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"We've been spotted. Act natural." Sheep on the Badminton Estate. Picture by Mike Bird, Badminton



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OF ACTON TURVILLE, BADMINTON AND LITTLE BADMINTON

EDITORIAL NOVEMBER 2020

One of the resolutions I made when lockdown began back in March was to do a better job of keeping in touch with friends and family. Emails were exchanged, phone calls were made, stories were swapped and conversations invariably ended with a promise to “do this again soon”. It was genuinely good to catch up with people and find out what was going on, but as so often happens my initial positive intentions soon fell by the wayside and the follow-up calls, like Tracey Emin’s infamous bed, remained unmade. In my defence I do find face -to-face contact much easier, probably because communication is always much more than just the spoken word: you can’t beat looking someone in the eye to spot those tell-tale signs which suggest that what you’ve just been told is a tissue of lies which can safely be filed away under “Fiction”. I’ve therefore welcomed the opportunity to get back into the office recently to meet up with colleagues who in many cases I’d not seen for over six months. Communication instantly became easier, but I also realised the importance of having people around – it’s that social interaction which provides reassurance and support when maybe things aren’t going well, or acts as a sounding board when you’re trying to make sense of the latest missive from head office. Modern technology provides us with some magical ways to communicate, but in my experience none of it comes close to the real thing.

I was saddened to hear that one of my work colleagues had lost his father during lockdown, meaning he now had the unenviable task of clearing his father’s house. I don’t know how old his father was, but he was clearly of the post-war “make do and mend” generation. His garden workshop was filled with components from every household appliance which he’d diligently dismantled when they came to the end of their natural life. Apparently his storage system primarily employed margarine tubs and jam jars. These were carefully labelled with their contents: valves, springs, fibre washers, brass screws, all items which I suspect were in short supply in 1950s Britain. In the shed my colleague found a collection of lawnmowers, all exhibiting some form of terminal failure which meant they could no longer perform their primary tasks, each waiting in vain for the day when they would be repaired and returned to action. However, this wasn’t a simple case of hoarding. His father had spent his life repairing anything and everything that broke down or wore out. Shoes would be re-soled, washing machines repaired, and garden shears skilfully sharpened using a grinding stone when they became blunt. He didn’t just do it because he enjoyed it, he did it because he came from a generation for which there was no alternative: it was fix it or do without. I’m sure he never envisaged the sort of disposable age we live in now.

I asked my colleague what he’d done with the collection his late father had built up over so many years. As a lot of it was electronics, he endeavoured to find a local “radio club”. I remember we had one at work in the eighties – a hut where men (and it was only men) would congregate at lunchtime to repair televisions and radios, or build custom radio transmitters which they’d use to communicate with people across the globe. As far as he could make out, the last radio club in Thornbury made its final broadcast and signed off 30 years ago. The valves, capacitors, fibre washers and brass screws, along with the lawnmowers, went to the tip.

Which is a shame because I’m sure I could have done something with those lawnmowers.....

Until the next time

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Mike Bird - £20

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Please note that, due to COVID restrictions, there will be no British Legion Parade this year. There will however be a Service of Remembrance on the 8th November at 11.00 hours at Badminton church. A maximum of 100 people will be allowed into the church for the service. Regrettably it will not be possible to gather for teas and coffee afterwards.

For further information, please contact Alastair Gilbert on 01454 218314.

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Did you know Local Talk Back is now just a click away?

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Random Ramblings



Back in the summer you might recall we asked if any of our readers could explain the story behind the defaced marker stone that stands adjacent to the railway bridge in Acton Turville. We received several responses which suggested the stone was defaced during the war, thereby making it difficult for any invading forces to pinpoint their precise location. We've since been contacted by Mrs Jean Barrett, formerly Jean Collins. Jean now lives in Clevedon but moved to Acton Turville in 1936, living here as a child throughout the war. Jean remembers the stone being taken down, along with the signs from Badminton Railway Station which would also have helped enemy troops find their bearings. However, Jean recalls the writing on the stone saying "100 Miles to Hyde Park Corner". Close examination of the stone suggests it probably gives the distance to London, Chippenham and Badminton. We've seen signs referring to Hyde Park Corner in nearby villages but was there also one in Acton Turville? We'd love to know. Many thanks to Jean for taking the trouble to get in touch with Local Talk Back.

I always enjoy driving through Hinnegar Woods. Whichever way you approach it there's always something to see, whether it's the headlights reflecting off the eyes of mysterious animals deep in the woods, or the spectacular displays of bluebells in summer. Explore on foot and even more is revealed. However, I'm intrigued by the carefully clipped hedges, seemingly dotted at random on the road that heads up towards Didmarton. Someone clearly goes to a lot of effort to create a very pleasing effect in what is otherwise a wild woodland. Please get in touch if you know the story behind this creative clipping, we'd love to find out more.



The Country Girls Remember

Who could ever have expected such a situation – a ban on all flights throughout Britain and northern Europe. No, not because of the Coronavirus but because of a volcano. This is how Local Talk Back reported the 2010 event.

A ban on all flights throughout Britain and northern Europe for six days due to the ash cloud was caused when a volcano in Iceland erupted. Tens of thousands of people have been stranded abroad and had to come up with unique ways and long journeys to get home. We hope this didn't happen to too many of you. There were side effects to this, one being perfectly clear quiet skies, a bonus to those who live near airports. Some children under the flight path of one of the London airports could at last go outside to play. But other thoughts were aired. If this goes on for too long how much of the goods and food we rely on has to come in by plane from abroad. Can we be self-sufficient or do we rely too much on foreign foods? It was a surprise to read of how many of the pharmaceutical products are flown in – those companies were said to be the worst affected by the flight ban because they are heavily reliant on imports. A worry for those on special medicines. During the first two days that the flights resumed the skies over Badminton had as many as fifteen vapour trails at any one time all heading towards Ireland and the US. Six days was plenty long enough. They did say that the last time that volcano erupted it was for two years. It doesn't bear thinking about!

At the time it would have been unthinkable that something could close us down for months. We know now that it can.

KATHLEEN GENTRY'S AVIATION EXPERIENCES

Kathleen Gentry had written various articles for the Talk Back about her memories of life in the villages of Badminton and Little Badminton, before being persuaded to write the editorials, which she did for many years from 1986. As this article is about her aviation experiences we need to go back to 1985. In the July 1985 Talk Back was a notice on the coming Badminton Air Day on 21st July. It stated that "The Air Day will be opened by a low fly past of a British Airways Trident and this would be part of a chartered flight from Heathrow to Bristol, the proceeds from which are going to 'Children in Need'. This is the last year the Trident will be in service with BA,"



In September 1985 she wrote about her flight on the Trident that day. Her words follow.

FAREWELL TRIDENT FLIGHT – 21st July 1985



"Mrs Marie Bird and I were fortunate in booking seats on the first of three flights organised as fund raisers for 'Children in Need' and other charities, and as a farewell to the Trident which is to be soon taken out of service.

We were taken by coach to Heathrow, where after the usual security checks, we were served Champagne and Canapes. Just before take-off we had the thrill of seeing Concorde leave. It was a beautiful sight, the familiar shape of the plane showing white against the blue sky. Then it was our turn in the Trident. A little unnerving to hear the thud of the

undercarriage coming up, but very exciting to see the ground slipping away as the plane gathered speed.

We followed the motorway for some time, passing over Windsor Castle. The countryside was lovely – all green and gold in the sunshine. We were soon flying over Chippenham then Malmesbury with its beautiful Abbey. Then we were warned that the moment we had waited for had come and there it was, Badminton House and the lake, then Slait Lodge and the airfield, with the upturned faces of the Air Day crowd. Three times, we passed over – the third time very low, and much slower. Then up and away again and over Chipping Sodbury, with its Golf Course and the huge quarry. (The Captain called it Chipping Norton!)

By now it was raining, but the ground was still very clear and we were able to see the Severn, and Avonmouth and the outskirts of Weston-Super-Mare, before turning in to land at a rainswept Lulsgate Airport.

Here we were picked up by coach again and brought back to Badminton. By now it was pouring with rain, but nothing could dampen our spirits. We had been filmed by a TV camera crew; we had a chat with Radio West DJ Johnny Walker, and had flown over our own village in a large jet plane for the first time. In fact, you could say we had enjoyed an unforgettable experience.

Mr and Mrs Jeremy Higginson are to be congratulated on the success of their venture, and many thanks to them and British Airways and their staff who gave their time, and paid for everything including fuel and landing fees, so that all money taken in fares could go to bring a little happiness to a lot of children"

Kathleen Gentry

Kathleen wrote her very first editorial for Local Talk Back in issue 124 February 1986. Writing on 21st January she said there had been a very wet, windy start to the year and that she had been waiting and hoping to see Concorde fly over on its 10th Anniversary flight.

Wasting most of the morning watching the skies she admitted she had missed it. She wrote "I have been a fan of Concorde from its beginning, and daft to feel that my day is made when I see that lovely plane fly over the village on its way to America. One of the greatest thrills of my life was watching Concorde take from Heathrow when Mrs Marie Bird and I took part in the TRIDENT flight on Badminton Air Day, which was, in itself, a most exciting time – ah well! Who knows, perhaps one day I might 'Fly Concorde' as they say. Who am I kidding? I can dream can't I?"

Concorde flew over the village at the same time every day on its way to New York, but the special anniversary flight took off to the minute exactly that the first Concorde flew ten years earlier. That must be why Kath missed it.

Kathleen Gentry's Aviation experiences cont.....

The first commercial flights of the combined fleet of Concorde – British Airways and Air France – were on January 21st 1976. Two Concorde, one British Airways and one Air France took off simultaneously on the first commercial supersonic flight with fare paying passengers.

Concorde celebrated 10 years in commercial service on January 21st 1986, having accumulated 71,000 supersonic flying hours. To celebrate the ten-year service BA attempted something never done before – to fly four aircraft from the fleet in formation for a special birthday photo. The four Concorde, in the new BA Landor Livery would fly together over the South Coast of the UK. On the 24th December 1985, high above the English countryside the four aircraft closed up into their first formation – the Diamond. They headed towards Land's End and formed their second formation, a Concorde 'Swan like' outline. In the final formation the aircraft lined up for a set of famous pictures. Two days later six of the aircraft were lined up on the ground and photographed together (the seventh was in the paint shop being put into new livery).

Kath's second editorial for the Talk Back was in March 1986 – she says “ No, I'm not the new Talk Back editor. I've been asked to write a small article of topical local interest, so I'll do my best! Last month's effort was a last minute thing and ideas were scarce, but this time John Davis gave me a ready-made topic, by taking me up in his plane to see Badminton from the air.”

(John was the Estate Farm Manager who was involved with the setting up of the magazine and in whose office the Local Talk Back was printed. He was also part of the Parachute Club who were very much involved in the organising of the Air Day.)

Kath continued: “ Mrs Luter and Debbie called for me at two o'clock on a glorious Saturday afternoon and drove me to the airfield on the Slait. Martin, my son, came too, to take a snap of his Mum boarding the plane, and was surprised and delighted when he was invited to join us on the flight. He managed to take a whole lot of photographs while we were 'up there'.”

“I had a moment of doubt as to how I would fit into the front seat beside John, with all those controls! He was too much of a gentleman to complain of the amount of elbow-room I needed – nor did he comment on the fact that the seatbelt needed a teeny bit of adjustment before I could fasten it. A voice from somewhere over my head apparently gave us a clearance and we were on our way. “

“The take off was smooth as silk, and not a bit scary, and we were soon soaring over the tree-tops. The A46 appeared with 'Dinky Toys' racing to and fro, and Hawkesbury Upton, Petty France and Bodkin Wood came into view. Worcester Lodge and the Avenue, Hollybush, Hinnegar Lodge and Swangrove House all clear in the sunshine. I was surprised to see how much Didmarton had grown.”

“The beauty and grandeur of Badminton House and the Church in its lovely tree-lined setting was quite breathtaking. The village street was deserted, apart from one or two parked cars. Then we were over the Memorial Hall and the Vicarage.”

“There was a football match in progress – brightly coloured ants on a green table-cloth. Now we followed the line of quaint tunnel shafts to old Sodbury, and I saw the sun glinting on the lakes of Doddington Park in the distance as we turned for home. We circled over the Park and Badminton again, and in no time were touching down outside the hangar. Our trip was over. It had been so exciting, I wanted someone to say as they do on TV 'Can you come back next week?' Its just as well they didn't as winter arrived during the week, and the next Saturday the weather was awfull!!!”



Kathleen Gentry's Aviation experiences continued.....

Kath got her wish to fly on Concorde in 1991 as a 75th birthday gift from her family. She told us all about it in her editorial that March.

"Well – I finally flew on Concorde. In fact, I went on two Concordes in one afternoon. True, one of them only moved ten yards there and back. On February 3rd my family hired a mini-bus to accompany me to Heathrow so that they might watch when Concorde took off with me on board.

I arrived at check-in at 10.15. My first surprise was a lovely corsage of pale yellow double freesias, presented to me by an Air Hostess when she checked my boarding pass. We were taken to the departure lounge – all blue carpets and chairs. I gratefully accepted a glass of Bucks Fizz, and enjoyed the delicious canapes laid out on a lounge buffet table.

At noon, two coaches arrived to take us to the aeroplane. As we left we were each presented with a carrier bag and a model of Concorde. Away we went across acres of tarmac, and there was the real thing, resting and waiting for us. All excitement, we climbed on board and found our seats. Mine was 3a, nearest a window and quite close to the flight deck. "Welcome to Concorde".

The Captain's gentle Scottish voice now informed us that he was about to start the engines. We would notice an increase in sound, we would move back, then taxi to the runway for our take-off. WRONG!

The engines started, we moved back – approximately 10 yards, and stopped. The Captain explained - 'Ladies and Gentlemen, there will be a small delay. There is a fault in one engine. Engineers are coming to fix it. In the meantime, please relax, and have some champagne'. We did and it was lovely. It was decided that lunch would be served, instead of waiting to be airborne first. The menu was champagne; Fresh Melon garnished with strawberries; Chicken breast glazed with honey and sesame seeds. York ham, cracked wheat salad and tomato with mustard flavoured mayonnaise; Farmhouse Leicester cheese and crackers and a selection of fine chocolates. On each tray was a cerise and white orchid. (I have pressed mine and my lovely corsage).

By now we should have been on our way back from our flight. Such a thing has never happened before. The Captain said it had been arranged for another plane to come round, and take us for our flight about 3 o'clock. What a relief when we saw it being towed towards us. It was a relief to get out of the warmth of the plane into the cold air and walk to the steps of our new 'bird'. We took off at 4 o'clock.

The take-off, when it came, was something of a shock. The Captain talked us through it, but nothing prepared me for the unseen 'hand' that seemed to push me back into my seat – hard -as we shot up through the clouds. One moment we were in the gloom of a cold February afternoon, the next, brilliant blue sky and incredibly bright sunshine. As we climbed higher, my ears 'popped' as they had never popped before. The clouds fell away below us, so thick that they looked like a huge sheepskin, I felt I could step out and walk on them.

Our journey took us West to Bristol, over Wales to the Atlantic approaches where the plane reached supersonic speed – 1350 mph. We were now 12 miles high. A long left turn around the Scilly Isles, south past the Cherbourg peninsula and then crossing the Channel Islands to return to London via the Isle of Wight and Southampton.

As dusk started to fall, we caught a brief glimpse of a wonderful setting sun and as our speed decreased and our height also, we were able to see the lights of towns and villages below us. When we touched down, we had travelled 860 miles in the 1 ½ hours. Incredible and unforgettable".

The end



10th Anniversary photo 1986



The very last Concorde landed at Filton in 2003

Sudoku

November'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 !!

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

NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the October quizzes:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



Sheep Corner

We seem to have excelled ourselves with a particularly high sheep-count this month. This is another picture from Ray Bird, taken in the 1960s and showing ewes and lambs grazing the sports field at Badminton. As Ray points out, pre-match preparations may well have involved a bucket and scoop!!!! Note the village hall in the background before the extension was added.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

This month, Local Talk Back is very pleased to have been granted permission to publish some rare pictures of the Beaufort Hunt, some dating back to the start of the last century. These pictures have been obtained by Ray Bird from an author who is currently gathering material for a book he is writing on the hunt. We'll be including further pictures in the coming months.

The author of the book would be very interested to hear from readers who have any stories of the hunt, or any additional pictures, especially from around the same period. Please contact Local Talk Back at localtalkback1975@gmail.com in the first instance and we will forward your details.



Above: Hound Van circa 1903



Right: L-R Ted Reed (Whip), Tom Newman (Huntsman) & George Castle (Whip) 1930

Picture Gallery



Back in 1995, Dora and Arthur Viner celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with a party at the Badminton Village Hall. As you can see from the picture on the left, pride of place went to the dress Dora wore on her wedding day, fifty years earlier. If you look behind the dress, you can see what appears to be a grand column and a stone wall painted with the words "War Memorial Hall". Flanking the pillars are blue and gold drapes. In fact, what you can actually see is a drop curtain which would have been rolled down in front of the stage between performances then been raised again to reveal the next act: the pillars, ribbon and drapes are all painted on the curtain. We're sure you'll agree the effect is most impressive. Sadly the curtain was destroyed in the fire which caused so much damage to the hall in 2003. Despite extensive research, to date this is the only picture which has been found of the curtain. As it shows just one corner of it, it's impossible to judge how the full curtain looked. Does anyone have a more complete picture of it? If you do, please contact us at Local Talk Back and we'll publish the picture in a future edition. We'd also be intrigued to know who so expertly painted the curtain and achieved such a realistic effect.

These rather handsome chaps are Indian Runner Ducks. They were snapped by Ray Bird from Acton Turville. Ray was on a photography trip to West Kington, where he found the ducks enjoying life on the stream that runs through the village. Shortly after posting the picture on his Facebook page, Ray was contacted by Nicky Bush who lives in West Kington. Nicky said "we bought the eggs on ebay during lockdown, turned them five times a day and miraculously they hatched. They have been named Eggs, Geoff, Dudley and Doris (albeit the latter is a boy)." Not unsurprisingly, they now have quite a fan club.

Runner ducks stand very erect, like penguins, which means they run rather than waddle as most ducks do. The bill also blends into the head, giving them a very sleek appearance.

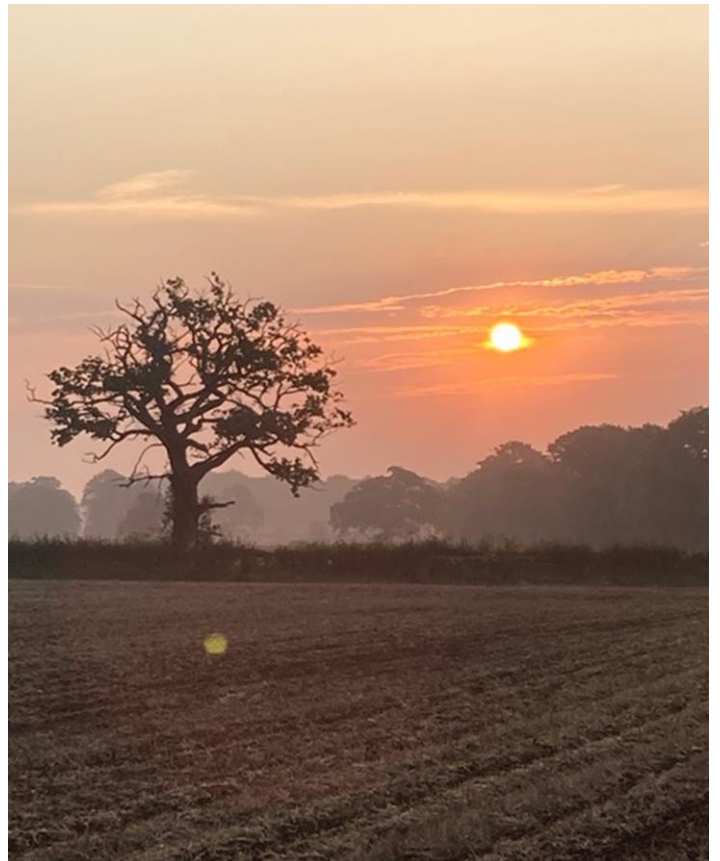
Thanks to Ray for sending in the pictures.



Indian Runner Ducks, West Kington, Wiltshire 2020

Ray Bird Photography

Picture Gallery



We've got Claire Broomsgrove and Mike Bird to thank for this month's pictures. Claire's pictures (above and left) are taken as the day is dawning and she's out walking her dog. Mike's picture below is at the other end of the day when the sun is setting over his flock, bathing them in rich, warm colours.

Thanks to Claire and Mike for sending in their pictures, we hope you like them as much as we do.



Church Matters

November 2020 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Parishioners,

As we move towards winter it is quite a thought to think that this month is the equivalent to the month of May in relation to the Solstice. The lowest point of the sun in the sky is December 21st/22nd. And in the summer is around the same time in the month of June. And yet, we know that that is just the beginning of the cold and hot periods in our climate. So whilst the cold is just getting going, the sun is beginning its long climb back up the sky. This thought always fills me with a sense of optimism in the middle of January! Of course keeping a few hens makes one very aware of the amount of light in the day, as egg production goes up in line with the light!

Not only the amount of light, but the story of the birth and key events of the life of Our Lord also gets going. Christmas, then Epiphany Jan 6th, Candlemas Feb 2nd, then lent Holy Week and Easter. By the time we get to Easter, we are really beginning to see daffodils everywhere and the Spring is here. Marking time is part of the joy of the Christian year, and remembering that secular time is transient and passing, whilst eternal time is forever here and now. For the presence of the Lord is now and for all time. God is omnipresent, meaning He is present at all times and in all places.

May we enter this winter knowing that Spring is on its way, and that we are eternally in God's 'now'.

Let us rejoice and be glad in the seasons.

With my best wishes

Richard

Rev Richard Thomson

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ACTON TURVILLE

100 Club

WINNERS FOR OCTOBER 2020

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Alexander Hope

Mrs M K Mullens

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Church Matters cont'd

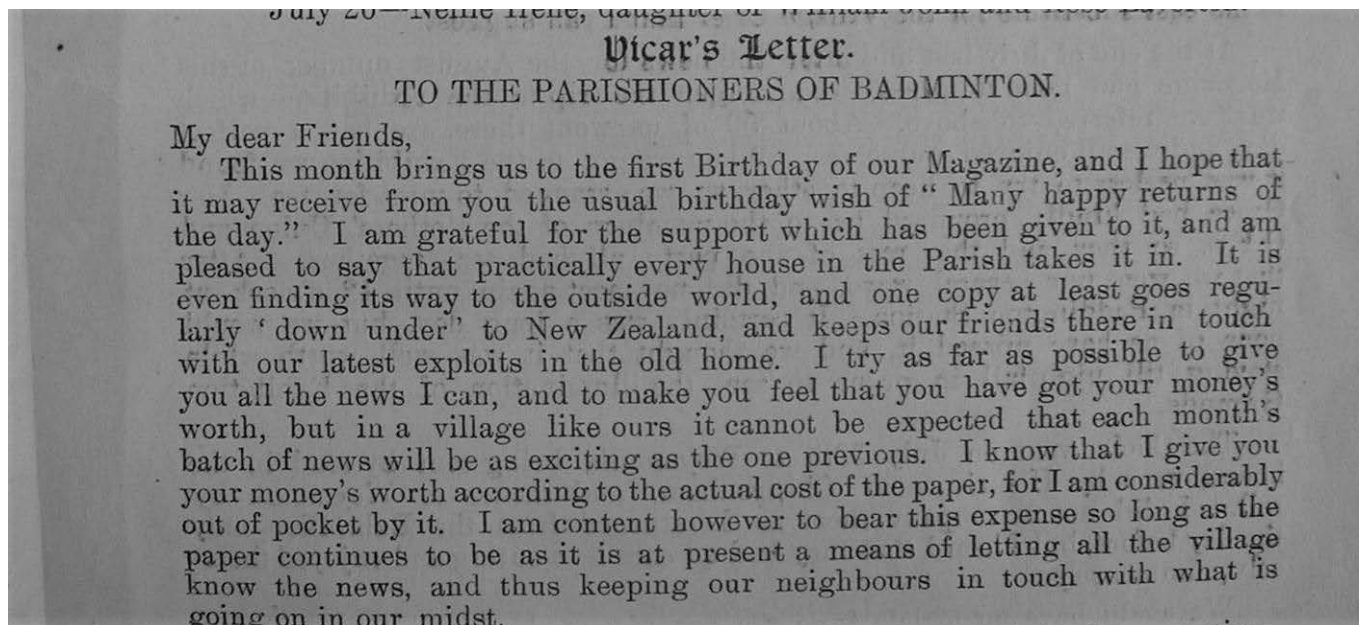
Badminton Benefice Rota for November 2020

Sunday	Date	Time	Parish	Service
All Saints Day	1 st November	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Holy Communion CW
		11.15am	Didmarton	Remembrance Matins
		3.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong
3rd before Advent	8 th November	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP
		9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion BCP
		9.30am	Sopworth	Act of remembrance
		10.50am	Great Badminton	Remembrance Service
2nd before Advent	15 th November	9.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Morning Prayer
		3.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong
Christ the King	22 nd November	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion CW
		11.15am	Badminton	Matins with HC
		5.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong
Advent Sunday	29 th November	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP
		11.15am	Didmarton	Matins
		5.00pm	Hawkesbury	Advent service

WEEKDAYS				
All Souls service	2 nd November	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	All souls service lay led
All Souls (Nov 2nd)	4 th November	9.30am	Hawkesbury	HC RT
	11 th November	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Matins
	11 th November	7.00pm	Hawkesbury	Festival of Remembrance lay led
	18 th November	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Matins
	25 th November	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Matins
St Andrew (Nov 30 th)	2 nd December	9.30am	Hawkesbury	HC RT

From the Archives

An extract from the vicar's letter from 1908 one year after he had started the original parish newsletter.



ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

No physical meetings held at present

*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.*

October 2020

Playing Field

Annual maintenance of both the playing field and its boundary will be taking place shortly, this will involve trimming of hedges, brambles and a general Autumn 'tidy up.'

There are also plans to remove the diseased Ash Tree in the corner of the playing field at the rear of the Tennis Court. It is hoped all the work scheduled will be completed over the next few weeks.

Dog Fouling

Dog Fouling has increased in the village over recent weeks. In particular Littleton Drew Road, The Street and Badminton Road. It is extremely unpleasant, especially for children walking to school. We would ask Dog owners to please pick up after your dog.

Speeding in the Village

The Police ANPR Van has been in the area in response to numerous complaints about speeding in the village. The speed limit is there for a reason, to keep everyone safe.

Meetings

Telephone conference meetings will continue until we are permitted to resume normal meetings. To report any issues or forward questions to the Council, please contact the Clerk.

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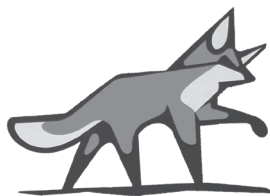
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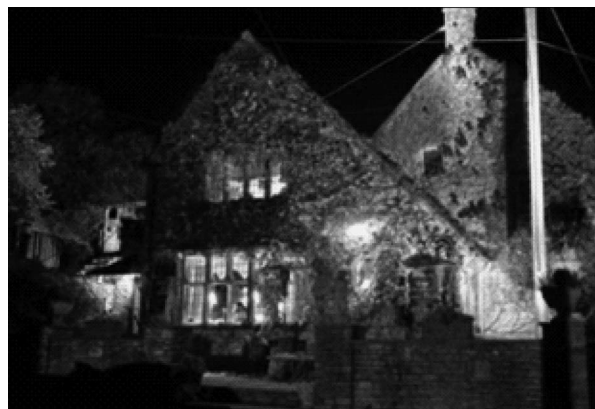


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We all remember in our own way
The lives lost in the terrible wars
That seem to many to have no cause
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A life cut short, unfulfilled
To save us all, so many killed

We may not have known a single one
But each husband, brother, son
Belonged somewhere in someone's life
And may have left a mother, daughter, wife
To a life of grief beyond despair
To carry a burden so hard to bear
We must now take up their cause
As in the silence we all pause

So many unknown soldiers remembered today
As in the wind the poppies sway
Their bright red petals reach into our hearts
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