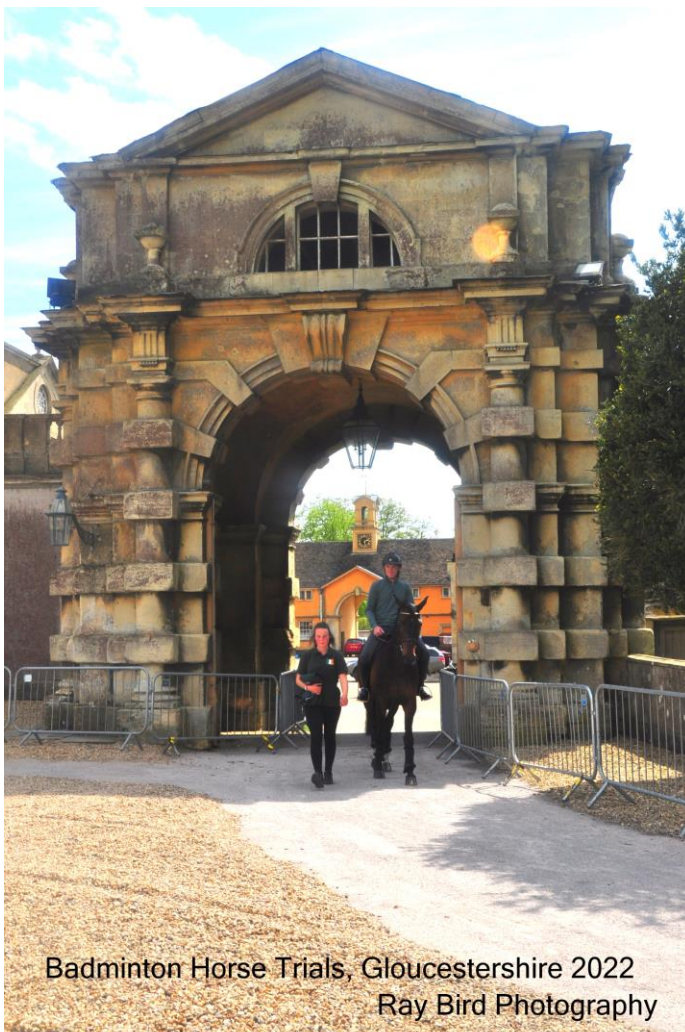
We can help with laying out your articles or polishing your words, but we'd really love to hear from you. It's what makes Talk Back special.

If you can help, please contact us on:

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Thank you!!

Badminton Horse Trials 2022



Wasn't it great to see the Badminton Horse Trials back this year? After a two-year break, the event proved to be a resounding success, with a top-class entry and a popular winner in Laura Collett. The course was in perfect condition, and traffic arrangements appeared to work well with far shorter queues than in previous years. Perhaps the move to advance ticketing helped. As usual, Acton Turville's Ray Bird provided us with some top-class pictures.

Above: Overall winner Laura Collett with the magnificent trophy.

Left: The famous Badminton Arch.

Below: Golly, that's a long way down!!



Badminton Horse Trials 2022



Spectators on cross country day enjoyed some very welcome sunshine as they walked around the course from jump to jump. The Pond Fence is always a popular viewing area but this year some of the new fences proved particularly challenging. More pictures from Ray Bird:

Clockwise from above:

Sarah Bullimore at the pond fence.

World Champions Ros Canter & Allstar B.

Chippenham rider Kitty King.

Clare Abbott at the Rolex Rails.



Church Matters

June 2022 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Parishioners,

We are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this first weekend of June as I am sure you know with a very special Eucharist at Hawkesbury at 9.30am. There will be a Matins service at 1115 at Didmarton, for those who prefer something a bit more old-fashioned.

Mortal and limited though human power and authority is, it does at best, attempt to live out the values of the Gospel, and reflect something of God's priority and care.

Her majesty has I think been exemplary in this regard, as have her children and grandchildren. They mostly try to support causes which matter and which look after the weak and vulnerable. Regal authority has great potential to focus concern on the needy.

And Her Majesty has done a great deal of that, as well as supporting the established authorities that bind and protect our society.

So, we as have a great deal to give thanks for. Her Majesty The Queen becomes the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Her reign has given us stability, joy, inspiration and so much more.

It is a remarkable celebration, and I believe we have been most fortunate. It is wonderful that we can be giving thanks to God for this.

So, let us get out the bunting and go to town, to celebrate!

With my best wishes,

Richard Thomson

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

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Church Services for June 2022

Sunday	Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
1 st of Month Pentecost	5 th June	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion CW	R Thomson
		11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	R Thomson
		6.00pm	Acton Turville	No Evensong	
2 nd of Month Trinity Sunday	12 th June	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
3 rd of Month Trinity 1	19 th June	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
4 th of Month Trinity 2	26 th June	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	R Thomson
		11.00am	Leighterton	Matins	Tony King
		11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	R Thomson
		6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	R Thomson

Sunday Readings on website badmintonbenefice.com

J J's GARDENING BLOG



The daffodil leaves should have turned yellow by now and if so can be cut off and the bulbs either left in situ or lifted and planted elsewhere. Astartia flowers can be cut back after flowering and will flower again cosmos is another, so bear this in mind when you plant them and keep them within reach of the secateurs. In fact it is a good reason to dead head flowers daily as most plants will flower again if you do so.

Feed Me!

Plants in the ground need feeding regularly. Those in pots in new compost will not need feeding for six weeks as there are enough nutrients in that soil. However, there is information on the sack to guide you.

Planting Suggestions

An attractive evergreen tree is the myrtle, with small leaves and white flowers and it can be clipped. Some tall plants for the border, angelica, cirsium like a red thistle but with soft flowers, veronicastrum, thalictrum.

Flowers with open daisy style flowers are very supportive to the life of bees and butterflies as they can easily reach the pollen. Consider helleniums, rudbeckia, dahlias.

What about an area of green plants? Different leaf shapes, many shades from the darkest green through blueish and yellow tones.

Jobs for This Month

What about the garden furniture? Is it spoiling the planting by looking tired? Does it need a change of style or colour or a refresh of the cushions?

Top Tip

To mark the position of something small and special use a circle of sand. It reminds one not to be so gung ho with the hoe.

And Finally

There is a garden wall in Willesley on the lane side, with the most perfectly and attractively planted roses. Worth a visit to teach yourself a lesson in how to prune....

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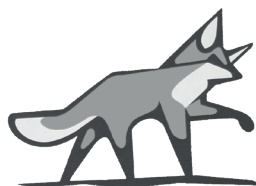


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And Finally...

We finish with more pictures from Badminton 2022. Let's hope Jane Tuckwell and her team get some well-deserved time to relax before starting on plans for the 2023 event!

Clockwise from left:

Lisa Horton from Bristol perfectly captures overall champion Laura Collett's joy after her winning performance in the show jumping.

"Why do people insist on photographing me when I'm eating?"

Time to relax time in front the House.

Wide angle view of the lake on cross-country day.

Four faults at the water jump.

