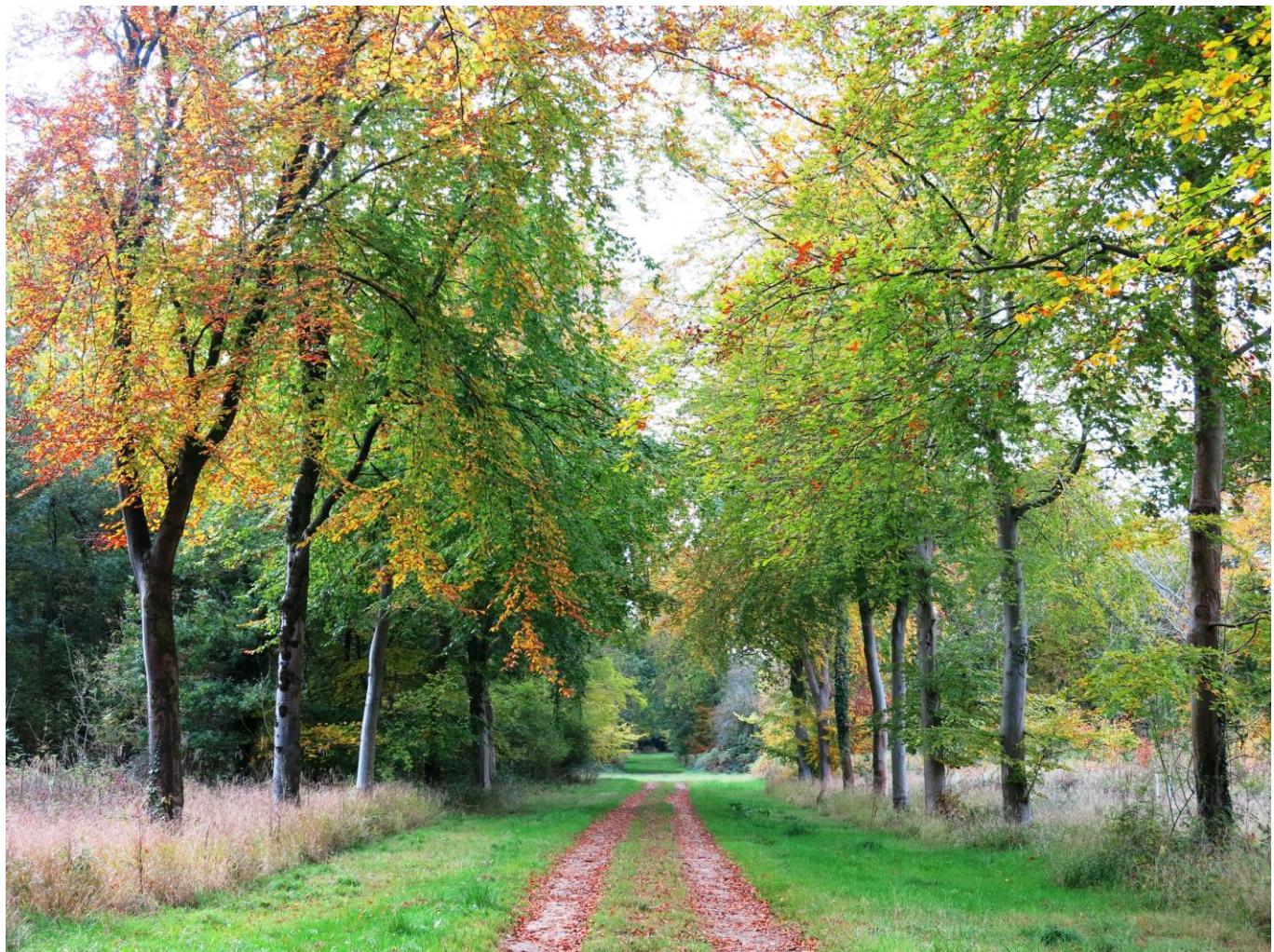


# Local Talk Back

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An autumnal Hinnegar Woods. Photo by Yvonne Nettles



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OF ACTON TURVILLE, BADMINTON AND LITTLE BADMINTON

# EDITORIAL OCTOBER 2020

Back in the summer I was called upon to collect Local Talk Back from the printers in Yate. The usual collection team of Richard and Belinda were on holiday, so I nipped down to Sprint Print and filled the boot of the car with several boxes containing 400 copies of the magazine. Once home, these were carefully divided into numerous piles before being delivered to the team of volunteers who every month post them through your letter boxes or sell them over the counter in the local shops. One thing that struck me as I walked around our villages with my armful of Talk Backs was the effort that people put in to keep their front gardens looking nice. Driving past in the car, it's very difficult (without crashing...) to take in the care and attention that is clearly paid to so many gardens, but on foot you can really appreciate the diverse styles and approaches that have been taken. There are the formal gardens comprising neatly laid out paths and lawns, with shrubs that have been tightly clipped and shaped. Then there are the more traditional country gardens with beds of fragrant lavender, rows of mop-headed hydrangea or roses growing over arches and around the porches. Seeing colour in a garden is always a treat, and I particularly enjoyed the displays of vibrant begonias and dahlias.

Of course modern life has also played its part in garden design, and more and more gardens have been adapted to cope with the motor car. These days you're just as likely to see gravel or hard standing where once there would have been lawns or flower beds. This was brought home to me recently when Gill and I took a trip down to Poundbury in Dorset. Poundbury is a New Town, built on land owned by Prince Charles who has also had a major say in its design and layout. Started in 1993 and still under construction, Poundbury claims to be developed around people rather than the car. It is a heady mix of traditional architectural styles from the Victorian and Georgian periods, taking design cues from cities such as Bath and London. Wrought iron fences and balconies abound, whilst shops with large glass frontages and neon signs are conspicuously absent. Look closer and you notice there are no TV aerials, satellite dishes, phone lines or power cables; all services are buried in underground ducts which keeps the skyline uncluttered. Road markings are kept to the absolute minimum, as are road signs and other street furniture. Cars are not parked on what used to be front gardens, they are parked to the rear of residential developments, keeping the frontages clear. The effect is difficult to describe. Someone described Poundbury as artificially nostalgic, and at times we felt we were walking around a film set, something that was real until you looked closely when you realised it was all a façade. In reality, Poundbury is a very modern town, with houses built to be very energy efficient and sustainable. Housing, shops and business premises all intermingle, minimising the need for people to drive or use public transport. There are also large public spaces which help to engender a community feel. In the sunshine it all felt very laid back, mellow and Mediterranean. The critics appear to be equally divided on the merits of Poundbury (as am I) but it's well worth a visit to see for yourself.

Last month, I mentioned the large number of Jumbo jets parked up at Kemble airfield, remarking how surreal it was to see these giants of the sky ending their days in a small Cotswold village. After our visit to Poundbury, Gill and I made the short trek to Weymouth. There, the traditional sand and surf had been supplemented by a fleet of ocean liners, anchored in the harbour as a consequence of the downturn in people wanting cruises. Like the Jumbos at Kemble, you don't realise how large these vessels are until you see them at close quarters, and seeing so many of the together was quite a sight. This year, the sand sculptures have some stiff opposition.

Until the next time

*IAN CARTER*

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

*Anonymous - £10*

*In addition, £19.95 was very generously donated in the local shop boxes.*

*Thank you!*

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### **Jack Hazzard**



Long term resident of Acton Turville, Jack Hazzard, sadly passed away recently age 84. Jack came to Acton Turville from Wales about 72 years ago and lived in Chapel Lane for many years. Married to Rita, they were both very active in village life and had many friends here. Jack leaves his wife Rita who is currently in a nursing home, and daughter Fiona.

We send our condolences to Fiona, Malcolm and family.

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# The Country Girls Out and About

## A GARDEN VISIT



At last!! Following months of lockdown with only walks and cycle rides to pass the time we were actually 'going out'.

It was just what we needed as we set out with two friends from Hawkesbury and Nettleton to visit Badminton Gardens. OK! Not far, but still 'out'.

The gardens were opened up for a second time this summer, with online booking only. Being later in the season we hadn't expected much colour. In the South garden near the church we were pleasantly surprised to find many of the roses replaced by tall plants in pastel shades of white, pinks and mauves. There were Cosmos, Dahlias and many other flowers we couldn't name. It was quite beautiful especially with the fountains and pyramid shaped trees. We were able to speak to one of the gardeners to ask questions about the garden care.

We moved on to the Orangery garden with its stunning pool and fountain. The hedges and shrubs here were very neatly trimmed with virtually no straight lines. They were like sculptures. Nearby, cut into a hedge were the outlines of a fox and a hound giving chase. Hidden behind a hedge was a very small pool, named years ago as the Dog Pool, with a fountain and built-in stone seating. The perfect place to relax.

Next, we came to the East Front with conservatories housing various flowers and a view down a long avenue towards Luckington.

As we crossed the gravelled North Front we became aware of the sound of a lot of birds. How lovely to see so many House Martins and Swallows and to listen to their loud chatter as they vied for space on the higher stone ledges of the house.

It was time for a rest and just the place was one of the benches (socially distanced) on the West Front near the Duck Pond. We enjoyed tea and ice-cream before moving on to the Walled Garden. The hedges here, small and tall, were neatly trimmed and enclosed various different garden areas. Some growing vegetables and others flowers or fruit trees. There were many more fruit trees and climbers growing up the high boundary walls. It is amazing to see the old walled kitchen gardens that still exist in some of the old estates. The National Trust has some special ones.

We had a lovely day and each chose our own favourite place. The Walled Garden was one favourite, the large pool and fountain in front of the Orangery was another and two of us liked the peaceful setting of the hidden Dog Pool.

On behalf of everyone who enjoyed the garden that day we would like to thank the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort for opening up their grounds during these trying times. We can't wait to return next year.

In the spring we saw the Virtual Tour of Badminton's Tulip garden online. It looked spectacular. Hopefully next spring we will be able to see the real thing.

While wandering around the garden we saw a Red Kite fly overhead. It has only been in the last few months that we started hearing of the Red Kites in the area. First at Nettleton, where one Kite was seen to be attacked by a Buzzard. Well, the Buzzards were here first. Then Red Kites were spotted in Hawkesbury Upton and over Acton Turville. It seems they are making their home in our area.

As we were leaving, we could see a big group of stags in the distance and what looked like a thousand gulls in and around Park Pond.



It is time to say that we are very close, if not in, the Rutting season when some of the stags, especially the lone ones, can be dangerous. Be aware and keep away from them and don't let dogs off the lead in the park. With the 'lockdown' and a lot of people going for walks now, especially in the park, many will have no idea of the danger. It may sound wonderful when the stags are roaring – the sound is incredible – but they are being aggressive to keep other stags away from their own harem of females. Keep right out of their way and please stay safe. It is their territory. Don't underestimate them! This is written with the knowledge of The Deer Keeper.

## THE WILD CARROT COFFEE STOP

This is too good to be true. We ventured out again. A friend had heard of an open-air cafe at Chavenage called 'The Wild Carrot', a little gem, it was said. It is on the Chavenage Estate but at one of the barns not far from the house. All three of us went in our own cars, which is quite alien to us. Luckily we arrived at 10.30 because later it became very busy. There are about 20 tables outside, so well spaced that you couldn't hear the conversations on the next table. Although busy everyone could be very socially distanced – it felt safe. The sun was gloriously hot, we could almost imagine we were abroad. Which is where two of us should have been. Sally on her Golden Wedding Anniversary cruise and Yvonne in Spain visiting friends.

At the moment there are only drinks and cakes to be had at the cafe. They are served from a van with coffee machines and other necessary equipment. Plenty of parking spaces are available within the yard and many more on the road. Well worth a visit on a fine day.

Take Care and be safe

# THE RICHARD SMITH STORY

"A Farmer and a Sportsman"

By Ray Bird, Acton Turville

PART 2 - Highs and lows!



*Richard (nearest camera) riding his family's own horse Dreamalong to victory at Stratford.*

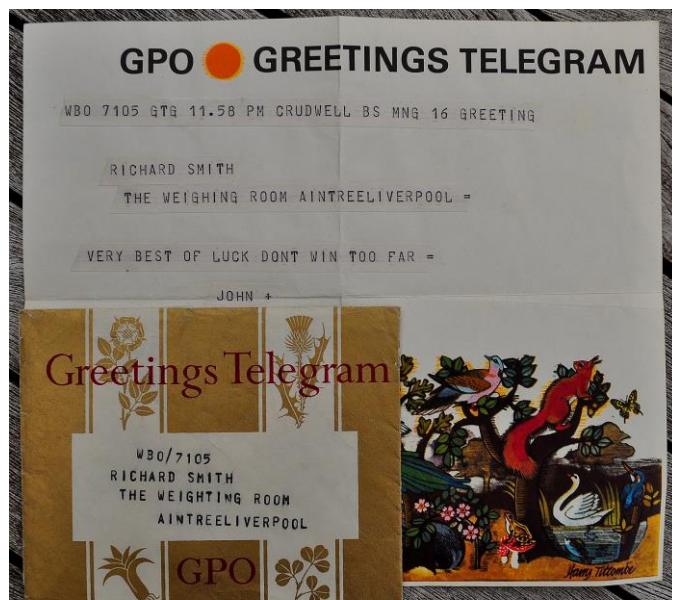
It must be nearly every National Hunt jockeys dream to tackle those mighty Aintree fences, and even better if that race is the Grand National. It was a dream that in 1972 came true for Richard when he got a chance ride on a horse called Bullocks Horn, who was trained by Bob Turnell, one of the top trainers in the country at that time. It was normally the mount of Lord John Oaksey, but a fall a few weeks earlier meant he was confined to watching the race on TV from his hospital bed. Such though is the sportsmanship between jockeys that he still managed to get a telegram sent to Richard on race day to the Aintree weighing room wishing him all the best.

As for the race itself, Richard takes up the story -

"Seeing some of those fences close-up on the morning course walk set the nerves going a bit, and even more so when we were in the weighing room just before the race. It's hard to explain, but there was a real air of tension among the jockeys, with those that were usually talkative and joking keeping quiet, and the normal quiet ones talking in pretence of not being nervous. As for the race itself, there was the usual frantic start, I soon though settled him down in midfield. He was jumping well and we sailed over the big open ditch at three, and then over such famous fences as Bechers Brook and the Canal Turn, but then, as we headed down towards Valentine's Brook there were several loose horses around me, then just as we were approaching the fence one of them cut right across in front of us and stopped us dead in our tracks, and so ending my Grand National hopes."

Although Richard may not have had the best of Aintree races, the 1971-2 season itself had been more productive with 22 wins under N.H rules, and although only a small race they had included a rather special victory on his Uncle Tom Smith horse Happy Chat at Worcester. The season also meant that the exploits of this emerging young talent had not gone unnoticed by both the local and racing papers. On the downside, it meant he would be in more demand from now on, and mean the end of riding in Point-Point races, but having achieved a total of 15 wins in his short Point-Point career it was not a bad number to bow out on. During the season he also made a flying visit to Madrid in Spain to ride in a flat race.

Off the track his talents were also noted in Royal circles with an invite to St James Palace in the presence of the Queen Mother, a keen owner and fan herself. Another keen racing fan was the 10th Duke of Beaufort; with Richard's father being a tenant farmer and friend, and having watched Richard riding with his hounds from a young age, when he took up racing the Duke followed his career with interest. When he had a winning treble at Devon & Exeter, a telegram of congratulations arrived the next day from the Duke.



*A telegram from Lord John Oaksey to Richard before his ride in the 1972 Grand National.*

## THE RICHARD SMITH STORY cont'd

If anyone in the world of racing was still unaware of his talents at the start of the 1972-3 season, they certainly were not by the end of it as Richard amassed 56 winners to take the National Hunt amateur jockeys' championship, a record since the war for an amateur rider, and one that still stands to this day. Among the highlights of those seasons wins was a treble at Wincanton, and riding his family's own horse Dreamalong to victory at Stratford. He also rode a winner on the flat at Salisbury, and made another flying visit to Madrid to ride in two races for the Duke of Albuquerque, one race being over brushed hurdles and one on the flat, in which he finished 2nd & 3rd. He was also leading rider at the meeting so came back from Spain with an armful of trophies.

Having had such a good season, and getting more and more in demand, it was perhaps inevitable that turning professional awaited Richard, and in time for the 1973-74 season he did just that. Up until what was to turn out to be his final race, he had ridden 35 winners that season, which had included the 3 mile Stayers Hurdle (now called the World Hurdle) at the Cheltenham festival on Highland Abbe. The season had also given him another crack at those big Aintree fences, this time in the Topham Trophy, where riding Soho Sol he completed the course this time, finishing a creditable 6th, so can lay claim to having jumped every Aintree fence.



*Riding in Spain and coming home with an armful of trophies.*

And so to that fateful day in May 1974 when Richard's life was to take such a dramatic turn in seconds and highlight the dangers of the sport. The horse was called Post Early and the racecourse Newton Abbot (ironically this had been the course that had given him his first win under National Hunt Rules). Richard takes up the story of that fateful ride and its aftermath - "A week earlier I had been apprehensive about riding Post Early at Cheltenham given he had the tendency during a race to hit the odd fence hard, which at Cheltenham you could not do and get away with. Rather surprisingly though he not only jumped well throughout but we won, and so going into the race at Newton Abbot I felt more confident. Unfortunately that confidence turned out to be short lived, when he hit the third fence low down and catapulted me over the top and I landed heavily on my head. After a short while I tried to get to my feet but could not. Luckily an off-duty Doctor happened to be nearby and was first on the scene and, realising it might be a serious head injury, told me to lie still. When the paramedics arrived he advised them not to move me until my head was secured in a brace."

"Once all that was done, I was taken to Torbay hospital where an X-Ray revealed I had both broken and dislocated my neck, and so was put in a head traction device, and that was what I stayed in for the next 6 weeks staring up at the ceiling. During that time I was advised not to race ride again for another fall could leave me paralyzed for life, or even be fatal, and so endeth my race riding career. Once home from hospital I had to wear a collar of one sort or another, followed by an operation about a year later to fuse my neck with bone graft, then wear more collars, and more months of rest. In total it was to be nearly two years from the accident until I could go back to any manual work on our farm".

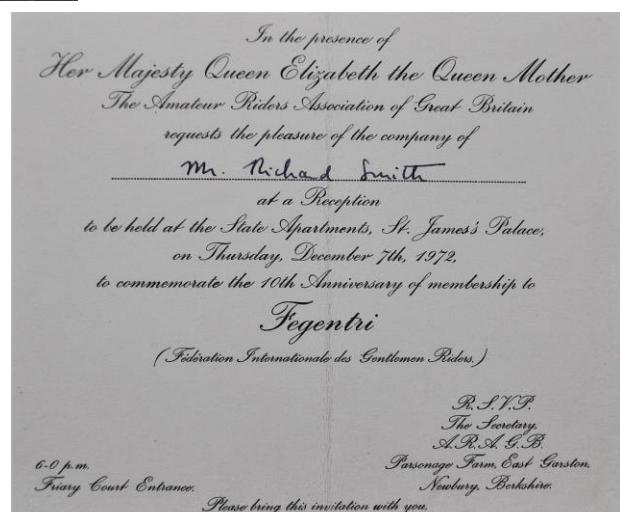
## THE RICHARD SMITH STORY cont'd

Although his race riding career may have been over, with horses and racing very much still in his blood it was no surprise that Richard soon turned his hand to training of both his own, and then others peoples horses, and also breeding and selling them. That was until about 15 years ago when he decided to call it a day, but during that time had enjoyed a number of successes in both Point-Point races, and under National Hunt rules. If all that wasn't enough, such was his love of the sport in one form or another, that from 1991 -2018 he became a steward at both Bath and Chepstow races.

As for now, all the horses on the farm belong to son James and his family, and although Richard's connection with racing, whether it be as a rider, owner, trainer or breeder may be finally over, his memories live on. It will be his achievements as a jockey, riding 121 National Hunt winners, plus one on the flat, and 15 at Point-Point that most in the world of National Hunt racing will remember him for.



*Left: Richard (R) on Highland Abbe on his way to a victory at Ascot. The rider on the left is Johnny Haine who was another local rider coming from Chipping Sodbury.*



*Above: An invite to St James Palace from the Queen Mother in 1972.*

*Left: Signed by his fellow jockeys, Richard proudly displays his framed photo of Highland Abbe with whom he achieved a number of wins.*

## ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

No physical meetings held at present

*Please! No Dogs are allowed on the playing field or in the play area.  
All gates must be kept shut. No vehicles are allowed in or on the playing field except by permission of the Parish Council. Please put all litter in the bins provided. Thank you.*

### SEPTEMBER 2020

#### Playing Field

##### Waste bin

For many years the black bin at the playing field was emptied free of charge by South Glos. Suddenly during 2019 these collections stopped and we were told S Glos would only empty a bin (not a black bin, and only a bin provided by them at considerable cost to the village) plus a charge to empty the bin at £4 per fortnight.

The Parish Council considered this option to be too expensive and the bin was then emptied by one of the Parish Councillors (free of charge!). Recently, we find that this service has been abused by villagers who have deposited cat litter and a computer into the bin.

This is not the purpose for which the bin is provided and, if this practice continues, Parish Council will have no alternative but to purchase a waste bin from South Glos and make a payment of £4 per fortnight for the emptying of that bin. This charge will necessarily have to be passed on to the village through an increase to the Precept and will therefore mean more expense for each household in the village, caused by the thoughtlessness of a few.

We would, therefore, request that playing field and dog waste are the only items placed into the black bin. Thank you.

#### Speeding

We have received a number of complaints about increased speeding in the village. Community Speed Watch have advertised for more volunteers in the previous edition of Local Talk Back and we hope if more volunteers come forward Speed Watches can be carried out on a more regular basis.

#### Meetings

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

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

Next meeting: Monday 12 October 2020 @ 7.00 pm (as above)

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 218675

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# J J'S GARDENING BLOG



## ***Tip of the Month***

Keep on dead heading: cut back the dead flower head to the next pair of leaves at least, not just the flower head itself. Of course, if you have something to sustain the birds through the winter, like seeds, consider leaving them unpruned. It also depends on how tidy you like the garden to look.

I had some mosaic virus on the tobacco plants. Be scrupulous about getting every scrap of the plant in the green bin, not in your compost bin. And plant something different there next season.

## ***Choosing Plants for the Garden***

Hydrangeas have continued to give a lot of colour as have the ceratostigma. There are plenty of different types of hydrangea, some large headed, others more triangular headed, others flat headed, oak shaped leaves, black stems, lots of choices, so whatever the situation, provided it is damp, there will probably be one to suit the spot.

The grass calamagrostis 'Karl Forrester' grows about a meter high, doesn't self-seed or ramble. Being mid height it can make a screen, or for something taller but rather more see through consider Stipa Gigantea.

Another interesting plant is Eucomis, either bi-colour, lime green edged maroon with pineapple like flowers or another coloured maroon and silver. It can be delicate, but grown in a pot with gritty soil, I have found it hardy.

Take a look at the quite lovely flowers of the native Iris foetidissima. A botanical artist's dream. It will grow in damp shade with evergreen strapped leaves. So if you are looking for a plant for such a situation, this could be the one.

## ***Jobs for Autumn***

Gladioli flowers die off from the base. Pick these off to keep the plant tidy and when there are 5 or 6 buds left, cut the stem and place indoors in a vase. They look quite exotic, nicer perhaps than when outside.

It's a good time to divide clumps or move established plants. The soil is still warm and they will get established in their new position before bad weather sets in. No T L C and a head start on Spring, Dahlias either need digging up or leaving in the ground. Dig up, remove greenery, dry off and keep in a frost free place until it is time to replant them in mid-May. Or, leave in the ground and cover with four inches of mulch, and take your chances. If you lose some, you can plant something else there, if they over winter you have well established plants next spring.

Salvias can stay in the ground covered with mulch or can be potted up and put in a frost free place too. Keep everything well drained, no saucers, from now on.

## ***Places to Visit***

A lovely garden to visit next season near Lambourn is Rooksnest. It is in the NGS yellow book.

*Time to plant sweetpeas outside.*

*I think we have come full circle!*

## Picture Gallery

### The Country Girls Out and About



We've got The Country Girls to thanks for this month's picture gallery. As you can read about on page 4, they've recently been venturing out to make the most of the late summer sunshine. The pictures on the left were taken at 'The Wild Carrot', an open-air cafe at Chavenage. Well worth a look if you're looking for somewhere to stop off.



The pictures below were taken on the Badminton Estate. The seagulls were taking a break on the lake, no doubt after a busy day chasing tractors, while the impressive sight of the deers is best enjoyed from a safe distance!

Thanks to Yvonne and Sally for the pictures.



## Picture Gallery

*Local Talk Back is delighted to be able to bring you these pictures from the recent wedding of Bobby, Marquess of Worcester and his fiancée Lucy Yorke-Long which took place recently at Badminton House. Current restrictions meant the event was scaled back, with the guest list comprising just close friends and family. After the ceremony, the new Marquess and Marchioness embarked on married life by riding across the estate on horseback with the Beaufort Hounds.*

*Local Talk Back would like to wish the happy couple every happiness for their future together.*



*Pictures by Dan Cummins and Martin Gentry.*



# Church Matters

## October 2020 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the lockdown most of our annual parish meetings were postponed till September/October. The next APCM (annual parish church meeting) will be next April.

If you wish your voice to be heard and your views taken into account, then it is really important that you are on the church electoral roll. You cannot vote at a parish meeting without this, nor stand for election to the PCC nor ask questions at the APCM. It is also your chance to vote for your churchwardens and the members of your PCC (parish church council). Your rights are therefore dependent upon being a member of the Electoral Roll. If you wish to join but do not know how, then contact me or your parish secretary.

If you do not like decisions that your PCC have made, or simply want to have your say, then this is the way. The Church of England is very democratic and relies upon the involvement of parishioners to work. Whilst the churchyard is governed by rules from the Registrar's Office, there is some latitude for the PCC to support or decline applications for Faculties. And everyone has strong views about the churchyard. Even in those parishes where the Council runs the cemetery, the PCC is still responsible for the maintenance of the land immediately around the church.

I ask everyone to consider how best you can support the church. Even if you do not wish to be on the Electoral Roll, you may have gifts which the church can use.

One obvious way is financial support. During the Covid crisis church finances have been really stretched, and the church needs the support of the community. But also important is the willingness to get involved and be part of your church community. Your contribution to parish life will undoubtedly be appreciated and you may find your life enhanced by the spirituality on offer.

Thank you for your support.

With my best wishes

Richard

Rev Richard Thomson

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ACTON TURVILLE

### **100 Club**

#### **WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Richard Hartley**

**Bob Stephens**

**John Ridd**

***Congratulations to all our winners!***

# Church Matters cont'd

## Badminton Benefice Rota for October 2020

	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	October 18 <sup>th</sup>	October 25 <sup>th</sup>	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Great Badminton					
Little Badminton St Michael and All Angels		11:15am Matins Richard Thomson		11:15am Matins with HC Richard Thomson	
Sopworth St Mary's/ Village Hall	We are sorry to report that there are no services for the next few months, whilst restoration works are carried out on the church.				
Didmarton St Lawrence's	11:15am Matins Richard Thomson		9:30am Holy Communion BCP Richard Thomson		11:15am Remembrance Matins Richard Thomson
Acton Turville St Mary's	6.00pm Evensong Richard Thomson		6:00pm Evensong Chris Andrew		3:00pm Evensong Richard Thomson
Boxwell St Mary's					
Oldbury on the Hill St Arild's					
Leighterton St Andrew's		9:30am Holy Communion CW Richard Thomson			
Lasborough St Mary's	9.30am Matins Lay led	9:30am Holy Communion BCP Peter Cheeseman		9:30am Holy Communion CW Richard Thomson	9.30am Matins Lay led
Hawkesbury St Mary's	9.30am Holy Communion CW Richard Thomson	6.00pm Evensong Richard Thomson	9.30am Morning Prayer Lay led	5.00pm Evensong Richard Thomson	9.30am Holy Communion CW Richard Thomson

### Evensong

Please note that during the winter months, Evensong will be held **at 3pm** in St Mary's church Acton Turville (from 25<sup>th</sup> October)

### Matins

Matins is held at 11:15 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at Little Badminton, save for November, when Great Badminton church is used for Remembrance Sunday and the RGH El Gubi service.

### Holy Communion

Holy Communion is said at the end of Evensong at Christmas, Easter and Whitsun in Acton Turville, and is said at the end of Matins on every other 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, beginning October.

<b>Mid-week services are to be held at St Mary's Hawkesbury on the following Wednesdays at 9.30am</b>		
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Matins	
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Matins	Ordinary time
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Matins	Ordinary time
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	St Simon and St Jude
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Matins	All Souls

*Please wear face coverings*

## Sudoku

October'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 !!

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	6	2			9			
	8		7					

NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the September quizzes:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



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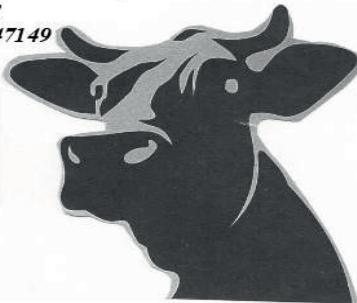
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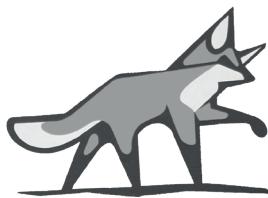
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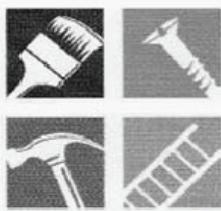
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