# Local Talk Back

#### DECEMBER 2020



A Festive Robin. Picture by Ray Bird



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

# EDITORIAL DECEMBER 2020

Do you like this month's cover? When Ray Bird first suggested we use a picture of a Christmas Robin I must admit I had my reservations. Like a lot of people I suspect, I've struggled to get into the festive mood. When I've asked people if they're ready for Christmas they've invariably given the same response – it just doesn't feel like Christmas. In fact I was all prepared to let Christmas 2020 pass me by, to get it over with as quickly as possible and instead start looking to the future when life will begin to return to some sort of normality. Then I noticed that a couple of houses had switched on their Christmas lights. The colourful bulbs sparkled in the gloom, and suddenly we were no longer trying to fight our way through a long, dreary winter; instead we were in the build-up to Christmas!

It's undoubtedly going to be a different and I dare say difficult Christmas for many people this year, particularly with the restrictions on indoor gatherings and eating out. Meeting up with people has always been a core part of the Christmas tradition, and I'm reminded of my childhood when it was the one time of the year that the whole family would get together. Aunts and uncles would make the trek from far-flung parts of the country, and my father would work his magic in the kitchen, constantly emerging in a dense haze of steam to reassure us all that everything was proceeding to plan (which of course it never was). Sadly such gatherings may not be possible for some of us this year, but let's not forget what a special time Christmas is. Go overboard with the lights, and enjoy the Robin!!

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find a fascinating article by Yvonne Nettles about the Bristol aeroplane which visited the Badminton estate in 1911. I know Yvonne has been researching the article for some considerable time after first finding reference to it in the Gloucester Records Office several years ago. Although those records confirmed the date when the event took place, they provided very little additional information such as the reason for the visit and the people involved. It's taken much effort and tenacity on Yvonne's part to put together the pieces of the jigsaw, but what has emerged is a captivating glimpse of the dawn of aviation and some of the characters involved in those heroic days.

Finally, I'd like to report that I've received my first ever "Letter to the Editor". We regularly receive emails from readers commenting on articles or responding to requests for information, but this one was a proper letter! Thankfully it wasn't from a crack team of solicitors who specialise in libel and defamation of character. No, it was from our friend Dick Elford, who wished to make it clear that, despite my assertion in last month's editorial that radio clubs were a thing of the past, the hobby is in fact alive and well and amateur radio as a pastime is growing worldwide. Dick is in contact with enthusiasts across the globe "when sunspots are up and I find time" and is one of a scattering of active local operators in the Yate and Chipping Sodbury area. If others want to get involved in amateur radio, get in touch with Local Talk Back and we'll pass your details on to Dick (using conventional means).

So, that's it for another year. I'd just like to thank everyone who has helped in the production and distribution of Local Talk Back throughout this difficult year, and to the local businesses and organisations who have provided such valuable support, both to Talk Back and to our communities.

Have a great Christmas everyone, and a very Happy New Year.

Until the next time

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

The Gentry family- £20 Acton Turville Parish Council - £70

In addition, £37.02 was very generously donated in the local shop boxes.

Thank you!

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#### To the customers of The Stores, Acton Turville.

We would like to thank you for your support during the first lock down. As we write this the second one has just begun. Hopefully it will be ending soon and we can see our families and friends again.

However, for some of you in the weeks ahead you may have to self-isolate or you may be one of the vulnerable. If you find yourself in this situation, please feel free to contact us and have supplies delivered. Some may not feel comfortable out and about. If so call and place an order then just come and collect. That way you can minimise the amount of contact you have with others.

Wishing you the very best in the months ahead.

The Post Office remains in operation but please remember posting for Christmas is expected to be much higher this year due to online shopping. So wherever possible please post early.

#### Iris & Tim Penney

NN, BURTON

## A 'Military' Bristol Biplane in Badminton Park in 1911

Compiled by Yvonne Nettles

A few years ago in the Gloucester Record Office Sandra Broomsgrove and I came across a book of Badminton Parish newsletters written by the then vicar, Frederick Tower. I was able to photograph his letters which started in 1907. In his letter of May 1911 he wrote -

"I should like here to record for the sake of future generations who may some day turn over the files of the Badminton Magazine of this year, that all in the village who could, spent their Easter Monday in the Park, watching the first aeroplane which most of us had ever seen, flying around the Park and up and down the open space in front of Badminton House. Her Grace, the Marquis of Worcester, and his sisters, and others of the Badminton House party had a taste of aviation, being taken for a short flight each in the aeroplane, which was under the control of an expert French Aviator. We all longed for the time when we could have a similar experience".

Well, I turned that page and have been trying ever since to find more information on the occasion. A few months ago a chance remark to Gloria Gibson concerning the event brought forth her reply "Why don't you ask Sir George White?" Sir George being a great friend of hers and her late husband Rev Tom Gibson. I had met him briefly at Tom's funeral. His great grandfather had started the British and Colonial Aeroplane Company in Bristol at the very beginning of aviation.



The following is Sir George's reply in his own words as he tells this fascinating story.

'On April 17<sup>th</sup> 1911 M.Maurice Tabuteau, a celebrated French aviator who was employed by my great grandfather (Sir George White, 1<sup>st</sup> Bt, 1854 – 1916) to fly aeroplanes, took a "Military" Bristol Biplane, a version of the celebrated "Bristol Boxkite", to Badminton. He was accompanied by Herbert Thomas, my great grandmother's nephew, who at 18, was the youngest certified pilot in Great Britain. Vera Thomas, his widow, lived at Home Farm, Old Sodbury in the 1960's and later in the north wing of Little Sodbury Manor, as a tenant of Mark and Elizabeth Harford. The Duke and Duchess knew my great grandfather well, through various charities they were involved with in Bristol, in particular the building of the new wing of the BRI. My great grandfather was President of the Infirmary, and responsible for building and largely paying for the Edward VII Wing.'

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' The "Aero" magazine recorded the Great Badminton event, writing "The First Duchess to Fly ......The Duchess of Beaufort has set the fashion for flying as a form of entertainment at house-parties. At the invitation of the Duke and Duchess, M.Maurice Tabuteau recently visited Badminton House on a Bristol Biplane, and the Duchess, who is a keen sportswoman, was delighted with her experience".

Tabuteau described how he arrived in the park in front of the house "to stupefaction of the whole family and their guests". He said that "they all wanted to fly" and that he took the Duke, his sister, his mother and many of the guests aloft. Pasted into my grandmother's scrapbook are photographs of the Duchess (the 9<sup>th</sup> Duchess Louise), Blanche Somerset, Diana Somerset and of course "Worcester" (aged 11 and later to be the 10<sup>th</sup> Duke of Beaufort), each sitting in the Boxkite with Tabuteau, and all signed by them.



I also have letters to my grandfather from the Duchess, thanking him for sending two sets of photographs, one to keep and the other to be returned, signed. The Duchess promised that she would get them signed, "but as my boy Worcester is away at Eton and will be coming home from next Saturday, I will keep them till then so that we can all sign them at the same time".

Whenever I went to see Master in his latter years, he would open the drawer of his desk and produce the photograph of himself on the Boxkite. The event obviously made a great impression on him.'

#### Biplane in Badminton Park pg 3

'Tabuteau described how he wanted to make a dramatic exit at the end of the event, and take off from the park and fly directly over Badminton House. He did not think that he could gain sufficient height quickly enough with Herbert Thomas on board, so Herbert set off on foot and found a suitable field in which Tabuteau could land. Tabuteau then flew over the house, landed, picked Herbert up and returned to Filton. I wonder if there is a record of the field they chose? It must have caused quite a stir in the village.

I never met Herbert Thomas, because he died the year before I was born. I knew Vera Thomas well and as a child would often stay with her when my parents were away. Her house was filled with signed photographs of Queen Mary, the Queen having taken a particular liking to Herbert when she was staying at Badminton during the War.'

Sir George White Bt

A friend, Simonne Watts from Hawkesbury, sent me a photograph of her great grandfather Charles Briginshaw in a

Bristol Boxkite. The family history has shown that he was a fitter/mechanic and test pilot working at the Bristol Aeroplane Company, having previously worked for the Bristol Tramway Company owned by the same family.

A member of his family still has a propeller from one of the early planes.

This photograph was shared with Sir George White, who then gave us even more information about the Bristol Biplane/Boxkite in those early years of flight. He confirmed that Charles Briginshaw was certainly one of the first employees of his family's "British and Colonial Aeroplane Company" and that many skilled craftsmen were borrowed from the Bristol Tramway and Carriage Company, of which his great grandfather was chairman. YN

Sir George continued:

'The plan, when the British and Colonial Aeroplane Company was first opened in February 1910 was to manufacture a French aeroplane, produced by the Société Zodiac of Paris, for which the B&CAC had purchased



a licence. My grandfather and great grandfather were desperately keen to show an example at the March 1910 Aero Show at Olympia and so a kit of parts was delivered to Filton from France. C.H.Barnes, who was the Bristol Aeroplane Company's Archivist and author of "Bristol Aircraft Since 1910" wrote "This preparation was no mere formality, for it was found that the 50 h.p. four-cylinder upright Darracq engine, purchased with the biplane, had no mounting lugs or other means of attachment to the airframe, so *Charles Briginshaw*, the fitter deputed to install the engine, had to make clamps to fit around the crank-case.'



#### Biplane in Badminton Park pg 4

'After the show, the aeroplane was first taken back to Filton for fine tuning and then delivered to Brooklands in Surrey for testing. Arthur Duray the famous racing driver and pioneer pilot had been taken on to fly it, but met with an accident in Italy and was unable to come. C.H.Barnes wrote "The Zodiac arrived at Brooklands on 10 May and was forthwith erected in the "Bristol" shed by Sydney Smith [my great grandfather's nephew and the first Works Manager], and his assistants Leslie Macdonald, *Charles Briginshaw* and Henri Labouchére. From the first it proved to be very underpowered and all efforts to coax it off the ground failed. New wings with increased camber were assembled and eventually, on 28<sup>th</sup> May it made a single brief hop...." It was quickly abandoned.

George Challenger, a former tramway employee was instructed to design a new aeroplane based on the designs of Henri Farman, which he did. On 30<sup>th</sup> July 1910 the new biplane astonished the crowd at Larkhill, Wiltshire, where it had been taken for testing. Many people apparently were lying on the ground, hoping to see daylight between its wheels and the grass, when in the hands of the French pilot Edmond, it rose faultlessly to 150 feet.

That was the kind of machine that Tabuteau brought to Badminton, though Tauteau's was the "Military version" which had extended upper wings so that it could carry passengers. How exciting it must all have been.'

#### Sir George White Bt

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Thank you to Sir George for the photographs he supplied and for sharing with us this incredible story. How right he is that it would have been exciting. For people who had never seen anything like this before it must have looked impossible! Thank you also to Simonne for the photograph of her great grandfather, Charles Briginshaw. She must be proud of his achievements.

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My own grandfather, William Thomas Smith (Tom) who lived in Bristol before coming to live in West Kington and then Burton, also had a connection to aircraft industry during WWII. Before the war he had been a foreman in the Bristol shoe factory, Cridland and Rose. During the war he was in charge of a group of men who repaired damaged aircraft at various airfields across the country and in Ireland. I have his passport stating he is 'An Aircraft Mechanic' for the Bristol Aeroplane company. It shows that he travelled to Ireland. My mum remembers the time her dad had been away for a long time staying near one of the northern aerodromes, and that she and her mum were able to visit him and stay in his'digs' for a weekend.



**Yvonne** Nettles



# J J'S GARDENING BLOG



Tulip bulbs can safely be planted without risk of them getting tulip fire now it is colder. It is a virus which distorts the flowers and other tulips will succumb to it. There are some nice bundles of wallflowers in the nurseries now. If one or two of them look thin and weedy, discard, they never seem to be worth any extra trouble to make them into a strong plant. There are some other nice bulbs to plant now, what about some 'Paper Whites' for the New Year?

#### Choosing Plants for the Garden

What about planting some hellebores? The ones already in the garden will benefit from cutting off at the base any damaged leaves or any shielding flowers. This tidies the plant up a lot. The Ashwood varieties are excellent, based in Worcester. Hellebores flower in early spring for me their drawback is that they are a bit boring the rest of the year, though I temper that with the fact that the leaves are virtually evergreen so provide good soil cover and weed suppressant.

#### Jobs for this Month

Snip, snip, snip shrubs and trees to keep them the size you like. This doesn't mean making them into round balls as if they would look good in an ice cream cone, nor does it mean them all getting the same treatment! It just saves a lot of angst and no need to get the steps out or call the tree surgeon. Buying the right plant: Looking at the label to check the eventual size it will reach. But if you still cannot resist, keep a good garden reference book to hand which will confirm or otherwise any more information about the plant

Put the hose pipes away, having drained them of water, or they may split.

Sweep the paths and if necessary use a moss killer too. Use a separate watering can for this job, or any residue may kill next spring's bedding plants. Maybe attach something red to that can to remind you months later that it is just to be used for killing things.

Push evergreen agapanthus, which have thicker leaves and are in pots, under the eaves, this will keep them on the dry side. Ones with slim leaves need to come indoors.

#### And Finally...

Stop and enjoy: lovely golden colours of the light on grasses, wonderful tree and shrub colours, interesting bark.

Make a decoration for the front door.

#### Sudoku

December'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.

	<u>EASY !!</u>									
5						8		3		
				3						
1		2		4	6					
	7		6			4	5			
2							3	7		
	5	6			4		9			
			4	8		9		2		
				2						
4		9						5		

Answers to the November quizzes:

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

	<u>NOT SO EASY !!</u>									
	7		9			4				
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		2		6		5		9		

'Not so Easy'										
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7	5	4	2	8	3	9	1	6		
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8	6	1	3	2	7	4	5	9		
5	4	2	8	9	1	6	7	3		
9	3	7	6	5	4	2	8	1		

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

In last month's Local Talk Back, we published two pictures relating to the Beaufort Hunt. You might recall that Ray Bird had obtained permission to publish the pictures from a gentleman who was preparing a book on the hunt. One of the photographs, taken in 1930, showed huntsman Tom Newman standing between whips Ted Reed and George Castle. We were delighted to hear from Tom's grandson, Mike Hamilton, who said how the picture brought back many happy memories of his grandfather.

This month we have two more images from the same source. It's hard to believe these pictures date back over 100 years; they look so fresh. The top picture shows a young Henry Somerset looking very composed astride his grey horse. In 1924, Henry would become the 10th Duke of Beaufort. The picture is dated 1909, when he would have been aged 9. Henry Somerset had two sisters, Lady Blanche (b1897) and Lady Diana (b1898), who are the subject of the second picture, dated 1910. Within a year or two, these same intrepid children would be pictured on the Badminton Estate sitting in a Bristol Boxkite aircraft. You can see the pictures in Yvonne Nettles' fascinating article in this edition of Local Talk Back.

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













Pigs wallowing in the mud, somewhere near Bagpath



These inquisitive young cows with curly coats are Belted Galloways, a Highland breed. Adapted to live in poor upland pastures, these two are in the grounds of the National Trust's Newark Park.





# Picture Gallery



Despite COVID restrictions impacting on events to mark Remembrance Day in 2020, 20 members of the Royal British Legion showed their respects with a parade on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November and an event on Armistice Day itself at The Well in Acton Turville. Thanks to all involved, and to Alastair Gilbert (pictured) for providing the photograph.

We Will Remember Them.



We first met Snaafi and Elliot in the June Talk Back when they were wearing their zebra coats to protect them from the flies.

Here, Snaafi is having a little nap while Elliot is nearby, 'on guard'. When one of them is asleep the other will always stay close by.

Owner Yvette also explained that when they are first let out in to the field in the morning Snaafi, the elder of the two at over 30 years, will always decide where they first graze. He will keep moving his head up and down and 'shoo' Elliot to where he wants to be, and it will always be a different spot to where they last grazed the day before. These two have a very strong bond and will very rarely be far apart.



The autumn colours were spectacular this year. Westonbirt Arboretum was able to open its doors to limited numbers, but available slots were frequently booked up well in advance as visitors jumped at the chance to enjoy the vibrant displays. Yvonne Nettles came across this magnificent Spindleberry Tree near Swangrove and took this picture for Local Talk Back.

#### December 2020 Letter from the Vicar

**Dear Parishioners** 

Lockdown has many concerns and anxieties for those with relations who are elderly or on some way vulnerable. The Archbishops have called for a period of prayer. And whilst when you come to read this, we are hopefully out of Lockdown, what they call for is relevant post-lockdown.

We all lead busy lives, or many of us do. And one of the things that suffers most is quietness or time to just 'be'. Worldly concerns crowd in upon us and we feel incapable of shifting them off our shoulders. The call to prayer comes at a moment none too soon. There are many books on meditation and prayer, all which help us to be centred and to gain control of our emotions and responses.

Patrick Purnell.SJ of Campion Hall, Oxford writes:

There is a kind of silence not consisting in absence, the absence of voice, of note, of song, of rustling breezebut a silence fashioned by presence, by the presence of being in a stillness, in which one can begin to listen to what is beyond sound, beyond what the faculties can interpret, give shape or form to, beyond what the ear can hear: what the heart alone can grasp.

I hope you find some time for stillness and prayer.

With my best wishes

Richard

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# Church Matters cont'd

#### **Badminton Benefice Rota for December 2020**

Sunday	Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister	
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Holy Communion	<b>Richard Thomson</b>	
Advent 2	6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led	
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		3.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	<b>Richard Thomson</b>	
		9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	Peter Cheeseman	
		9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion CW	Richard Thomson	
Advent 3	13 <sup>th</sup> December	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	Richard Thomson	
		5.00pm	Hawkesbury	Carol Service Streamed	Richard Thomson	
		9.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Richard Thomson	
	20 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Hawkesbury	Morning Prayer	Lay led	
Advent 4	20 <sup>th</sup> December	3.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Chris Andrew	
		6.00pm	Leighterton	Christmas Music & Readings	Richard Thomson	
		4.00pm	Acton Turville	Happy Hour	Come and visit the crib	
Christmas Eve	24 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm	Hawkesbury	Happy Hour	Come and visit the crib	
		4.00pm	Leighterton	Happy Hour	Come and visit the crib	
		11.30pm	Didmarton	Midnight Mass	Richard Thomson	
		9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion CW	R Morgan	
Christmas Day		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Holy Communion CW	Richard Thomson	
Christinas Day		11.00am	Great Badminton	Christmas Service	Richard Thomson	
1st Sunday of Christmas	27 <sup>th</sup> December	No Services this Sunday				
		9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	11.15am Didmarton Matins		Matins	Richard Thomson	
Christmas		3.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong with HC	Richard Thomson	

Mid-week service at Hawkesbury at 9.30, usually Matins.

#### Please Note:

If any of these services cannot take place due to Covid restrictions, we will continue with a 10am Sunday and Christmas Day service on the YouTube channel 'Badminton Benefice'.

It is likely that there will be restrictions on the numbers of those attending major services over Christmas.

Please could you contact those named below if you wish to attend a service

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Christmas Morning Great Badminton - Rev Richard Thomson revrichardthomson@gmail.com

Lasborough Christmas Morning - Annabella Scott <u>annabellahq@gmail.com</u>

#### ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

<u>Please!</u> 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.

#### November 2020

#### Playing Field

Following government guidelines and the introduction of a second lockdown from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, the Tennis Court is closed until further notice. However, the playing field will remain open. We would like thank everyone for their co-operation during this time, and wish everyone to stay safe and be well.

#### Dog Fouling

Despite our notice last month, we are still receiving regular complaints about the increase in dog fouling throughout the village.

This is a quote from Keep Britain Tidy – 'Dog Fouling and the Law'

"Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our Streets. It is not only unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with the excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

Whilst most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. It has been highlighted to dog owners that any bin will do for the pet's mess. Whilst some councils do provide dedicated dog-fouling bins, any public bin can take the waste. There is no excuse to leave it."

Speeding in the Village

Complaints are still being received of speeding in the village. Local Beat Manager PC Ken Hill asks anyone spotting a speeding vehicle where possible, to make a note of the number, and report it to the police using 101 number so it can be logged on the Police system.

#### <u>Planning</u>

The Council received notification from South Glos Planning Department regarding amendments to the Application for Hollybush Farm by Badminton Estate. Planning Ref. P19/15308/F & P19/15336/LB. The deadline for responses being 24 November 2020. Details were posted on the Notice Board, Website and Village Shop. To view the Parish Council's response please refer to the South Glos website using the above references.

Council Meetings will continue to be held by telephone conference until further notice. To report any issues or forward questions to the Council, please contact the Clerk via the details below.

Sybil Haddrell (Acting Chair) 218772, Sally Smith 218510, Chris Bennett 218550, Toby Evans 219116, Ian Carter 219129

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