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OF ACTON TURVILLE, BADMINTON AND LITTLE BADMINTON

EDITORIAL JULY 2022

So the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has come and gone, and I think we can agree that a good time was had by all. I'm still trying to understand why we ended up with Bank Holidays on the Thursday and Friday when the main day for celebrating the Jubilee was Sunday (wouldn't it have made more sense to give people a day off on Monday so they could recover from the previous day's excitement?) but I didn't let that conundrum spoil what turned out to be a wonderful celebration of Her Majesty's 70 years at the helm. I must admit most of the events organised for London passed me by, although I did catch a bit of the Party At The Palace concert on the Saturday night which featured a fair old selection of the great and the good from the past 70 years of popular music (and Rod Stewart). No, for me the Jubilee was all about the local events, starting with the lighting of the Jubilee beacon on the Thursday evening behind the Badminton Centenary Hall. Sitting with friends and chatting in the warm sunshine was the perfect way to spend a summer's evening, before walking over to watch the Duke and Duchess light the beacon itself, sending flames shooting high into the night's sky. It was good to get out, meeting friends old and new. And the punch was very agreeable too, by all accounts.

Attention then switched to events on the Sunday. In Badminton, colourful bunting criss-crossed the High Street from one side to the other, fluttering over a line of tables that stretched the full length of this pretty little street. All that was needed to complete the scene was people, and they descended right on cue, picnics in hand, to spend an afternoon in the company of friends and neighbours, chatting about the old days and looking forward to the future. Over in Acton Turville, festivities were being held on the village playing field, where a veritable tented village had sprung up seemingly overnight. There was a tent for the cake stall, a tent for the entertainers, a tent for face painting, a beer tent, even Splat The Rat and Hook A Duck had their own tents. Once again it was great to see so many people turning out and enjoying themselves.

What kept coming up in conversation was just how much people appreciated the way these events brought the whole village together. Talk Back used to regularly report on the various groups who used to meet up on a regular basis, but Covid-related restrictions put paid to a lot of those social gatherings. As the restrictions have been relaxed, some of these events have returned to the calendar but others have fallen by the wayside. It's as if some people lost the appetite for meeting up in large numbers, only for the Jubilee events to remind us just how good it is to get out and gather as a community. We hear there are already conversations taking place about organising future events, and we wish those involved the best of luck.

Something you may have noticed is the increasing number and variety of events being organised by the Badminton Estate. Talk Back regularly reports on the fabulous open gardens which now take place three times a year, and we had some spectacular pictures from the firework competition which was held last year on The Straits. We're pleased to see the fireworks are back again this year, along with the Tough Mudder, an event that sees people negotiate a 10-mile obstacle course. In the mud. For fun. Something we've not seen before is a wine tasting experience (that's more like it...) which will be taking place in August. Keep an eye on the estate's website for details of these and other events.

Finally, if you do attend any events, why not share your experiences with the readers of Local Talk Back? We always appreciate pictures from your days out and they often inspire others to follow in your footsteps. For instance, I remember reading about somebody's trip to a farm in Wales where they fed Red Kites which sounded absolutely amazing, so I'm now trying to find the details so I can experience it first-hand. If I survive the encounter, I'll write about it in a future issue.

Until the next time

IAN CARTER

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THANK YOU.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July

Sat 2 nd /Sun 3 rd	Cotswold Show, Cirencester Park
Sat 2 nd /Sun 3 rd	Heddington & Stockley Steam Rally, near Calne
Sat 2 nd /Sun 3 rd	Biddeston Open Gardens
Fri 15 th – Sun 17 th	Royal International Air Tattoo, Fairford
Sat 16 th	Sherston Boules Festival
Sun 17 th	Sevington Victorian School open day
Tues 19 th /Wed 20 th	Dauntsey Park Horse Trials
Sat 23 rd July	Yatton Keynel Open Gardens
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
Wed 10 th	Beaufort Hunt Horse Show, The Slaits, Badminton
Sat 13 th	Somerford Show, Great Somerford
Sun 14 th	Sevington Victorian School Open Day
Sat 27 th	Hawkesbury Show

September

Sat 3 rd	Firework Competition, The Slaits, Badminton
Sun 4 th	Badminton House Open Gardens

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.

DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

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TERRIER & FAMILY DOG SHOW**

*SUNDAY JULY 31ST
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*SHOW OPENS 1.00PM
TOUR OF BEAUFORT HUNT KENNELS
2.00PM*

*STALLS - BARBEQUE
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In Memoriam

RICHARD RICH

Richard Rich died on the 27th of May and his body will be cremated in Colchester. His ashes will be brought back for a short service in Little Badminton church, prior to internment in the churchyard here in Little Badminton at 2.30pm on 10th August.

Richard was a wonderful character and though I only knew him for five years, he made a lasting impression.

He struggled in those last few years with health issues, both of his mind as well as his body, but he made some significant achievements. The most impressive of which was giving up smoking. This took a great deal of effort and contributed greatly to his overall health.

Richard owned a field in Burton which he would inspect and he would drive in and out of Yate to get provisions. He knew a huge amount about the countryside and was a popular member of the Hunt in earlier years.

Richard's white van for many years could be seen driving around the villages.

He was a regular churchgoer and when he had given up driving, would turn up an hour or so before departure from the Vicarage, in order to hitch a ride. I was fortunate in having many a fascinating conversation with Richard.

His visits to Colchester to see his much-loved sister were followed by returning with armfuls of Tiptree Jam and Marmalade, of which the more fortunate of us were recipients.

We all missed him when he went to live in a care home in Essex near his sister, but it became necessary.

I am sure you have many stories about Richard and I hope we will have a chance to share them, maybe after the burial of his ashes.

Rev Richard Thomson



BADMINTON ESTATE

Forthcoming events at the Badminton Estate

12th August 2022

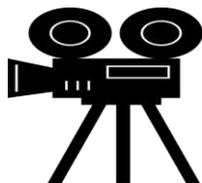
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20th and 21st August 2022.

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

Visit www.badmintonestate.com/events to find out more.

WHAT'S ON



DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 8th July 2022

HOUSE OF GUCCI

(2021, Cert 15) – Drama

Starring: Adam Driver, Lady Gaga, Salma Hayek, Jared Leto

Director: Ridley Scott

Spanning three decades of love, betrayal, decadence, revenge, and ultimately murder, we see what a name means, what it's worth, and how far a family will go for control.

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Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

Wednesday 13th July

with music from singers Les & Gina

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Coffee to finish

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*The Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club meets the
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SEVINGTON VICTORIAN SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Sevington Victorian School, near Grittleton, was founded in 1848 by Joseph Neeld to provide an education for the children of his estate workers. Its curriculum was narrow, based on the assumption that the pupils would go on to work either in service or as farm labourers on the Neeld estates. In 1860 Miss Elizabeth Squire was engaged as schoolteacher, and when she retired in 1913, the school closed. Remarkably, the schoolroom was left untouched, providing us with a fascinating glimpse back in time, complete with Miss Squire's desk, pointer and blackboard. Today the school is used as a re-enactment centre for primary school children. This year it will be open to the public on the following days.

July 17th 2pm - 5pm

Aug 14th 2pm - 5pm

*Homemade teas - Children's activities
School Room Tours*

Adults £2 Children £1 Families £5

IMPRESSIONS OF AFRICA

At Northleach Church



Thursday 14th July –

Tuesday 19th July

Open daily 11.00am – 4.00pm;

Sunday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

A rare exhibition featuring Sally Jennings's Africa portfolio of hand-dyed and embroidered textile art.

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.

JUNE 2022

Playing Field

The mowing season has started - the field and play area will be mowed and strimmed on a regular basis. We hopefully have two more volunteers for which we are grateful. If you are interested in helping please contact one of the Councillors below or the Clerk.

Queen's Jubilee

Councillors would like to send their thanks to Acton Turville Social and all the volunteers involved for organising the wonderful Jubilee party in the Playing Field. Unfortunately, we could not control the weather, but we are very pleased to hear that everyone attending had a wonderful time. Thank you.

Mobile Phone Services

We have been reliably informed that following negotiations with regard to the problems suffered by mobile phone users at this year's Horse Trials, the situation has been resolved and this will not happen in future.

Anti-social Behaviour

We have to report yet again the trees in the troughs by the notice board have been damaged and pulled out. This behaviour will not be tolerated. The trees in question have been taken out and put into pots to recover. We reiterate that anyone seen causing damage to or near the notice board or in the playing field will be reported.

Acton Turville/Burton Footpath Refurbishment

The Parish Council are pleased to report that much-needed work to improve the public footpath between Acton Turville and Burton has now been completed. The footpath had become very overgrown and liable to flooding in places, making it difficult to navigate, but thanks to the efforts of South Gloucestershire County Council the condition of the path is now greatly improved and once again suitable for use. The Parish Council would like to thank South Glos for supporting the local community with this work. Dog owners are reminded to please clean up any deposits left by your pets!

Parish Councillors:

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

Next Meeting: Monday 11 July 2022 @ 7 pm
Venue: St Mary's Church, Acton Turville.
Details on Website & Parish Council Notice Board

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 218675
Email: actonturvillepc@aol.com Website: www.actonturvilleparishcouncil.org

LIONS TO UKRAINE - UPDATE



In last month's Talk Back we reported how the Chipping Sodbury Lions Club were organising a coach to take urgently-needed food and medical supplies to Ukraine. The plan was to drop the supplies at a warehouse in Krakow, Poland, from where it would be shipped directly to Kyiv for distribution. It was then hoped the coach, generously provided by Turners Coachways of Bristol, would return with a number of Ukrainian women and children seeking refuge in the UK. Masterminding the endeavour was Ian Gott from Acton Turville who is the Secretary of the Chipping Sodbury Lions Club.

We're delighted to report that the trip was a huge success. Over 1000 kgs of food and medical supplies were transported to the warehouse in Krakow and that has now been shipped to help people in Kyiv. The coach then returned with 41 Ukrainian refugees who were collected from the drop-off point in Yate by people who would be providing them with homes and shelter all over the country. We hope to bring you a more comprehensive report in a future issue of Talk Back. In the meantime, I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Ian Gott, the Chipping Sodbury Lions Club, Turners Coachways and everybody involved in this extraordinary effort on their achievement. Well done to you all!



Sudoku

July'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 !!

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

NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the May quizzes (there was no Sudoku in June due to IT issues):

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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

J J'S GARDENING BLOG



Now is the time to go garden visiting. Get ideas for planting, and see in what type of soil or in what conditions certain plants like to grow. Buy the Yellow Book or the individual County leaflets for say Gloucestershire or Wiltshire which lists their opening times. A lovely garden to visit is Cothay Manor, near Wellington in Somerset, not exactly just round the corner but special. If holidaying in the UK, keep a copy of the Yellow Book to hand in the car.

Take notes

In a garden journal make a note of plants that slugs leave alone! Some that spring to mind; euphorbia, snap dragons, tobacco plants, rock roses, honeysuckle and others.

Planting Suggestions

Pelargonium one always thinks of for pots, and they are great, colourful and flowering until the first frost, and very happy to be moved around preferably in full sun. The Attar of Roses variant is not so spectacular in flower as some of the other Pelargoniums, but the leaves have a marvellous scent. Put one on a garden table - gorgeous.

If you want something to sway in the breeze, maybe try the ornamental grass Tenuissima, nice to feel too. Perhaps put a few cut-and-come-again lettuces the front of a border or red radicchio - people never notice.

Jobs for This Month

Keep dead heading and feeding.

Tie in Runner Beans, Borlottis. Make sure bean poles are secure.

Top Tips for Top Pots

Plants in pots and other containers are so useful. You can fill them with the correct fresh compost which will have good new nutrients and the right pH to suit either lime haters or lime lovers, according to what plants you are going to put in each container. Remember to let pots dry out between generous watering. The plant food mixed in the compost lasts for about six weeks. After that time, use a liquid feed as per the instructions every two weeks, such as Miracle Grow or Tomorite in a watering can which promotes flowering.

Move the pots around. Near the door to enjoy them or tucked away if past their best.

If you have a big container, maybe grow some lettuce, a tumbling tomato plant or two, dwarf French beans. It's always fun to pick something you've grown and a fun thing to do with the children. Herbs of course are ideal to grow in pots. Just keep various mint plants separately or they will take over.

And Finally

Put a pot you are enjoying for looks or fragrance next to where you sit or linger. This is the month to make sure to place chairs in a good spot and a table for the teapot or wine glass.

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 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



The villages of Badminton and Little Badminton came together on Sunday the 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style with a party that stretched the whole length of the historic High Street. Festivities had actually commenced the previous Thursday with the lighting of the Jubilee beacon behind the Memorial Hall which appears on this month's cover. As darkness fell, a sizeable crowd watched the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort light the carefully-crafted bonfire which burned long into the night.



Preparations for the street party on Sunday started early when tables festooned with colourful tablecloths, flags, balloons (and candelabras!) were arranged along the centre of the High Street. Come midday, the tables were groaning under the weight of a spectacular array of delicious food and drink, with everyone enjoying the opportunity to celebrate the Jubilee together.



The organisers worked hard to make sure there was plenty to keep the children occupied with games and prizes for the best fancy dress outfit. The adults weren't forgotten though – the winners of the best dressed table definitely deserved their prize! To the organisers – thank you!!



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Badminton



Acton Turville Celebrates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Acton Turville Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

After many months of intense preparation by a band of dedicated volunteers, the gates to the Acton Turville playing fields opened at 3pm sharp on Sunday the 5th June and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations began. There was something for everyone, from face painting and traditional games for the kids, to live music, acrobats, a beer tent and mountains of delicious cake for everyone else. There was even a steam traction engine. Entertainment was provided by the wonderful singer/songwriter Lava, a previous contestant on The Voice of Bulgaria in 2021, who captivated her audience with her set of covers and originals, and the mighty rufus who got the crowd dancing with a non-stop set of hits spanning the sixties to the present day. All good things must come to an end, and the event was rounded off with a raffle, expertly handled by MC Tony Mullins. The rain had arrived by then but nobody cared, they'd all had such a great time. Thanks go to all the volunteers who made the event happen, especially Caroline, Karen and Mel. Thank you!!



Church Matters

July 2022 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

I very much hope you will broach your parish boundaries to attend church in neighbouring villages as we try and hold some services which are for everyone. The next one of these is on July 31st when we are visiting St Mary's Boxwell, a lovely little church attached to the lovely Manor belonging to the Huntley family, which not so very long ago had a church every week. It is now sadly used only once a year, except for local weddings and baptisms.

On August 28th, we have an ecumenical 'Songs of Praise' on the Hawkesbury Show ground in the Marquee. Again, we hope that as many of you will join us, as possible.

The Bible often reminds us of the danger of following strange gods. The Gospel reading on July 31st is directly about this. The parable of the wealthy man who had huge amounts of disposable income, and rubbing his tummy in glee, put his feet up, only to be taken that very night. Who will have his things now, asks God.

Church attendance may be only one way of responding to God, but it is the best. Yes it can be annoying, dull, repetitious and time consuming. But I would argue, it is the skeleton upon which faith is built. That and private prayer.

And it is good to belong to a community of faith.

Enjoy the summer.

Rev Richard Thomson

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Church Services for July 2022

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
3 rd July	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion CW	R Thomson
	11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	R Thomson
	3.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	R Thomson
	6.00pm	Sopworth	Evening Prayer	Lay Led
10 th July	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
17 th July	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev J Wilson
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Morning Prayer	Lay Led IMcF
	11.15am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev J Wilson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Lay Led MB
24 th July	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	R Axford
	11.00am	Leighterton	Matins	Visiting Reader
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	R Axford
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Lay Led IMcF
31 st July	11.00am	St Marys, Boxwell	Matins with HC	R Thomson

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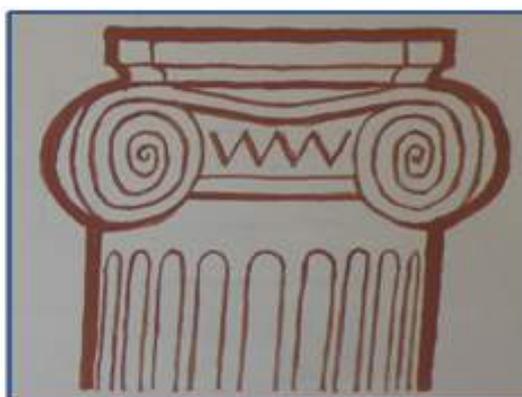
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