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CHILLING OUT ON A TRAFFIC ISLAND IN ACTON TURVILLE.

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OF ACTON TURVILLE, BADMINTON AND LITTLE BADMINTON

# EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 2022

It's been hot hasn't it? Like many people I suspect, I spend the majority of the winter months looking forward to summer, but in recent years the much-anticipated traditional summer weather has passed us by and I've found myself heading back into winter feeling decidedly short-changed. A fairly standard pattern has emerged – a warm spell early in the year around the end of March/beginning of April gets our hopes up, but that's followed by several months of patchy weather with a decidedly chilly breeze which never really goes away, making sitting outdoors less fun than it should be. When the warm weather does arrive, temperatures skyrocket to record levels and we all say how we can't take much more of it. We needn't worry because within a matter of days the cold winds return, the temperatures plummet and we are left wondering what to do with all the barbeque food that is now cluttering up the fridge. By the time the weather perks up, the kids have gone back to school and it's getting dark by 7 o'clock, so pleasant evenings sat in the garden tend feature multiple layers of clothing and a nice warm cup of cocoa rather than a sunhat and a pitcher of Pimms.

This year has been different. The land is parched and the papers are full of comparisons with the summer of '76. I can remember that glorious summer when the heatwave went on for months and months (in fact it doesn't seem that long ago), but then again, when I look back, weren't all summers like that? Maybe it's a trick of the mind, but my childhood memories of summer invariably feature wall-to-wall sunshine. We played cricket matches in the local park for days on end, then came home and tuned into BBC2 to watch yet more cricket, broadcast live from somewhere which looked like an African savannah but was probably on the outskirts of Leeds. The only time we weren't playing cricket was when the family holiday stopped play. Holidays were invariably taken in the UK in those days, and I have vivid memories of my father's Ford Cortina being loaded up with the whole family, a good proportion of the family's worldly possessions and enough sandwiches to feed an army before setting off for the coast. What didn't go inside the car would be strapped rather precariously to the roofrack, just to ensure the car well and truly exceeded its safe maximum load limit. The journey was always unbearably hot, and the closest we got to air conditioning was opening all the windows. The journey was also long as in those days we didn't have the network of motorways and by-passes that we have today. On the plus side we did get to see some lovely historic towns and villages, but by that stage of the journey, after being wedged between my sisters and brother for four hours and being offered a never-ending supply of pungent egg sandwiches by my mother, the last thing I needed was my father pointing out the fine features of the Norman gatehouse we'd been trying to negotiate for the past hour. All those trials and tribulations would be forgotten the moment we caught our first glimpse of the sea, and we'd look forward to a happy fortnight spent playing in the sand, exploring the rockpools and finishing off the egg sandwiches. I can't remember one holiday that didn't feature non-stop sunshine.

This summer has been something of a revelation then. The barbeque has seen more use in the last three months than it did in the previous ten years, and we've used the patio furniture enough to realise just how uncomfortable the seats are. Something that hasn't been seeing much action is the lawn mower. I last cut the grass in June and the only signs of growth I can detect (in fact the only signs of life I can detect) are where we spilt the Pimms. I might try adding a few drops to the watering can in future to perk up the rest of the garden. We've also been able to plan day trips, safe in the knowledge that the weather would remain hot and sunny for the duration. Of course there was only one destination – we headed to the coast. Trips to Weymouth, Ilfracombe and further on down to Cornwall reminded me just what a lovely country we live in, and there was that same sense of excitement when we first caught sight of the sea. We spent many hours just walking along the seafront or investigating the towns and villages dotted along the coast which looked so tranquil bathed in warm sunshine. It was just like the summers I remembered.

We gave the egg sandwiches a miss though.

Until the next time

*IAN CARTER*

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THANK YOU.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

#### **September**

|                                            |                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Firework Competition, The Slaits, Badminton                  |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>                        | Badminton House Open Gardens                                 |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>                       | Ride+Stride for Churches                                     |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>                       | Didmarton Boules Tournament                                  |
| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>                       | Badminton Benefice Tea Party, Village Hall, Badminton, 4-6pm |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club                                   |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>                       | Didmarton Rural Cinema – Downton Abbey: A New Era            |
| 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**

|                      |                                                       |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Market, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville, 4-8pm |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|

**\*\*\*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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### **Thank You and Good Luck!**

All of us here at Local Talk Back were sorry to hear that the Hawkesbury Farm Shop would be closing in June because its owners, Karen and Drew were relocating to Wales to embark on a fresh challenge. Since it opened in 2010 the farm shop deservedly earned itself a fine reputation, not just for the superb quality of the produce on offer, but also the cheery and friendly welcome that awaited all of its customers. We're going to miss those visits to the shop, but would like to offer Karen and Drew our very best wishes for the future.

*Interesting fact – see those pencil drawings that appear on the cover of Talk Back every month? Well, Karen drew those! Clearly a lady of many talents.*

### **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>**

Fox & Hounds car park

4:00pm to 8.00pm

To book a stall please contact

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

**100 Club**

**WINNERS FOR AUGUST 2022**

Roger Orton  
Arthur Haddrell  
Mary Mullens

***Congratulations!***

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## In Memoriam

Anita Maria White (Nee Pinnell) 1947 – 2022



Anita was born to Bill and Mary Pinnell on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1947. She spent her formative years growing up in Badminton, taking part in the Church Choir and helping with the Brownie Pack. Her early home along with parents and sister Nicolette was in the Badminton House Gate House near the church drive (see below). The living accommodation was in the little cottage on one side of the gate and to get to the sleeping accommodation you had to go outside and across to the cottage on the other side. They later moved into the Hight Street.

The Church was the centre of family activities as her father, Bill, was the church organist. Her younger sister and brother, Nicolette and William were also in the choir before they started school. Anita became the Sunday School teacher, a Brown Owl and a school prefect and house captain.

Anita's first job was in the Badminton Estate Office but she soon progressed to the typing pool at Parnells in Yate and later became a shorthand expert working in the Personnel department at Linolite in Malmesbury.

Anita married Ken White in July 1967. They had three children: Madeline, Alison and David, also four grandchildren and one great grandchild. While the children were young Anita worked nights as an Auxiliary nurse at Frenchay hospital, later had several jobs in sales and then invested in her own Hair and Beauty salon in Hanham.

Anita sadly passed away in June, just one month before their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. On behalf of the Talk Back readers who knew Anita and her family, we pass on Condolences to her husband Ken, Madeline, Alison, David and families.

### *The Badminton House Gate House*

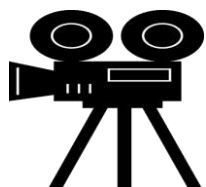


*Ray Bird Photography*

In 1948 Bill and Mary Pinnell lived in the lodge by Badminton Church gates. Their home was split into two, one part either side of the gate. The small windows either side of the gate in the photograph are part of the same home. The living rooms were on one side of the drive and the bedrooms were in a separate lodge on the other side of the gate. They had to go outside and across the drive in all weathers to go to bed.

When Prince Charles was born (at night) Butler Leslie Vacher knocked on Bill's door to tell him that a new heir to the throne had been born, and together they went to the Church to ring the bell to welcome the new prince.

## WHAT'S ON



### DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA

(2022, Cert PG) – Drama

Starring: Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery, Maggie Smith

Director: Simon Curtis

The original principal cast have returned for the second film along with new additions Hugh Dancy, Laura Haddock, Nathalie Baye and Dominic West...

**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 ensure that sufficient seating is available*

[jennybody@btconnect.com](mailto:jennybody@btconnect.com)

### Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

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.*

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### Ride + Stride For Churches

**Saturday 10th September**

*Ride + Stride Day provides an exceptional opportunity to discover the rich heritage of the beautiful churches and chapels around our local area, and at the same time raise much-needed funds for their maintenance and upkeep*

*Travel by bike, foot, horse, or whatever way takes your fancy.*

*Plan your own route or why not join the group of us leaving from St Arild's, Oldbury-on-the-Hill, Didmarton, at 10:15am?*

*All money collected will 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 or scan the QR code for the Badminton Benefice Justgiving page in last month's Talk Back.*

### ACTON TURVILLE SOCIAL

#### *Italian Night at the Fox & Hounds*

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm

Pasta and a glass of wine

£14.00 per head

Vegetarian option available

Tickets from

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Visit: South Gloucestershire Council One Stop Shop in Kingswood, Yate or Patchway, see [www.southglos.gov.uk/contactus](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/contactus) for details or call the number above.

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## LIONS TO UKRAINE – FURTHER UPDATE



Earlier in the summer, Local Talk Back reported on a coach trip, organised by Lions Club member and Acton Turville resident Ian Gott, to provide direct aid to Ukrainian families caught up in the war with Russia. It involved taking a coach filled with supplies from the UK to Poland, then returning with families registered under the Homes for Ukraine scheme who would be rehomed at various locations around the UK. An article describing the journey was published in a recent issue of the Lions Club "Lion" magazine, and we are delighted to have been given permission to reprint extracts below.

After weeks of planning and preparation, everything came together, and the "impossible" mission became a reality. Lions Club members Ian Gott and Jessica Eastland were on board a coach, generously provided by Turners Coachways of Bristol, for a 1200-mile journey to Poland. As well as drivers Piotr and Owain, they were joined by members of the "Coventry Supporting Ukraine" group who were delivering children's backpacks to displaced families in Poland. Two long days later, the coach reached a warehouse in Krakow from where its vital supplies could be transported to Ukraine for distribution to those most in need of it.

Mission Possible Part 1 - Complete.

Mission Possible, Part 2, The Return Journey.

This leg was only possible thanks to incredible support from volunteers through several Facebook groups. A special thanks goes to Sally who travelled from Warsaw to Krakow with a mini-bus. She made two separate journeys through the night to bring Ukrainian families to the hotel.

The following morning, Jessica Eastland and Ian Gott assisted 41 Ukrainian passengers and a returning volunteer aid worker onto the coach with their luggage. Passport and visas checked – ready to depart. At the overnight stop in Dortmund, Germany, they were met by the

UK hosts of one of the passengers. Being heavily pregnant and accompanied by two children, they were travelling the rest of the way by car, for fear of an early labour. A custom's stop in Germany caused a lengthy delay meaning it was after midnight when the coach arrived at the hotel. A quick detour to McDonalds was unanimously agreed as a welcome treat.

Mission Possible, Day 4. Calais in sight. Despite slow progress through customs, everyone boarded the ferry with a sigh of relief. Back in England, some families were met at Dover train station for onward travel before the rest made the final

leg of the journey back to Yate, where they arrived at 11pm. Sponsors and members of the Wotton under Edge Lions provided overnight accommodation to the Ukrainian families who the following morning would be taking the train to Edinburgh. Mission accomplished.

We'll leave the last word to Ian Gott: "Seeing how happy everyone was to

be safely in the UK makes all the effort worthwhile."

Local Talk Back congratulates Ian, Jessica, the Lions Club, Turner Coachways and all those involved in making this fantastic effort such a huge success.

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*"We didn't want to say goodbye. The bus became a home for us, it was so good and safe, thanks to you. We thank you all the time for your great work."*

*"Aw, thanks for helping me. You are our guardian angels. Thank you for your kind hearts."*

*These are Just some of the messages received from the Ukrainian Families*



# J J'S GARDENING BLOG



Now is a good time to summer prune roses and fruit trees. Stand back and take a look at the overall shape. Some shoots will be making a break for freedom. As well as shortening the new shoots, prune to a leaf which is growing in the direction you wish. When you can, continue watering and feeding. Water first and feed afterwards. Summer pruning restricts growth; winter pruning promotes growth.

## ***Tend to your Euphorbias***

If your Euphorbias have produced masses of stems this season, wearing gloves, remove many of them, so that the plant grows fewer but bigger blooms, which is much more of a show.

## ***Planting Up Pots***

If you have anything in a pot to plant out, make the hole generous, add some bone meal mixed into the filling soil, set the plant at the same level as it was in the pot and water generously. Generally, water in the cool of the morning or sundown. I prefer the latter because the air is cooling down and therefore there should be less evaporation. Also aim the water at soil level, not at the leaves which will scorch, and not with sprinklers which are so water wasteful.

## ***Days Out***

If you are ready for an outing and want to see what all this prairie planting is about, go to the American Museum, just outside Bath. I'm sure if you want to give it a go at home a similar look could be achieved with shorter grasses and long flowering herbaceous in swathes. A downside is it uses a LOT of the same of each plant.

## ***Jobs for This Month***

Gather and hang up to dry seed heads like Love in a Mist etc to use in the winter.

## ***And Finally***

If you have added a touch of orange to your border, are you enjoying it?  
What about getting a Dierama? Lovely plants.

## **Sudoku**

September'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 | 9 |   | 5 |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   | 7 | 6 |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 2 |   |   | 4 | 7 |   |   |   |
| 8 |   |   | 3 |   | 2 | 7 |   |   |
| 2 |   | 3 |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |
|   |   | 5 |   |   | 8 |   | 2 | 4 |
|   |   | 6 | 1 | 8 |   |   | 4 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |   | 7 |
|   |   |   |   | 3 | 4 |   |   | 5 |

### **NOT SO EASY !!**

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

Answers to the August puzzles:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



## From The Archives

We always enjoy receiving old photographs from readers here at Talk Back. People often tell us about the boxes and boxes of photographs they have which just need sorting, and promise to send us a selection as soon as that happens, but I know from personal experience how life invariably gets in the way and those boxes get put back in the loft unsorted. We were therefore delighted to receive these two pictures from Maureen Goldstone.

Maureen believes the pictures date back to the early fifties and were taken at an event at the Memorial Hall in Badminton. If that's the case, was the event part of the Queen's Coronation celebrations? An alternative suggestion is it may have something to do with cricket or football as some of the people in the pictures are from nearby Nettleton. Does that sound plausible? We don't know – can anyone help? We're grateful to Maureen and Ray Bird for identifying a lot of the people in the photos, but if you think you can fill in any of the blanks, please get in touch. Oh, and if you have any similar pictures, we'd love to see them!



*Left: We think the lady standing against the wall might be Jane Clarke, and the gentleman with the broad grin sitting in front of her is Mr Hunt. To his left is his wife (who clearly didn't get the joke), then we have Mabel Clarke and Jean Hicks. We're not sure about the rest of the row – is that Jean's sister Diana sitting next to her? Moving forward one row, the gentleman on the end is Arthur Viner. Next to him is Tom Clarke, then Betty Fritters and Ron Hammond. Again we're struggling with the names of the first three on the next row, but after that it looks like Rob and June Salt then we think Mr and Mrs Mayhead.*

*Right: Starting at the back, the lady in the floral dress is Edith Nettles. On the row in front of Edith we have, from the right, Bernard Salt, Hettie Salt and Eric Evans, and on the far right of the next row that's Fred Clark. Moving forward another row, again from the right, we can't identify the first three gentlemen but after that it's Fred Gingell, Francis Bird, Bill Beamson and Dick Rich. The name of the next gent escapes us, but then the row continues with Fred Witchard, Len Woodfield and (John?) Woodfield, with Peggy Davis and her father seated at the end of that row. The row closest to the camera is of course where the previous picture signs off.*





## AVEBURY MANOR – NATIONAL TRUST



A very interesting house to visit is the 16<sup>th</sup> century Avebury Manor, alongside the Avebury Stone Circle. It is grade 1 listed and was bought by the National Trust in 1991.

In 2011 the 500 year old Manor became the subject of the BBC One TV series 'The Manor Reborn'. Some of the rooms were refurbished by the BBC with a team of historians, experts and volunteers working alongside the National Trust. The 4-part series was presented by Penelope Keith and former antiques trader Paul Martin.



Each room is furnished in a different style to reflect the times in which people lived there, covering the eras from the Tudor period to 20<sup>th</sup> century 1930's. Some of the furniture and objects were recreated by modern day Master Craftsmen and others are genuine antiques that have been restored. Visitors are encouraged to touch and experience the furnishings and objects in the rooms and can even sit on the chairs or lay on the beds, unlike in most other National Trust properties.

The Tudor dining room was created with hand-crafted oak furniture but the Georgian dining room is the most impressive, absolutely stunning. The colourful wallpaper was hand painted in China and is covered with pictures and various scenes, including some images of Avebury. For the programme Paul Martin travelled to China to see the making of the exotic wallpaper. The carpet was purpose made for the room and again is very colourful and beautifully patterned.







The kitchen is styled as Edwardian with a large range and a dresser. Many utensils are laid out as if they have just been used.

There is a Queen Anne bedroom complete with four-poster and drapes and a billiard room created out of a service room by the Jenner family when they lived there. Of course, all furnishings today are from the BBC renovations.



The 1930's parlour is set out in a design that Alexander Keiller may have had when he lived there in the 30's. Keiller, heir to a marmalade business, was an archaeologist who worked on the Avebury prehistoric site. Bit by bit he bought up the land on which Avebury sits until he owned it all. He began looking for the missing stones and erecting those that he found buried. In his extensive digs he uncovered many artifacts which are on show in the Alexander Keiller Museum on the Avebury Manor site. It is the most important prehistoric archaeological collection in Britain. In 1943 Keiller sold the land at Avebury to the National Trust for its agricultural value only. In 1955 he sold the house, and after various families living there the National Trust bought it in 1991.



There is also an extensive garden arranged in a series of rooms, each with a different character. There are kitchen, topiary, church, half moon, orchard and monks gardens , South Lawn and Lions Walk.

There is so much to see at Avebury and our arrival in the afternoon meant we missed the gardens. They close at 4pm, hoping to get everyone out by 5.

*Yvonne Nettles*



# Church Matters

## August 2022 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

I write in the middle of the heatwave which has left the fields tinder dry, as they say. It is hard not to be aware of global warming and the real possibility to the future of the human race as well as many other species, if the planet becomes uninhabitable.

The danger that we all know about is Carbon emissions, but I am told that **methane** is at least if not more dangerous, as it is much more powerful in its greenhouse effect than Carbon dioxide. Now I am not a scientist, so forgive me if I have my chemistry wrong.

If this is correct, then it is obviously a bit worrying as the arctic ice covers huge areas of trapped methane from forests long ago covered over. Will my paltry efforts to ride my bike and recycle waste make the slightest difference when methane is escaping at an industrial rate, as the polar ice retreats and exposes all that methane?

It could all happen very quickly and I just hope and pray that governments realise that if they do not sort this out, it does not really matter very much what sort of politics we have, or how much money the economy has, or anything like that, for the simple reason that we won't be able to physically survive!

God I believe, created this amazing world. And we are given the special role of looking after it. Genesis 1.28. Christians everywhere are reflecting on this, as they did at the Lambeth Conference, which saw Bishops from around the globe come together in Canterbury, to discuss and pray together. It is our duty as Christians, to consider carefully the issue of global warning, and to take the action we think is right.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Rev Richard Thomson

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## Church Services for September 2022

| Date                       | Time    | Parish           | Service                 | Minister    |
|----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September  | 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     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> September | 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   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> September | 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   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> September | 9.30am  | Lasborough       | Holy Communion BCP      | R Thomson   |
|                            | 11.15am | Little Badminton | Matins                  | R Thomson   |
|                            | 6.00pm  | Hawkesbury       | Evensong                | R Thomson   |

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# **ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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*Thank you.*

AUGUST 2022

## Playing Field

We would still like a few more 'mowers & strimmers' to join the team for the remainder of the summer. If you are interested, please contact a Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

Parishioners are reminded that the equipment in the play area is designed to be used by small children. A number of items, in particular the swings, have been repeatedly damaged due to use by older children and teenagers. This places an excessive strain on the equipment, with the resultant cost of repairing or replacing the damaged items being borne by the Parish Council. As funds are limited, there is a risk that future damage may potentially mean that play equipment has to be removed.

## Use of the Playing Field

Following changes in policy and safety guidelines, as from 1 September, any groups wishing to use the playing field for organised events such as social gatherings or similar will be asked to complete a basic Permission Form. Use as you know is free, but the change is to comply with the latest insurance and safeguarding procedures. The form can be obtained by contacting the Clerk via the details below. Thank you.

## Badminton Estate Planning - Update

On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Adrian Rush (South Glos District Councillor) has asked South Glos planners for an update on the planning application submitted by the Badminton Estate to build a number of new homes in Acton Turville. In response, South Glos Council have advised that the planning process remains ongoing but they hope to conclude their review and be in a position to determine this application in the relatively near future. They are unable to provide a timescale at this point, as there are still matters to be agreed with the applicant. In addition, the officers' reports need to be completed for both Full planning as well as Listed Buildings consent. It is hoped the application will be progressed towards determination within the next 2-3 months.

## Parish Councillors:

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

Next Meeting: Monday 12 September 2022 @ 7 pm. Venue: St Mary's Church, Acton Turville.  
Details on Website & Parish Notice Board

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## BADMINTON ESTATE

### Forthcoming events at the Badminton Estate

#### SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER.

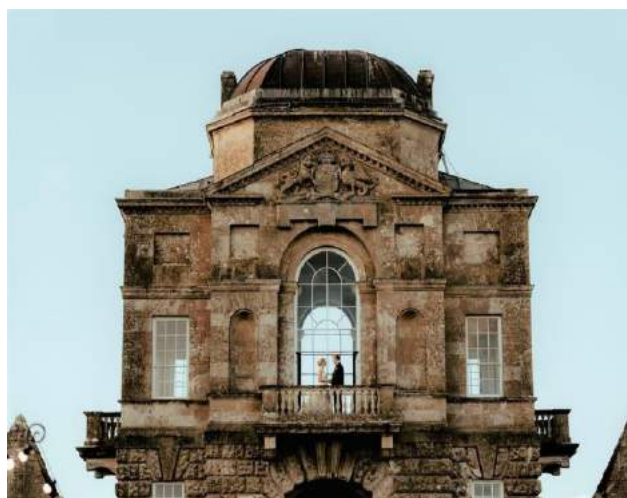


One of our favourite events of 2021 was the Fireworks Championships held on the airfield at Badminton. Well there's good news – the fireworks are back at Badminton on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Gates open at 4pm with the first fireworks scheduled for 8:45pm. The event sees three teams competing with each other to put on the best display, with the winners decided by the spectators: the firework displays are due to finish at 10.05pm.

***Please spread the word to any pet owners whose animals may be affected by the fireworks.***

#### SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

The gardens at Badminton have been fantastic this year and we enjoyed seeing how they'd come on between our visits in April and June. The weather has presented both challenges and opportunities for gardeners just recently so we're looking forward to find how the team at Badminton coped with the conditions when we make our final visit of the year on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. Apparently the Dahlias are superb but we must admit we're continually drawn to the immaculately clipped hedges. How do they get them to look so perfect? As usual there will be stalls offering plants and refreshments (I wonder if those amazing cakes will be there again?), and cream teas will be served from the Old Hall.



#### SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Worcester Lodge is the building you see set back from the A46, just before you reach Didmarton. Designed by William Kent in 1746, the Lodge sits at the head of a three-mile avenue of trees which stretch all the way to Badminton House. From the lodge, the views of the park and Badminton House itself are spectacular, making it the perfect venue for a very special wedding. On the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September, Wedding Showcase are inviting couples looking to get married next year to see just what a wonderful venue Worcester Lodge makes for that special day. The showcase is open 10am-3pm. Please book to register your attendance.

For full details of all these and future events on the Badminton Estate, make sure you visit [www.badmintonestate.com/events](http://www.badmintonestate.com/events)