

Local Talk Back

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Traditional Horse Drawn Caravan at the 2021 Hawkesbury Vintage Tractor Run
Picture by Yvonne Nettles, Little Badminton



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OF ACTON TURVILLE, BADMINTON AND LITTLE BADMINTON

EDITORIAL OCTOBER 2021

I've just had a birthday. This year I received something quite novel and unexpected; a handwritten letter. I can't remember the last time someone sent me a letter. These days the post seems to contain nothing but adverts for retirement homes and ethical cremations, which is not a great ego boost and isn't really the mailing list I'd choose to be on (although some of those retirement homes do look rather swish). There's always been something special about receiving a letter or a card through the post. It starts with a sense of anticipation as you try and work out who might have sent it from the post mark or by analysing the handwriting. If it's your birthday, you feel grateful that someone has remembered and gone to the bother of sending you a card. At Christmas time, there's the added anxiety that the card might come from someone you decided to scrub from your list this year because they never send you a card and now here you are, in the days leading up to Christmas, with no hope of getting something to them on time. Letters received at other times suggest there is some news that is sufficiently important to justify breaking out the Basildon Bond and putting pen to paper - we always hope it's good news but prepare ourselves for the worst. Thankfully the letter I received this year comprised several pages of general chit-chat from my sister who lives in Devizes - despite being relatively local we don't catch up as often as we should. Reading the letter was like having a conversation with my sister, by which I mean she writes like she speaks. If it was an email she'd have proof-read it, corrected the grammar and, well, probably deleted some of the things she said about her neighbour (we won't go into that here...) but being a letter it just flowed. It was like having her in the room, reading it to me. It made me realise how impersonal other forms of communication can be in comparison.

The subject came up recently when I met up with some of my work colleagues. We were celebrating 40 years since we all joined up as apprentices. The discussion turned to all the forms we used to fill in, and the strict protocol that we had to obey when sending out any sort of written communication. There was a bewildering array of forms depending whether you were writing to someone within the department, or at another branch. If you were writing to someone who worked for an external organisation, you would call on the typing department to convert your scrawl and squiggles into something legible; the letter would start with "Dear Sirs" and end "Yours Faithfully". Fast forward 40 years and everyone gets an email that starts with the word "Hi", ends in "Kind Regards" and probably includes at least one smiley face. We lamented how standards had slipped but is that really the case? If the message gets across, does it actually matter what format we use?

The conversation then moved on to discussing how best we could share all those photos that we'd taken during our apprentice days. Simple. Someone said they'd set up a website, at which point the IT-savvy member of the group took delight in pointing out that websites were a thing of the past and hadn't we heard of social media. Most of us shook our heads. I asked if that was "Friends Reunited" and received the sort of stare Paddington Bear would have been proud of. When it comes to social media I'm invariably two steps behind the rest of the world, and by the time I discover what I think is the latest social media platform it's normally a sign that everyone else has moved on to something else. We gave up on establishing a web presence and decided to share our snaps by bringing them along to the next reunion.

Different people like different ways of communicating. Technology has opened up a whole new world of opportunities, but some people prefer to stick with what they know, what they understand and what they find comfortable. Ultimately there is no right way and no wrong way. What is important is communication itself.

Right, I'm off to write a letter to my sister (if only to find out more about her neighbour...).

Until the next time

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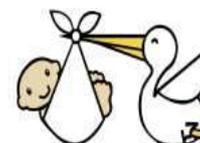
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Local Talk Back sends many congratulations to Valerie and Dennis Peibst from Acton Turville on the arrival of daughter Violet Sophia, born on the 13th September.



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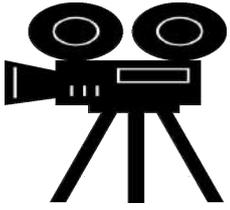
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DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

The Village Hall, Friday 8th October 2021

DREAM HORSE

(2021, PG) – Drama

Starring: Toni Collette, Damian Lewis, Joanna Page

The inspiring true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely race horse bred by small town bartender, Jan Vokes (Academy Award® nominee Toni Collette). With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise Dream and compete with the racing elites. Their investment pays off as Dream rises through the ranks and becomes a beacon of hope in their struggling community.

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

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FOX
& HOUNDS INN

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Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

Starts again on Wednesday, 13th October 2021

then the 2nd Wednesday of every month

Tea/Coffee on arrival

Two Course Lunch (main course + dessert)

Coffee to finish

£10.00 per head

Everyone welcome!



Hawkesbury Theatrical Group return with:

‘BACK TO THE FUTURE’

From cave man to Covid – a brief history in time

A light hearted production of songs and sketches

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2021

at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Tickets: £5 adults, £3 children under 16

Family ticket £12 - two adults, two children

Tickets available from Fiona 01454 23758

or email: webbfamily@waitrose.com

All proceeds to the Village Hall

The Badminton Tea Party

Over 100 people 'trod the boards' of the badminton court in Badminton Memorial Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 12th September, where tables and chairs had been set-out in readiness to celebrate together the end of lockdown. Right from 'the off' families and friends turned up in good number and even the odd 'hairy biker' popped-in to check out the hot tea offer and sample the cakes and biscuits. A Cake Stall and a Raffle Desk were kept busy throughout the afternoon, collecting between them – along with some very generous donations at the tea table – some £499! The weather was unseasonably warm and sunny and the mellow strains of music from flautist Rowan Wood helped create a lovely atmosphere. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves, from the seniors seeing their friends while out and about for the first time in many months to the young queuing up for face-painting, Thanking the Parochial Church Council for putting on the party, The Reverend Richard Thomson said, "It was lovely to see so many people meeting up to celebrate that we can now.... meet up, especially in church. I want to thank everyone who baked and baked, as well as those who bought the cakes and raffle tickets. We will definitely think about making this an annual event. Our two beautiful churches must be maintained so that they are always here for the community."



Words: Jake Olver, Treasurer of Badminton Parochial Church Council

Pictures: Ben Humphreys

ACTON TURVILLE CONNECT

Acton Turville has a new Facebook page. It's called Acton Turville Connect and it's been set up to provide residents with all the latest news about the village and surrounding areas. The group has only been going a month and already 65 people have signed up. There's been a lot to discuss too. Recent posts have included the regular supper club and a McMillan coffee morning at the Fox & Hounds, as well as opportunities for villagers to join in games of rounders and tennis at the Acton Turville sports field. On a more serious note, the page has allowed villagers to alert their neighbours about people seen behaving suspiciously around the village, and to keep a look out for missing dogs. Why not visit the page and see for yourself - we think you'll like it.

FOR THE VILLAGE - BY THE VILLAGE

ACTON TURVILLE AUTUMN TIDY

Could you spare a couple of hours helping keep our village looking clean and tidy?

If you can, come and join us. We'll be meeting in the Fox & Hounds car park between 10 and 11am on

SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021.

Bags, gloves and pickers will be provided to help with litter clearing. We're also going to be tackling some of the planted areas which always need some attention at this time of year so if you fancy that, bring along your gardening tools.

Everyone welcome!

Any questions?

Contact actonturvillepc@aol.com

FROM COUNTRY BUMPKIN TO BILLIONAIRE

By Ray Bird, Acton Turville

When a young man in his early 20's came to live in Acton Turville, few could have thought that one day he would become a worldwide household name and one of the richest people in this country. The name of that man was James, now Sir James, Dyson.

It was 1971 when James, his wife Deirdre whom he had married in 1967, and their two children moved into Street Farmhouse, which they bought for £13,500. This was to be the Dyson's first home, having previously rented flats in London and Bath. Such was their financial situation at the time though, they could only complete the purchase by borrowing the deposit from a relation.



Deirdre (now Lady Dyson) once said of the property, "it was a simple farmhouse built of stone and set back from the road. It included some disused pig sheds - we later raised their roofs and used them for offices. The house

itself was reasonably sound structurally, but in general was a bit rundown and cosmetically not to our taste so we redecorated the whole house and made some alterations". She also recalled what, in view of subsequent events, one might call a rather 'humorous' moment which occurred when they were looking for a house in the area: "James had spotted one in the window of an estate agent, and when he went inside to ask the price of it, he received a reply of 'too expensive for you son'". I wonder if that estate agent ever knew, or realised years later, to whom he had been speaking? Perhaps James should have returned and offered to buy their entire business !

Their primary reason for moving to this area was that James was working for Rotork, a design and engineering manufacturing company based near Bath. The company was owned by Jeremy Fry, a well known British inventor, engineer and entrepreneur of his day.



It's said that it was while working on their farmhouse, which involved much use of a traditional-type wheelbarrow, that James began to think of ways to make the barrow easier to push when loaded, especially in wet conditions. Slowly the idea of a large spherical plastic wheel, like a football, came to mind, and so the first steps towards the invention of the ball-barrow began to materialise.

Left: the ball-barrow which was designed and marketed from home in Acton Turville

Such was James's confidence in his idea that in 1974 he took what he later said was one of the biggest risks of his life, when he gave up his well paid job at Rotork's to concentrate on developing the Ball-barrow. It seemed soon after to have been the wrong decision when a business friend, who had agreed to help back him financially with the product, had to pull out of the deal when his own business got into difficulty.

Luckily, soon after, another friend named Stuart Kirkwood liked the idea and came in as a partner. After numerous design problems and despite mounting debts, which at one time required James to put the Farmhouse up for security, they finally got it right and under the name of Kirk-Dyson the ballbarrow went into production. Marketing it however was to be their next big problem. Initially, garden centres, building construction firms, and other retailers where the ball-barrow might have sold, were just not interested in selling the product. Then more in hope than real expectation, they turned to putting a small advert, complete with a little drawing of the ball-barrow, in some newspapers, the price being £19.95. In James's own words "to my surprise the cheques started rolling in". Parts for the ball-barrow were manufactured by a number of different suppliers located across the UK. They would deliver the components to Street Farmhouse where ball-barrow assembly took place in the renovated garden pigsties. Between 10-20 were being turned out daily by two employees.

At the same time as advertising the ball-barrow, they also advertised a second less well known garden implement they had also designed. Called the Waterollo, in James's autobiography he describes it as "a garden roller that instead of being a large metal drum full of concrete, it was a large plastic drum full of nothing. In this state you could put it in the back of a Volvo and take home. You filled it with water to give it weight when you rolled your lawn, then just drained it back out when you finished if need be. As it turned out there was only a small market for that product so sales soon dried up."

By 1976 sales of the ball-barrow had really taken off: in that year and the following year it had, in James's words, become a "hot seller", enabling debts to be paid off and a more suitable manufacturing facility to be set up near Bath. Such so, that in 1978 they moved from the farmhouse to a spacious old Georgian House in Bathford, which was also closer to his business premises. In 1979 it seems that things took a financial downturn with the ball-barrow, mainly due to problems with his partner and investors, but by then he had already started designing the bagless vacuum cleaner, and as the old saying goes - the rest is history.

Although he will probably always be best remembered for his vacuum cleaners, these days his company, with its headquarters based locally in Malmesbury, also designs and manufactures a wide range of items ranging from air fans to hairdryers. In addition to his design and manufacturing business which employs many

thousands of people both in the UK and abroad, Sir James Dyson is one of the biggest landowners in the country. In 2003 he bought Dodington House for a reported £15 million, a far cry from the days when he had to borrow the deposit to purchase Street Farmhouse. Some media sources puts his current net worth to be around £16.3 billion, not bad for a person that is reputed to have once referred to himself as a "Norfolk country bumpkin". And to think, a large part of his success began when he lived in Acton Turville with a simple ball-barrow design assembled in an old pigsty!



Dodington House & Lake 1984

Ray Bird Photography

J J'S GARDENING BLOG



Catalogues are coming through the letter box which means it's time to think about bulbs for next spring. You don't want to find your favourites are sold out. Bear in mind that squirrels like bulbs, so put them in something like a cake tin until you are ready to plant them.

I don't know what happened to my typing last month, but the aster that I find very attractive is named Monch and the daisy plant is *Erigeron karvinskianus*.

Jobs for This Month

Moving on.....lavender plants should be cut back, not too fiercely though and perhaps a feed afterwards. I did see a rather attractive planting idea. Blue then pink lavenders were planted alternately in a line. Something different.

Iceberg roses in a bowl with *Choisya ternate* (Mexican orange blossom shrub) works well as a lovely posey. *Rosa glauca* is full of hips and makes a spray or two is worth bringing indoors.

Think Ahead

What a strange growing season it has been. The same annuals have sometimes been full of flower, some in the same batch, no flower but huge foliage, and some have been little short things. I think some plants have struggled without a regular amount of sunshine: dahlias flowering rather tiredly. Vow to top dress all the beds this winter. Anything you are going to overwinter cover with a large lump of compost, about three or four inches high. If you have something really special to you pot it on and bring it into a frost free place. Perhaps a conservatory or spare bedroom. As an insurance against any losses, take cuttings of plectranthus, large leaved salvias and pelargoniums. Keep the compost gritty and be frugal with the water. If it works, it works. If it doesn't it's part of life's big struggle.

Plectranthus makes a good companion to the dark leaved dahlias in the Bishop series.

Plant biennials, which take eighteen months to flower. Such as wallflowers, foxgloves, honesty, sweet williams, or miss out the hard part, keep a list of which biennials you want and get them from your local nursery. It would probably help them if you get your order in pronto.

And Finally

If you are planning on a water feature bear in mind that it will save you angst if you select a site away from trees. Blindingly obvious really!



St Mary's Church, Acton Turville

Hooray! We can return to holding the old traditional services in the old traditional way.

This means that we have every expectation of celebrating at harvest time and at Christmas.

And masks are not obligatory at any of the services, though hand sanitiser is provided.

The first celebration will be the Harvest Festival service on October 17th at 6.00pm. It will be great to welcome you and to display all your harvest offerings once more. It's a great chance for the village to come together again.

A Very Special Air Ambulance

During a recent stay in hospital I could see from my window the Air Ambulances landing on the Bristol Royal Infirmary rooftop helipad.

One day a helicopter landed that was bigger than the others and stayed on site for much longer. I did wonder if it was a repatriation flight from the airport, but later learned that it was the dedicated Children's Air Ambulance. A life-saving transfer service for critically ill babies and children. It is stationed at Oxford Airfield.



When a child is too sick to travel the helicopter can fly a medical team of doctors and nurses and special equipment from Bristol Children's Hospital to the child, turning their local hospital into a specialist care centre.

Originally set up as a partnership between the Air Ambulance Charity and a critical care team of medics, to co-ordinate the transfer of critically ill children within the South West region. Later the team was rebranded as 'WATCH' – Wales and West Acute Transport for Children – when they took on the responsibility for children in Wales.

It is staffed from an ambulance station near Temple Meads and receives about 1500 calls each year from regional hospitals from Cornwall up to Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Wales.

Calls to the WATCH team are taken by a Paediatric Intensive Care Consultant, who with other specialists will quickly decide whether, or how, to transport the child or if equipment and the care team need to go to the child. The Children's Air Ambulance can pick up the Critical Care Team of experienced doctors and nurses from the rooftop helipad and fly them to the patient's local hospital to care for them there, or to safely transport the baby or child to Bristol or Cardiff hospitals. The journey is four times faster than by road – 100 miles in 24 minutes.

The Bristol Children's Hospital, interconnected to the B.R.I., has a highly specialised paediatric intensive care as well as neurosurgery and epilepsy programmes. Outside of London it is the only hospital in the south of England and Wales for children with burns.

In 2018 the Children's Air Ambulance Charity introduced two new Leonardo AW169 helicopters, one based in the north and one in the south. These specially designed helicopters are larger and with a higher specification and provide paediatric and neonatal intensive care units in the air. No time is wasted in the care and treatment as they carry ventilators, monitors, infusion pumps, oxygen and a baby incubator pod. On board they also provide ECMO – a system similar to a heart and lung bypass machine, pioneering in flight care for the sickest of children for whom transfer by road may not even be an option. As well as space for three medics there is extra room for a patient's family member so they don't have to leave the child.

The charity receives no standard Government funding and was hit hard by the impact of Covid-19 on fundraising. Donations raised pay for the aircraft lease, the two pilots, fuel and landing fees. The average mission cost is £3,500. As the charity covers the operational costs the service is free of charge to hospitals and the NHS.

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FLIGHT FROM THE EAST

DRIVING BACK TO THE UK FROM KUWAIT IN 1969

By Peter Moss, Acton Turville

PART 2. IRAN TO TURKEY

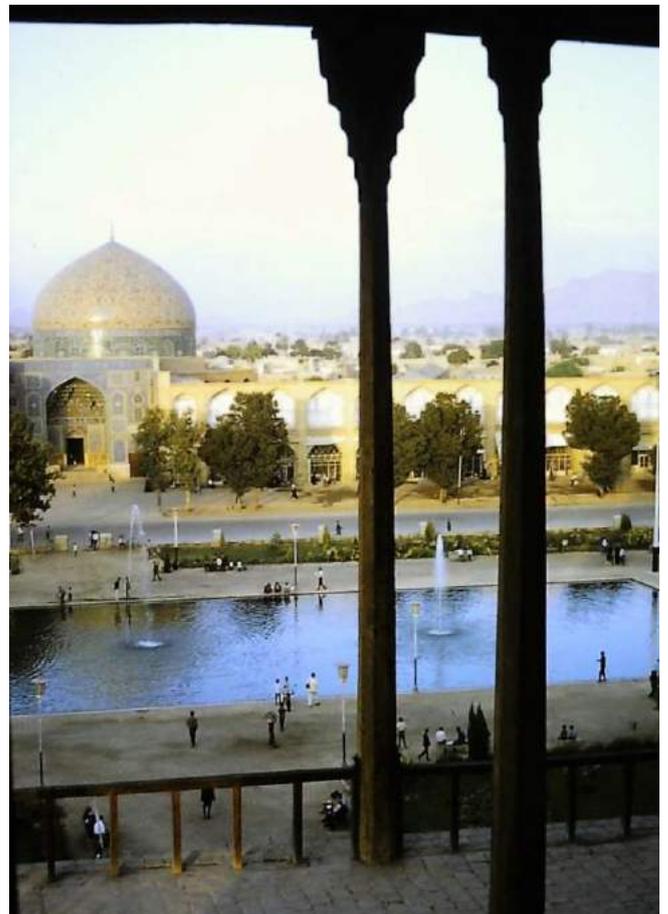
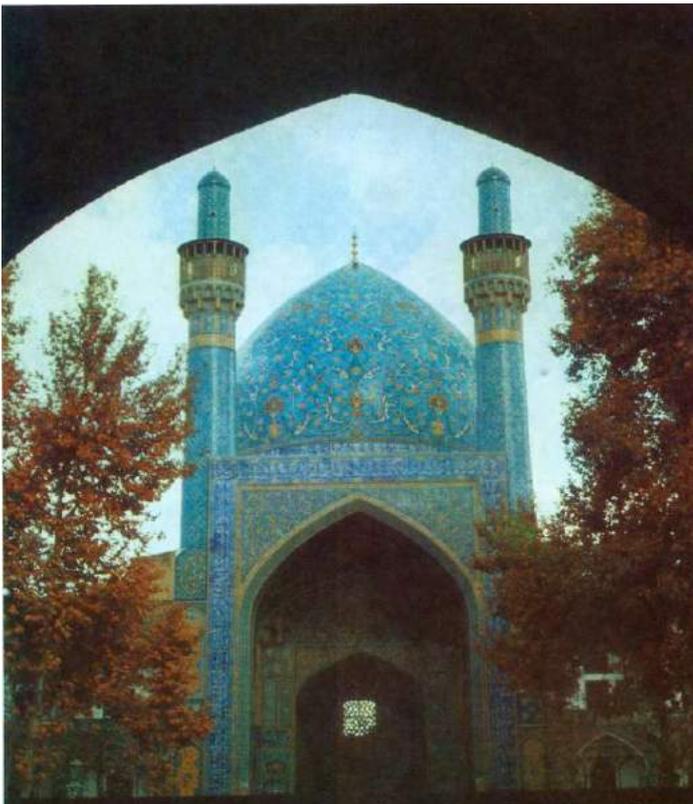
In last month's Local Talk Back I recounted how, in 1969, I decided to drive from Kuwait, where I was working as a civil engineer for a Japanese oil company, back home to the UK. The first part of my story explained how I had purchased a two-seat MGB convertible for the journey, and traced my route as I drove from Kuwait, through Iraq and into Iran, a journey which would be all but unthinkable today. My next stop was to be the stunning Iranian city of Isfahan.

I found Isfahan quite overwhelmingly beautiful and exceeding my expectations. There are two factors that contribute to its charm. The first one is its antiquity and the wealth of magnificent historic buildings it contains; Ali Qapu Palace, Masjid-e Shah mosque and the imposing Khaju bridge, to name just a few. The second factor is its location, on an airy plain but with a sharp mountainous backdrop. There is a fine river running through the city crossed by several ancient but spectacular bridges. I will not dwell further on Isfahan but I found it a most memorable place. Whilst there I bought a rather fine antique Persian rug, which now resides in our hall.



Travelling alone you meet people, and my diary records that I dined with a German who was in the city to set up a German sausage factory!

After Isfahan I had thought of visiting the ruins of Persepolis, which I believe are fairly spectacular, but it was just too far and in the wrong direction. So I reluctantly drove North to Tehran. My diary dismisses Tehran as a city lacking in character or antiquity, but with very bad traffic. Forgive me Tehran!



I did not linger there and, after a night stop and a quick tour I pressed on towards the Caspian sea. From Tehran it was an interesting drive through the Elburz Mountains which involved quite a fierce pass, and then on to Chalus on the coast. The climate and character of the country here was quite different and more pleasant than Tehran. My diary records that I swam in the Caspian Sea at lunch time and also that I slept by the roadside. I had to sleep out several times on the trip in the absence of accommodation, and I had brought a sleeping bag and tarpaulin for that end. Attached is a picture of a dam in the Elburz mountains.



Returning to the main road between Tehran and Tabriz I drove North to Tabriz and visited the Museum and Blue Mosque. From Tabriz I went to Maku, near the Turkish border and spent the night at the Maku Inn Motel. This was a pleasant place located on a mountain pass.

AND SO ON TO TURKEY

I crossed the Turkish border and drove towards Erzerum. The road affords spectacular views of the snow clad Mount Ararat to the North and a photo is attached. I am embarrassed that the post in the foreground of my photo has a plate with the inscription 'military area no photography', but luckily the definition of the photo is so poor that you can not read it. I continued on a decent road to Erzerum. I found the town modern and rather uninteresting.

In crossing Turkey I was aiming for Istanbul, and then Europe, but there were two possible routes. I could either take a rather shorter Northern route going directly through Ankara, or take a rather longer route going down to Adana and the very attractive South coast.

I decided to go for the latter, so west of Erzerum I turned South towards Malatya and Adana, on the South coast. Although a main road it was badly surfaced and mountainous, with marvellous views from a steep pass. I slept by the roadside near Turcellli.

The noise from the rough road tended to drown any mechanical noise but I suddenly became aware of a loud banging noise from the engine, and I was horrified that this might be an engine bearing, which would have brought my trip to a halt. Examination showed that it was a dynamo bearing, which was bad enough. How could one get a replacement dynamo for an MGB in Eastern Turkey?

I proceeded very gingerly onward, through Elazig and on to Malatya. Here I removed the dynamo, tucked it under my arm, and with a heavy heart marched off to find an 'Oto elektriki'. I found one and my luck was in. I had not realised that the most common light van in Turkey at that time was the Leyland Sherpa, which had Lucas electrical components that were interchangeable with the MGB. My dynamo was quite shot. The front bearing had collapsed allowing the armature to hit the field coils.

So whilst I sat in an agitated state in the 'Oto Elektriki' they plied me with cups of tea to soothe my nerves and quickly rebuilt the dynamo. Apart from this very helpful workshop, Malatya has a very pleasant atmosphere. I quickly refitted the dynamo and drove on to Maras where I stayed at the Celtik Palace Hotel and planned the next stage of my journey.

Next month, onwards across Turkey, and witnessing the first signs of the tourist trade.



Church Matters

October 2021 Letter from the Vicar

My Dear Friends,

September has been a memorable month with several really good things happening in the life of the local church.

Firstly, there was a fabulous service with Bishop Rachel present, to dedicate the new bells and vestry at Hawkesbury. It cannot be over-stated what a huge thing it is to have a new set of eight bells. It is something that happens very rarely and lasts for hundreds of years. So, to be in receipt of eight new bells through the immense generosity of one or two parishioners is the cause for great joy and thankfulness. The Director of Music, Ben Humphries put together some lovely music with a choir which was carefully socially distanced in the chancel. The organist of Tetbury very kindly played for us. The whole service can be seen on our YouTube channel (Badminton Benefice) and is definitely worth tuning in to. It was really incredible.

The other thing is the Church Tea Party held in the Memorial hall at Badminton. This humble affair was the first event organised by the new PCC at Badminton and was greatly enjoyed by parishioners. The PCC were grateful for support from Acton Turville parishioners.

The weekly service is being broadcast on our YouTube channel. We have keen subscribers from USA and all over the UK. It is of course, Prayer Book - and people the world over seem to enjoy its beautiful cadences and traditional spirituality. You can hear a weekly sermon too.

Lots of exciting things are happening around the celebration of the Harvest and hope that you will attend one of them.

We are now singing in church and facemasks are no longer a legal requirement, which makes attendance much more pleasurable.

The backlog of weddings and christenings are now coming in spate, and there are lots of joyful events taking place.

With my best wishes,

Richard Thomson

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Badminton Benefice Rota for October 2021

Sunday	Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
Trinity 18	3 rd October	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Holy Communion	RT
		11.15am	Didmarton	Matins (Harvest Festival)	RT
		6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong with HC	RT
Trinity 19	10 th October	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
		9.30am	Leighterton	Harvest Festival	RT
		11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	RT
		6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Harvest Evensong	RT
Trinity 20	17 th October	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	RT
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
		11.15am	Sopworth	Matins Harvest Festival	RT
		6.00pm	Acton Turville	Harvest Evensong	RT
Last Sunday After Trinity	24 th October	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	RT
		6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	R Axford
		6.00pm	Lasborough	Harvest Evensong	RT
All Saints Day	31 st October	11.15am 5.00pm	Great Badminton Leighterton	Matins Evensong	RT Rev Andrew Lafita, Chap 21 Signals Regiment

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.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Playing Field

In addition to the Annual Inspection of the play equipment, maintenance of the hedges and overgrown shrubbery will be taking place during the next few months to tidy up the field and play area. Help with mowing is always welcome. If you are considering helping and wish to join our volunteers, or if you would like more information, please contact a Councillor or the Clerk.

Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022

We have been notified that a Facebook page has been set up called "Acton Turville Connect" to keep everyone informed of what is being planned for this event. You can find more details about the Acton Turville C in this edition of Talk Back.

Speeding in Village

Following a Race Event at Castle Combe on Saturday 11 September we would like to thank Community Speed Watch for doing their utmost to try and keep our village safe. The CSW team witnessed the disgraceful behaviour of those driving through the village, resulting in the team receiving a large amount of abuse which caused them to call the Police. Other concerned residents also called the Police. This incident is totally and utterly unacceptable. The Parish Council are currently working together with the CSW and other parties to ensure this is urgently dealt with. We would encourage anyone affected by this to ring 101 so their complaint is logged or if there is any danger dial 999.

Autumn 'Tidy -up'

Following the successful village 'Spring Clean' mentioned in a previous bulletin, we are aiming to hold an 'Autumn Tidy-up.' Details of how you can help, and the areas which we feel are in need of most attention can be found elsewhere in this edition of LTB,.

New Councillor

Following our advertisement for a second Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council we are pleased to welcome Mark Studden who joined us this month as our fifth Councillor. We feel sure Mark will be a positive addition to the Council.

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 October 2021 @ 7 pm Venue: St Mary's Church, Acton Turville.
Details on website and Parish Notice Board

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

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 !!

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

NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the September quizzes:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



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TRACTOR FEST 2021

On 1st August the Hawkesbury 'Vintage Tractor Run' organised by 'The Hawkesbury Farm Shop' left the village on a round trip passing through Hillesley, Alderley, Wotton Under Edge, Kingswood, Wickwar, Yate and Chipping Sodbury. 60 tractors took part in the run which was in aid of the Jessie May Trust, collecting a grand total of £4,500.

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