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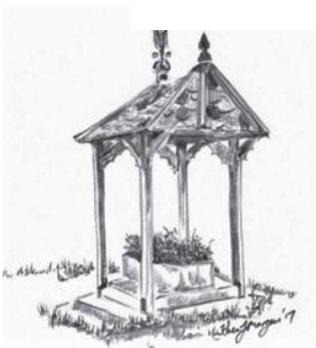
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Badminton House Open Gardens. Pretty as a picture. *Photo by Ian Carter*



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

# EDITORIAL MAY 2022

I do enjoy pottering around the garden. I guess I'd describe myself as someone who gardens rather than a gardener, on the basis that I don't really know what I'm doing. I don't let that stop me having a go though. Sometimes the results can be very pleasing, but when that happens it's often more by luck than judgement. Conversely when things go wrong (and believe me, they do), my lack of gardening know-how means I'm not very good at working out what happened and learning from the experience. As a result, there's a good chance I'll make the same mistake again and the replacement plant will suffer the same unfortunate fate. The garden centres must love customers like me. One thing I have learned over the years is to go for plants that are green and big (non-gardeners might like to make a note of that) as they seem to be more sturdy and, unlike bedding plants, are less prone to keeling over if neglected for an extended period of time. Once established, maintenance is likely to be restricted to a quick clip with shears or a bit of pruning with secateurs to keep them tidy. Even I can manage that.

My failure to grasp the basics of gardening is puzzling because I avidly watch programmes like Gardeners World and read every word of JJ's Gardening Blog which our good friend Josephine Jenkinson so kindly prepares for Talk Back every month. I've listened to Monty Don explain how to take cuttings and propagate them over and over again, but for whatever reason I've never actually had a go myself. Similarly while I've got books galore on how to maintain a lawn, my own lawn is comprised almost entirely of moss. At least it's green. Maybe my hesitancy is because I learn best when I have someone explain to me face-to-face how to do these things and to inject a bit of enthusiasm into the learning process. Looking back, it seems that every neighbourhood and workplace had a gardening club where knowledge and experience was shared. For instance, when I started work we had an on-site gardening club with its own potting shed and greenhouse. The membership was entirely made up of elderly gentlemen (although, being a youthful teenager at the time I probably considered the whole workforce to be elderly) who would meet up at lunchtime, tend to their plants and offer advice and guidance as required. Their enthusiastic conversations about all things horticultural would continue when they returned to the office, only stopping when the boss (another elderly gentleman) noisily knocked the tobacco out of his pipe into a large glass ceramic ashtray, peered over the top of his half-moon glasses and made some sarcastic comment about how late everyone would be leaving once they'd made up their hours. Happy days.

And it wasn't just the gardeners who were at it. There was also an on-site radio club where you could take your electronic equipment to be fettled, a motoring club where you could work on your car at lunchtime and hope it would be back in one piece in time for the journey home, and a model-makers club which would put on an annual show covering everything from balsa-wood aircraft to working steam engines. Looking back, this was the age of DIY where people would enjoy the challenge of creating things with their own hands. They would cook meals from scratch, make their own clothes from patterns that came in magazines, and think nothing of transforming a pile of wooden off-cuts into a dubious coffee table. Over the subsequent decades those concepts disappeared and convenience became the buzzword. Supermarkets filled their shelves with ready-made meals that just needed to be zapped in a microwave to create a hearty (if not always nutritious) meal, clothes became so cheap it was hardly worth washing them, let alone repairing them, and the closest that many of us got to DIY was assembling flatpack furniture which, on close inspection, comprised a pile of wooden off-cuts that built up into a dubious coffee table.

There might be signs that attitudes are changing though. Platforms such as YouTube are full of videos which show you how to fix all manner of items, dispelling the myth that the only option when something fails is to dispose of it. Television is doing its bit too; people are rediscovering the joys of cooking and baking, encouraged by programmes such as Masterchef and Bake Off, and you can't move for restoration programmes like The Repair Shop where the battered remains of previously-cherished trinkets are miraculously transformed and given a new lease of life. I wonder if there's an appetite to take the next step and set up local groups like we used to have all those years ago, sharing knowledge and experience with other like-minded individuals, offering support and encouragement when things go awry and recognising achievements when things go well? Wouldn't that be nice.

We could start with my lawn. Make sure you bring a rake.

Until the next time

*IAN CARTER*

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THANK YOU.

### *DATES FOR THE DIARY*

#### **May**

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Race Meeting, Castle Combe
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton Horse Trials
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Didmarton Rural Cinema – “Belfast”
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Classic Car Rally, Berkeley Castle
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> /Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Music In Country Churches
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Castle Combe Steam Fair

#### **June**

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Badminton Jubilee Beacon Lighting
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Bath & West Show, Shepton Mallet
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Acton Turville Jubilee Picnic
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton Jubilee Street Party
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton House Open Gardens
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Berkeley Show, Berkeley Castle

#### **July**

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cotswold Show, Cirencester Park
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heddington & Stockley Steam Fair,,Calne
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sherston Boules Festival
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Race Meeting, Castle Combe
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	WOMAD Music Festival, Charlton Park, Malmesbury

**\*\*\*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*

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

*Mr Bob Stephens*

*Mr Richard Wood*

*Thank you!*

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helps to keep the Local Talk Back being  
delivered to your doors.*

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6 Hollybush Close, Acton Turville,  
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### **ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ACTON TURVILLE**

#### **100 Club**

#### **WINNERS FOR APRIL 2022**

Graham Middleton  
Dayrell Drake  
Sally Smith

#### **WINNERS FOR MAY 2022**

Alan Orton  
Tim Penney  
Ian Gott

***Congratulations!***

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## In Memoriam

*We are sad to report the passing of a number of recent and former residents of our local villages. As always, Local Talk Back offers its heartfelt condolences to family and friends at this difficult time.*

### NICHOLAS BEAMSON

*Nicky was the son of Letty and grandson of William and Annie Pinnell who ran the village shop in the High Street for many years. He was brought up in Badminton and went to the local school before going on to Grammar School. Married to Rita, Nicky later moved to the Chipping Sodbury/Yate area.*

### DENNIS "JOCKEY" COUSINS

*Originally born in Tormarton, Dennis lived on the Luckington Road in Acton Turville for many years and worked as a mechanic at the Acton Turville Garage for at least two families, the Coles and the Picks. It was often said that he was the best mechanic around. He used to joke that there was a line in the river between Acton Turville and Sherston/Malmesbury because on the Malmesbury side he was known as Dennis and on the other side he was always Jock, or Jockey. Jock, who lost his wife Ellen some years ago, leaves a son Roger.*

### MICHAEL HILLIER

*Mike was a long-time resident of Badminton, living in Station Road and working on Lyegrove Farm for Adrian and Peggy Sainsbury for over 30 years. Married for over 50 years to wife Heather, they subsequently went to live in the Yate/Chipping Sodbury area.*

### DERRICK BEDWELL

*Derrick was a work colleague of Mike Hillier and was also employed on Lyegrove Farm for over 30 years. Sadly they passed away within a week of each other. In his earlier years Derrick was a keen cricketer and played regularly for Badminton. His other interests included vintage tractors, and he could frequently be seen tinkering with his old Marshall tractor that would be parked outside his Whitegate Lodge home. Like Mike, Derrick was also to move to the Yate/Chipping Sodbury area later in life.*

## Peggy Bird

*Caroline and Family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all their help and support in enabling Peggy to remain in her beloved home and maintain her independence over the past few years. Despite moving to The Fairways in February 2021 she longed to return to Badminton where she had lived for 70 happy years.*

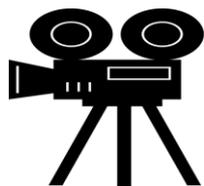
*A special thank you to all those who attended Peggy's funeral service, and for the kind words of sympathy and cards of condolences received and generous donations to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at RUH and Cancer Research UK in memory of Peggy.*

*Caroline Harlowe*

# WHAT'S ON

## DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### BELFAST

(2021, PG-13) – Biography/Drama/History

Starring: Caitriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan

Director: Kenneth Branagh

'Belfast' is the humorous, tender and intensely personal story of one boy's childhood during the tumult of the late 1960s.

**Doors open at 6.30pm, film starts 7.30pm**

**Tickets £5, cash bar**

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

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

## Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

*With live music from Katie Webb  
between 1:30 and 2:30*

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.*

**FOX**  
& HOUNDS INN  
Acton Turville, nr Badminton  
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## Music In Country Churches

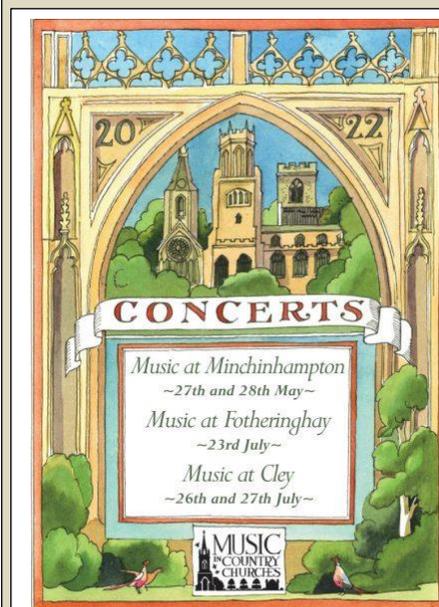
Music in Country Churches was set up in 1989 with the aim of raising funds to help maintain the fabric of country churches. With the active support of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, who has attended many of their concerts, the organisation has arranged concerts in over 55 country churches and made donations of nearly £600,000 to the churches that hosted its concerts.

As part of its 2022 series of concerts, Music In Country Churches will be hosting an event in Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton, on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> May which will include a Celebration of Cotswold music.

For full details, visit the Music In Country Churches website from where you can also purchase tickets:

[www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk](http://www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk)

or telephone 0333 666 3366



# *I Came, I Saw, I Moved to the Village*

*By Jeanette White, Badminton*

I'm not sure how old I was when I first heard of the Badminton Three Day Event, or even when I realised that the village of Badminton was not a million miles away from Hambrook where I lived. What I do know is that, at some point, I had to get there no matter what!!

I was the original "pony mad girl" without a pony of her own (until the age of 45 that is) and I just had to be content with cadging rides whenever I could on local ponies and looking after them when their owners were away.

I think I thought that Badminton was a bigger version of the local gymkhanas that I loved to attend so go I must, and it had to be on cross country day. My parents couldn't help me as they had a busy shop to run so I devised a way of getting there under my own steam, so to speak. By bus!!

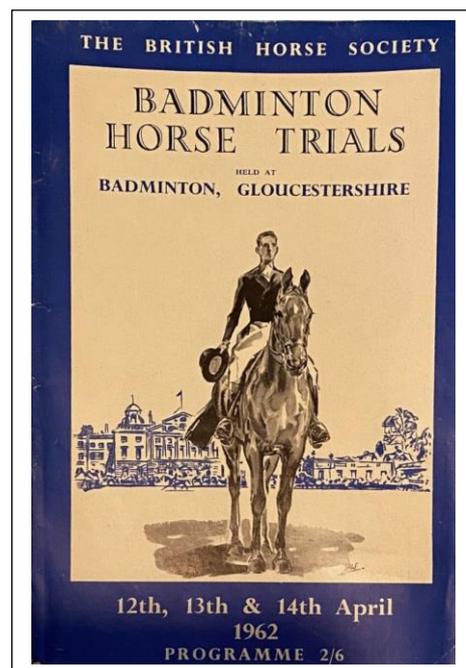
This did not go down with my parents who flatly refused to allow it and looking back who can blame them when I was only thirteen and three quarters years old at the time, but after much wailing and ranting from me they eventually gave in as long as I took a friend with me.

So it was that my best school pal Shirley (who was totally non-horsey) got roped in. She lived in Rangeworthy so came down to stay the night before. Actually it's only just occurred to me that she did an almost circular trip to get to Badminton! It was April 1962 and the day of our great adventure had arrived. We didn't have far to travel at first as the bus stop to Bristol was right outside of our house. We caught the bus into Bristol bus station to link up with the Badminton/Malmesbury bus. I can't remember the actual journey but I'm sure it must have seemed to take forever, but when we eventually alighted at the bus shelter in Old Down Road our first task was to find a telephone box as we had received strict instructions to let our parents know we had arrived safely.

We somehow arrived first at the steeplechase course and I have a feeling that we thought in our naivety that it was the actual cross-country course at first. We then saw some riders emerging from the woods which we later learned were the roads and tracks and followed them over to The Park. We had a quick look around the shops but there was not a lot of interest to girls of our age, so we sat under a tree to eat our packed lunches. A distinguished looking man strode past, smiled at us and said "good morning girls, hope you're enjoying yourselves". We nearly choked on our sandwiches when we realised it was The Duke himself!

The cross country had started by now so we made our way around the course. I was shocked and amazed at the size and build of the jumps. They looked so much scarier up close than they did on the telly and we held our breath every time horse and rider soared over them. There didn't seem to be more than 20 people on some of the jumps and there were strategically placed straw bales to sit on. We were doing just this when there was a bit of a commotion a few yards away and we turned to see a group of people clambering out of a couple of Land Rovers. On closer inspection it turned out to be The Queen and it seemed most of the Royal Family. I'm sure they must have had bodyguards about somewhere but they were not obvious. We couldn't have been closer to them if we tried. I can't imagine that happening in this day and age.

We had intended to walk the whole course but as we circled back towards the arena we discovered to my delight that there was show jumping going on in there, completely unconnected to the event. Not only that, but all my heroes were competing, not least David Broome and Harvey Smith. I think you had to pay or have tickets to get into the arena so we watched it all through a gap in the far corner, a place from which I was to watch the Sunday final show jumping for many years to come (although there was a blind spot at the top end of the ring where one had to guess what was happening!).



We then loitered around the collecting ring and managed to get David and Harvey's autographs. Sadly there were no mobiles to take selfies on in those days – in fact I didn't even possess a camera!

The winner that year was Annilee Drummond Hay and I remember her coming into the collecting ring on the beautiful Merely A Monarch after successfully completing the cross country.

Sadly our wonderful day was coming to an end. If I had one criticism it would be the toilets; they were so dreadful. Thank you to whoever invented the portaloos! That is all I have to say on the subject!!

Now two very weary girls, Shirley and I made our way back to the bus shelter where my dad was picking us up at 6 o'clock.

That day was the very beginning of my Badminton adventures and the most memorable. Against all the odds, Shirley must have enjoyed it as she accompanied me on a few more occasions over the years. A number of friends and work colleagues got dragged along as well.

Once I had passed my driving test I was free to make my own way but couldn't afford the parking fee so would park in the yard of a farmer I knew and walk miles across the fields to get in.

I then applied to become a parking attendant on cross country day which was wonderful as I could get in for free, get paid, and finish in time to watch most of the cross country before spending my earnings in the shops!

I then met my husband to be and it transpired that he was a "Special Policeman" in his spare time and did the three-day event every year. He got to park in the police compound and could take passengers in as well. Nearly every year he was stationed on the Luckington Lane jump and got to know some of the regular visitors. One of those was a young lady who came with her parents. She had special needs but always looked out for her favourite policeman and gave him a sweet. Her parents took a photo of them both one year and very kindly sent him a copy which I still have somewhere. He was also amused by a little old man who would turn up in his Rolls Royce and sit on the tailgate eating his sandwiches which were apparently always fishpaste.

Over the years the event became bigger and bigger, especially after Princess Anne rode there and created a lot of publicity. I may have missed a few when my two sons came along, but as soon as they were old enough they would be dragged along and the same with grandchildren. I think they all enjoyed it really.

I have many happy memories of the Badminton Horse trials as it is now known but that first visit will always remain foremost in my mind.

If someone had told me all those years ago that I would actually end up living here in the village I would never have believed them in a million years!

*Jeanette White, Badminton*

### *Jane Tuckwell - Directing Operations at the Badminton Horse Trials*

Back in 1999, Ray Bird produced a magazine to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Badminton Horse Trials. Among those who contributed was Jane Tuckwell who at the time was Secretary of the horse trials. Jane went on to become event Director in 2019 but, with the 2020 and 2021 events cancelled, 2022 will be Jane's first actual running of the horse trials in that role. All of us at Local Talk Back send our best wishes for a very successful event – may it be the first of many.

We thought readers might be interested to read some extracts from that 1999 interview which explain how Jane found herself in the event office and captured the mounting excitement as the event drew near.

*"I was out hunting when Lt Col Frank Weldon rode up and asked me if I would like to lend a hand in the office after Christmas. He told me in no way would my work interrupt my hunting - which proved to be quite true! So, I started that year, 1974, at the age of seventeen, as Assistant Secretary to Jenny Blackie and later Victoria Ayshford-Sanford, both of whom I am indebted to as they taught me all they could before I became Secretary in 1984.*

*No two Badmintons are ever the same, each having its own unique atmosphere and challenge, be it the weather, number of entries or whatever. We all work throughout the year towards that one week and it is just as exciting now as it was when I first started as the event draws closer and all the people involved come together, culminating in the tradestands, the competitors and their horses arriving. Then before one knows where one is – it is the prizegiving in the Main Arena and then it is time to start getting ready for next year!!"*

# 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.*

APRIL 2022

## Playing Field

The mowing season has started - the field and play area will be mowed and strimmed on a regular basis. Thanks to all those involved.

## Village Signs

It has been noticed that various road signs in and around the village have either been damaged, removed or turned around in the opposite direction by person or persons unknown. This is another case of anti-social behaviour and makes it difficult for those unfamiliar to the area to follow a route without proper signage. The Police have been asked to carry out additional patrols to try and establish who is doing this. It currently takes South Glos Streetcare around 6 weeks for a new sign to be ordered, made and installed.

## Speeding

Despite having a 20-mph speed limit in the village it has been brought to our attention that a number of motorists are still ignoring this. One road in particular where speeding has increased is Littleton Drew Lane which contains both the school and the playing field. The reason for the speed limit in the village is to keep all our children and everyone else in our village safe.

## Cycle Races

Councillors have written to the organisers of a recent cycle race to complain about their spray-painted arrows on the roadside outside the Fox & Hounds which are still evident two weeks after the event. This is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and we have requested an alternative method be used for future events.

## Jubilee Garden

Hebes have been purchased and will be planted during the Spring Tidy Up on 30th April. By the time you read this article they will hopefully be established and have a real visual impact when entering the village.



## Gridlock!!

Councillors looked on in dismay as these two lorries brought the village to a standstill when their paths converged by The Well. After some skillful maneuvering, the lorries were able to safely negotiate the various obstacles that confronted them and carry on their journeys with one heading towards Luckington and the other in the direction of Burton. The Council has written to the Company asking for an explanation and in return received assurances that drivers will in future avoid the centre of the village. We're sure The Well will be very grateful!

## Parish Councillors:

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

Next Meeting: Monday 09 May 2022 @ 7 pm Venue: St Mary's Church, Acton Turville.  
Details on Website & Parish Notice Board

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 218675

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# THE VILLAGE CLUB IN HORSE TRIALS WEEK.

By Ray Bird, Acton Turville

Following two years of cancellation due to coronavirus restrictions, it's great to see the Badminton Horse Trials back this year. During those cancelled years, one significant change that has occurred in the village has been the closure in 2020 of the Badminton Village Club, which over the years had played such a social part of the event for many people.

As a club it had served the community since 1912, and before that it had been The Portcullis Inn since at least the late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup> century,

hence had been the local venue to enjoy a drink and meet friends for around 200 years. That was particularly true once the horse trials began in 1949, and I am sure many of you will have memories of the part it played in your life, whether it was making new friends from all corners of the globe, or the meeting location for re-unions with ex-villagers making their annual pilgrimage back for the event.

My own earliest memories of making new friends there during the horse trials goes back to the 1960's, and would begin weeks before the event. Back then the trials were held in April and from around early March the construction firm of Woodhouse would arrive to put up the grandstands, shedding and loos (no portaloos then!). For many of the Woodhouse workers, from the weeks before the event until everything had been dismantled, the club became their nightly watering hole. Being mainly the same workers that came back year after year, us locals that used the club got to know them well, and some were to remain friends with villagers long after the firm ceased coming.

Back in the 60s and 70s, the club was very much at the heart of the night life for many visitors during the horse trials week, and each evening it really would be jam packed. In later years the number of visitors began to decline, and I believe there were two main reasons for this. Firstly, the event itself has changed: the more intense pressures of the event in later years, with its high valued horses, rider sponsorship and good prize money, means taking a much more serious approach and a virtual 24-hour watch on the horses, whereas the event in those earlier years was much more "laid back" and many of the owners, riders and grooms treated it more as a fun week away. That is not to say the horses did not receive proper care, but for many when the day's duties were over, with the exception of perhaps a quick check on the horse before going to bed, most were left to their own devices so to speak, and those involved would be free to spend the evening as they pleased, which often meant a night in the club. Secondly we have seen the opening of the evening bar and entertainment in the Park in more recent years, which no doubt accounted for some stallholders, exhibitors and campers etc who would previously have headed for the Village Club.

This article though is not about club numbers, but of friendships, and I think I probably speak for many of you when I say, while those well used words over the years of - "we will meet you down the club", may have gone forever, the memories of new friends made, and old ones renewed there during the horse trials, will live on forever.

*Do you have any memories of the Badminton Village Club during horse trials week? If you do, send them in to Local Talk Back, we'd love to hear them!*



## Platinum Jubilee Beacon lighting 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8:00pm



### Some dates for your Diary

## The Badminton and Little Badminton Village Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Skittles



**Thursday 2nd June**, Next to the Village Memorial Hall the Platinum Jubilee Beacon will be lit at 9:45pm with Mulled wine served at 9:15pm and bar open in the Memorial Hall from 8pm

And at **12 Noon, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** there will be a street party lunch with bring your own lunch in the High Street, Badminton.

**Should the weather be inclement then the Lunch will move into The Village Memorial Hall itself**

**Sunday Lunch Street Party 5<sup>th</sup> June at 12 Noon**



Children's Entertainment



### The Badminton and Little Badminton Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Badminton Parish Council is holding two events. The Beacon Lighting (Details Above) & The lunch itself which will start at around 12 noon on 5<sup>th</sup> June with tables lining the high street.

If you would like to reserve a table then please do email Justin at [just-in-lawncare@hotmail.com](mailto:just-in-lawncare@hotmail.com).

There will of course be a bring your own picnic lunch & drinks, Prizes for the best dressed table, fancy dress & hat for the children & various games being held. There will also be a presentation of a dedicated Jubilee memento to all children under 16 by His & Her Grace the Duke of Beaufort. We will also be some music to help get you in the party mood. We are also hoping to have some other activities that will be organised nearer the time.

*So we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to celebrate this momentous day. Let's do the Queen proud and have a right Royal celebration!!*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are also looking for some volunteers who can help with setting up or/and clearing up afterwards. We'd love to hear from you. Again please email [just-in-lawncare@hotmail.com](mailto:just-in-lawncare@hotmail.com).



Marquee

Bouncy  
Castles

Licensed Bar

Soft Drinks



Live Music

Real Steam  
Traction Engine

Traditional  
Games

Cake Stall

## THE ACTON TURVILLE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PICNIC

SUNDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
3PM - 8PM

PLAYING FIELDS, ACTON TURVILLE

*FREE entry for all Acton Turville villagers*

*As part of the Queen's Big Jubilee Lunch, Acton Turville is  
holding its own Jubilee Picnic.*

*Pack your lunch, grab a blanket and let's celebrate this  
momentous day in style!*

Entry is by ticket only  
To obtain your tickets,  
please email:

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*Let's  
Celebrate  
Together!*

# Church Matters

## May 2022 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Parishioners,

It is good to be at the beginning of the Summer with the trees showing their glory once again. I hope as many of you as possible can come to our Horse Trials service on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Great Badminton. We always try and get a special preacher and this year it is Stephen Gray, who is currently Senior Chaplain at Eton College. To some, that may sound rather grand, but I can assure you that Stephen is very down to earth and we are very lucky to have him come and preach. The wonderful choir at Hawkesbury, directed by Ben Humphries, will be singing to add to the occasion. And this year, Georgia, Duchess of Beaufort, will be reading the lesson. The service is at 10am.

I hope if you cannot join us for this, you will try and come to church to one of our many services this month.

St Aquinas believed: 'human beings are tempted to put wealth, honour, pleasure or power in the place of God, and worship these. ... God is the only one whose worship sets us free.'

That is of course worship of the heart, not just of the lips.

With my best wishes

Richard Thomson

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## Church Services for May 2022

Sunday	Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
1 <sup>st</sup> of Month	1 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion CW	Rev J Hunnisett
		11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev J Hunnisett
		6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong and APCM	M Butler
2 <sup>nd</sup> of Month	8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Great Badminton	Matins, preacher: Rev Stephen Gray, Eton	RT
3 <sup>rd</sup> of Month	15 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	RT
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
		11.15am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Morgan
		6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	RT
4 <sup>th</sup> of Month	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	RT
		11.00am	Leighterton	Matins	Tony King
		11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	RT
		6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong with Methodist Min preaching	RT
5 <sup>th</sup> of Month	29 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15am	St Arilda's, Oldbury	Matins	RT

Sunday Readings on website [badmintonbenefice.com](http://badmintonbenefice.com)

# J J'S GARDENING BLOG



By now it should be warm enough to plant out your annuals. Before you do so, acclimatise them for a few days, by leaving them outside during the day and putting them back in a sheltered position at night. This is because they have been grown in the optimum conditions at the nursery and the outside world comes as a bit of a shock to them.

## Getting Out and About

The RHS Spring Show is on at the Malvern showground from the 5th to the 8th of May. Well worth the trip. Visit gardens with expanses of fritillary or wood anemones. They are stunning at the moment.

## Jobs for This Month

Put in plant supports now, before planting the annuals, then freshen up the footprints and compacted soil by lightly forking over the soil. It really helps to smarten things up.

Recall looking for a view beyond your boundaries which can lead the eye on.

## Heaven Scent Planting Suggestions

A lovely small shrub with a strong scent is Daphne Bholua and a larger scented bush is Viburnum Dawn.

## And Finally

Collect up your secateurs, shears and scissors and have them sharpened to be ready for the season ahead. Ratcliffes in Malmesbury will sharpen them for you.

## Sudoku

May'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 !!

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

### NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the April quizzes:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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

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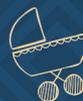
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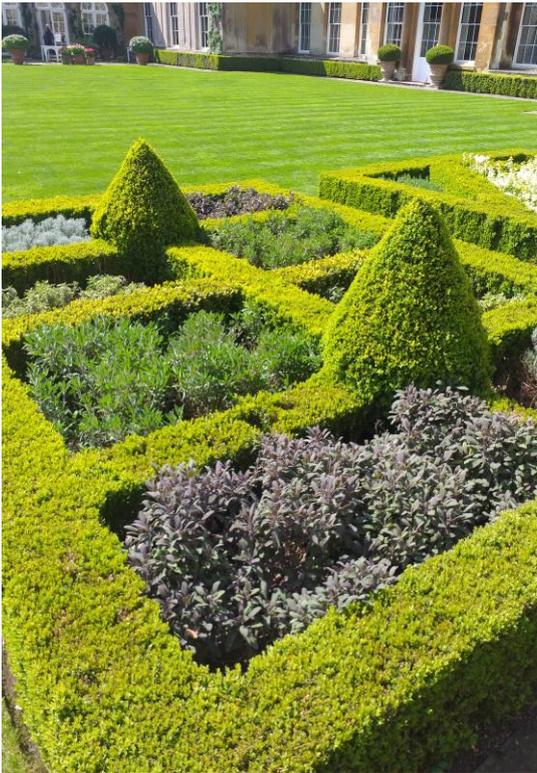


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## *Badminton House Open Gardens*



Well done to everyone who made the Badminton House Open Gardens event at the end of April such a success. The gardens looked superb, bathed in sunshine which gradually pushed the temperatures up and drove off the early-morning nip. Visitors were rewarded with some fantastic displays, carefully crafted and meticulously presented by the hard-working team of gardeners. It really was a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon. As well as the main house, visitors were also welcome to take a stroll to the Walled Garden and visit the gardens of Well Cottage which are always a delight. Back at the main house there were stalls selling plants, refreshments and some of the most indulgent cakes I think I've ever experienced. The good news is there will be further opportunities to visit the gardens (and hopefully sample the cakes) in June and September. Visit the Badminton Estate website for more details.

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