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Time to Start Harvesting the Pollen. *Picture by Ian Carter, Acton Turville*



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

EDITORIAL JULY 2023

One afternoon at the beginning of 2023, the Local Talk Back editorial team sat down and bounced around a few ideas for the coming year. Something we'd been keen to do for a while was a monthly look at what had been appearing in Talk Back in previous years, so we started leafing through our collection of back-issues to see what that might involve. As so often happens in such circumstances, we quickly lost sight of what we were trying to achieve, and instead of highlighting articles which could provide what we were looking for, it became an exercise in nostalgia. The mere mention of a single name would send us off down a rabbit-hole, trying to remember events and characters from many years ago.

The same thing happens every time I go up into the loft. I have to admit I find it difficult to get rid of things, and, apart from several hundred old copies of Talk Back, I've got piles of photos, books, magazines and music memorabilia dating back decades which I can spend hours leafing through, normally when I should be doing something more important. A few years ago I made a conscious effort to reduce my stockpile, resulting in numerous trips to the Yate recycling centre, and although I'm now less concerned about the risk of the ceiling falling in, I still wonder what I was thinking when I dumped such gems as my entire collection of Bristol Rovers programmes from the 1970s. What that exercise did force me to do was look more closely at what I had, and organise it so I could actually find things. Books were put on shelves, magazines in binders, and photos were scanned. Ironically there was another unforeseen consequence of my actions, because not only did I now know what I had, I also knew what I didn't have. Finding there was an issue missing from my magazine collection came as a shock, and I couldn't rest until I'd located a copy. Thankfully these days we have resources such as eBay where you can buy such irrelevance. It might take a while for the precise item to appear, and you might have to pay over the odds for it when it does, but if it means that the equilibrium is restored, it's worth every penny.

Why we collect certain items normally comes down to one of two reasons – they have either sentimental value, reminding us of special times or special people, or they have a financial worth. Sometimes those two aspects come into conflict on shows such as the Antiques Roadshow. How many times have you suspected that a family heirloom, passed down from generation to generation, will be heading off to the auction room just as soon as filming stops, the current custodians having moments earlier found out it's worth a bob or two. Conversely, a less-favourable assessment of financial value can condemn an item to the skip, meaning many artefacts that are valued, but not necessarily valuable, are simply disposed of.

That's where our story comes full circle, and we return to the meeting of the Talk Back editorial team mentioned in the first paragraph. Looking through one back issue in particular, we found an article about an event that was held locally some 20 years ago. There were no pictures to accompany the article, but from the write-up it was clearly a grand affair with marquee, a barbeque, entertainment and games. Only one member of the team could remember it, but their recollections were vague. Shortly afterwards they mentioned the event to someone else from the village who recalled things much more clearly. Better than that, they had a pile of pictures which confirmed just what a good time was had by all. They even had a programme, all of which they were happy to share with Talk Back. Suddenly the memories came flooding back, but what if that conversation had never taken place? Would those pictures have ever surfaced? Would they have been put safely with all the other material in the Talk Back archives, or would they be keeping my Bristol Rovers programmes company at the Yate Sort-It centre? It made us wonder what other gems are out there, what other pictures, documents, articles and memories there are that form part of our social history and as such deserve to be preserved. Based on the small number of people we've spoken to already, it feels like there's quite a lot, which then raises the question of what should be done to preserve it? That's a question for another day (although suggestions are welcome).

In the meantime, does anyone have issues 1-14 of Local Talk Back that we could copy? They're missing from our archives and it's keeping me awake at night.

Until the next time

IAN CARTER

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THANK YOU.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July

- Sat 1st Concert for Ukraine, Portcullis Lodge, Acton Turville, 2pm-5pm
- Sun 2nd Rod Stewart, Badminton Estate
- Fri 7th Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville
- Wed 12th Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club
- Fri 14th Didmarton Rural Cinema – A Man Called Otto
- Sat 15th Acton Turville Summer Party, Fox & Hounds, 7.00pm
- Sun 16th The Who, Badminton Estate
- Sun 16th Car Boot Sale, Castle Combe Circuit
- Sun 23rd Sicilian Cookery Workshop, Badminton House
- Sun 30th Beaufort Hunt Terrier Show & Family Fun Day, The Kennels, Badminton

August

- Fri 4th Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville
- Sat 12th – Sun 13th Tough Mudder, Badminton Estate
- Mon 14th Acton Turville Parish Council meeting
- Sun 20th Car Boot Sale, Castle Combe Circuit
- Fri 25th/Sat 26th/Sun 27th Outdoor Cinema, Castle Combe Circuit, 5.00pm

September

- Sun 3rd Open Gardens, Badminton House
- Sat 9th – Sun 10th Detectival, Badminton Estate
- Sun 24th Botanical Monoprinting, Badminton Estate, Worcester Lodge
- Sun 24th Car Boot Sale, Castle Combe Circuit

*****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.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ACTON TURVILLE

100 Club

WINNERS FOR JUNE 2023

J.P. Hope
Belinda Elford
Matthew Butler

Congratulations!

DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

We received one anonymous donation this month for which we are most grateful.

In addition, £20.00 was very kindly donated in the local shop boxes.

Thank you!

We very much appreciate all donations as it helps to keep the Local Talk Back being delivered to your doors.

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6 Hollybush Close, Acton Turville,
Badminton, South Glos, GL9 1JJ**



BADMINTON ESTATE

VALENTINA HARRIS SICILIAN COOKING WORKSHOP

23 July 2023, 10:00 - 15:00

Join top chef Valentina Harris for a day of Sicilian cooking at Badminton House. You will learn to create traditional Italian dishes with your own hands, before sitting down to a feast, in this full day of cooking, eating and drinking.

For more information and to book tickets, see <https://www.badmintonestate.com/events/>

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WHAT'S ON



DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 14th July 2023

A MAN CALLED OTTO

(2023, Cert 15) – Drama

Starring: Tom Hanks, Mariana Treviño

Director: Marc Forster

Based on the comical and moving no. 1 New York Times bestseller, A Man Called Otto tells the story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower who is very set in his ways.

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 ensure that sufficient seating is available

jennybody@btconnect.com



Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

Wednesday 12th July

Tea/Coffee on arrival

Two Course Lunch (main course + dessert)

£12.00 per head

*The Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club meets the
2nd Wednesday of every month.*



FULL FIBRE BROADBAND

As you may have seen, OpenReach have recently begun the process to upgrade the broadband network in our villages. Our properties currently receive broadband via their telephone lines and, in common with many rural communities, the connection between each property and the local exchange is nothing more sophisticated than a pair of copper wires. This can cause problems when we connect more and more devices to the internet, or when we make greater use of technologies such as video conferencing which has grown massively since people started working from home. In addition, copper wires can suffer from corrosion which is a common cause of telephone faults. The solution is something called Full Fibre or FTTP – Fibre To The Property – which removes the bottleneck caused by those copper wires and allows residents access to much-improved levels of broadband performance.

So what needs to happen for Full Fibre to be rolled out in our villages? Well, the Government have already agreed to pay for the roll-out but only if enough people sign up to it – they have effectively given every household a voucher to cover the installation cost. What OpenReach would like you to do is “pledge” your voucher to them, and once they have enough “pledges” they will go ahead with the roll-out. You can read more about the scheme, and “make your pledge” by visiting:

<https://www.openreach.co.uk/connectmycommunity>

There are some aspects to be aware of though. For instance, once you pledge your voucher, you are committing to signing up to a full-fibre package with an internet provider once installation is complete. If you're a low-level user with a fairly basic package, you might want to check whether that will incur additional costs. Also be aware that full fibre stops working if there's a power cut so if, for example, you have a personal alarm that's connected to a land line, that wouldn't work in those circumstances. On the other hand, technology only goes one way. Rural communities are already significantly disadvantaged by the lack of reliable high-speed networks and this issue will only get worse over time, not just for businesses that rely on modern means of communication but for many households too. Full fibre will help to future-proof our communities and ensure we don't get left behind as new opportunities emerge.

As far as timescales are concerned, OpenReach could potentially have full fibre installed in our villages as soon as early 2024, but that is reliant on sufficient households (and businesses) pledging their vouchers over the next few weeks. At the time of writing, some 51 homes and two businesses have signed up, which amounts to 37% of the target required for OpenReach to proceed. Local Talk Back will endeavour to provide updates on the scheme over the coming months.

EVENTS



ACTON TURVILLE SOCIAL UPDATES

Acton Turville Social is pleased to announce that it will be holding a Summer Party on Saturday 15th July at the Fox & Hounds, starting at 7pm. Much work has gone into organising this event so please come along and support us. Tickets cost £5 per person which includes something from the barbeque. They can be purchased on the following dates:

July 1st at 10am from the Fox & Hounds car park

July 7th at the Acton Turville Social coffee morning held at the Fox & Hounds

The coffee mornings are now being held monthly on the 1st Friday of each month between 10am and noon. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mark and all the staff at the Fox & Hounds for their continuing support for these events. We would also like to thank everyone who has helped make the coffee mornings such a success by generously donating cakes or cash which has helped to make the summer party a reality. We couldn't have done it without you.

Karen, Mel and Caroline, ATS

ACTON TURVILLE SOCIAL
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SUMMER PARTY
SATURDAY 15TH JULY
FOX & HOUNDS
7:00PM - UNTIL LATE
LIVE MUSIC
BARBEQUE
RAFFLE
MARQUEE & SEATING
TICKETS £5
INCLUDES BBQ

THE BEAUFORT HUNT TERRIER SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, July 30, 2023

at the Kennels, Badminton
by kind Permission of the Duke
and Duchess of Beaufort.

Show starts 1pm.

Kennel tour 2pm

Cake Stall, Bar, BBQ.

A great day out for all the family!

For more details:

<https://www.beauforthunt.com/events/terrier-show>

Labrador puppies



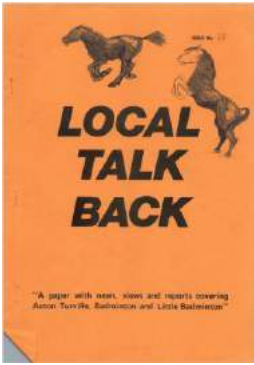
THREE BEAUTIFUL BLACK KC REG EBV-RATED LABRADOR PUPPIES. KITCHEN REARED, USED TO CHILDREN, CHICKEN, SHEEP, SITTING WHEN TOLD AND COMING ON COMMAND.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

45 Years Ago - July 1978



It would appear that the cover of the archived copy of Local Talk Back from July 1978 has at some time been used as a drawing pad and is now decorated with a couple of equine studies. I wonder who did that? They're rather good though aren't they? Turn the page and you find Les Rochester's editorial, which is also rather good. It includes his telephone number: Badminton 375. I bet that brings back a few memories for some of our readers. I can still remember phone numbers from decades ago, from the days when you'd have to input the digits one at a time. These days you just look for the name on the display and press the call button. On the subject of technology, Les marvels at the difference television and radio has made to peoples' lives, and wonders what his grandparents would have thought of being able to see events from the other side of the world as they occur. He recounts the time when his grandfather rushed indoors to get his telescope to see whether there were any

people in the balloon that was passing over the house at 1000 feet, and compares that to our ambivalence to Concorde which in 1978 received no more than a passing glance as it glided majestically over our heads. I miss Concorde.

Published under Les's editorial is a letter from Mrs W D Ralph from Brislington who at the time was living at number 58 Savoy Road. The letter describes how each month a copy of Talk Back gets passed between a group of former Acton Turville and Badminton residents who still enjoy reading about the local goings-on:

"Last month's original copy was first read by Miss D Hayes of Acton Turville, then sent to her brother Mr H Hayes in Didcot, then on to a sister Mrs E Newman in Chippenham, from there to two friends, Mrs N Holmes and Mrs W Ralph in Bristol, then to Mr J Bushell of Westerleigh, and finally to his sister, Mrs D Heatherington in Houston, Texas, USA."

We regularly hear from people who have moved away from the area but like to keep in touch with local events via Talk Back, such as Norman Williamson from Leicester who moved away in 1963. We're pleased to hear you enjoy reading your Talk Back every month Norman.

As we've mentioned previously, something that features heavily in the older issues of Talk Back is fundraising. This month there's a report on a sponsored run, raising money for Guide Dogs for the Blind, which had raised over £300. The run took place on the evening of Friday 3rd June and was (slightly unconventionally) started with a shotgun, fired by Colonel H Guinness. The challenge for the competitors was to run as far as they could, with the winning distance being a very credible 22 miles by Malcolm Cooke who lived in Bristol. Maybe he ran home.

St Mary's in Acton Turville was adopting a slightly more sedate, and traditional, approach to fund-raising with a fete which they were holding at the start of August. The venue was Stonelea, the home of Colonel and Mrs Timothy Hope, and the event promised stalls, sideshows, teas and ices. There were also competitions to keep the children occupied – one for "best animal made from vegetables" and another for "best dressed bicycle". The advert urged people to bring their friends as the church was keen to raise as much money as possible. And quickly.

Badminton had their own fundraising event, only on a slightly grander scale – a Country Fair on the 22nd July in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Association which helps "elderly and infirm members of the farming community who have been overtaken by misfortune in one way or another, and it needs more money." It sounds like there would be plenty going on:

"Her Royal Highness Princess Anne will visit the fair during the afternoon. The ring events include the Nailsworth Town Band, a parade by the Beaufort Hunt Pony Club, Shire horses, Terrier races, Donkey Derby, a musical ride by the Minchinhampton Pony Club, parades of vintage tractors and Armstrong Siddeley cars, the Beaufort Hounds and so on. At the end of the day there will be a parachute drop by the Red Dragons and an ascent of hot air balloons, and an auction sale of farm antiques."

No "best animal made from vegetables" competition though. Disappointing.

Finally we mentioned last month the Bromley Heath Youth Group who for many years had been spending a weekend at the Memorial Hall in Badminton, combining fund-raising activities with an opportunity to enjoy the tranquility of the local countryside. The leader of the group, Mrs June Sharpe, thanked the Village Hall Committee for once again making them feel so welcome, and for supporting their fund-raising efforts which collected £9.44 towards their next Guide Dog. Well done to June and the rest of the Bromley Heath Youth Group.

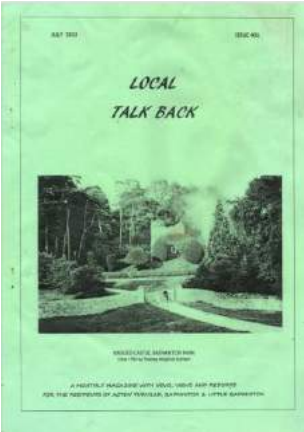
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From the Archives (cont'd)

20 Years Ago - July 2003

We've previously mentioned that a lack of resources was making Local Talk Back slightly "sporadic" in 1978, but the editorial team were going to do their best to publish an issue every other month. July was not one of those months, so we have nothing to report from 20 years ago. Let's jump forward to 2013 then.

10 Years Ago - July 2013



That looks like Ragged Castle on the front cover of July 2013's Local Talk Back. Yes, it says so underneath the picture, which also mentions the man who built it in the mid-1700s – Thomas Wright of Durham. It's hard to believe the diminutive Ragged Castle was once home to a family of *seven* (!) and was last inhabited in 1958, despite having no running water or mains power. People expect so much more these days....

Turning the page we find there's a guest editor in the chair, it's Matthew Butler from Acton Turville who was clearly very impressed by the recent organ recital that took place in St Mary's church. It was performed by a gentleman called Daniel Cook who was more used to playing organs at much larger venues – he was shortly to take up a position in Westminster Abbey no less. In Matthew's opinion, his recital, which raised a considerable sum of money for the church, "must have been the finest music heard in our small village for many years". The evening also witnessed the unveiling of a plaque in memory of former church organist Bill Pinnell.

If you liked attending musical events in churches such as the recital at St Mary's, you were in luck as there was another one just around the corner (so to speak). On the 7th July at 7.30pm, the Bradford Choral Society, under their well-known conductor Rupert Bevan, was to perform a summer concert at St Mary's in Grittleton. This time raising funds for the "Strict and Particular Baptist Chapel", also in Grittleton. The advert for the choral event mentions that the chapel, which was an active place of worship until 1982, would be open to the public after the concert. It sounds a fascinating place – does it still open its doors to visitors?

Grittleton's summer concert was just one of several events being advertised in July's Talk Back. In Badminton, the much-missed Village Club was holding a mid-week barbeque on the evening of the 3rd July at 7.30pm. Entertainment came in the form of a "Dance Out" between the Chippenham and Stroud Morris Men. As if that wasn't enough, there were some new ales available from the bar. Hopefully everyone made it into work the next day... As per usual, the Acton Turville Luncheon Club were holding their monthly gathering at the Fox & Hounds. Their special guests were Alfredo the Magician and Friends. They must have been good as they'd recently been seen on BBC television. Sally Smith was also organising the Luncheon Club's first outing of the year on the 9th of July, when a coach would leave the Fox & Hounds at 10.30am and head off for a day of seaside fun at Weston-super-Mare. It wasn't due back until 6.00pm so they would be plenty of time to take in all the sights and enjoy the traditional fish and chip supper. Were they still wrapping them in newspaper in 2013? And does the Luncheon Club still organise excursions?

Another Talk Back mainstay was the Hawkesbury Gardening Club who held their monthly meetings at the local Methodist Hall. Terry Truebody always sent in regular updates, and this month it was a report on their May meeting where a lady called Victoria Logue gave a talk on extending the flowering season. She had some useful advice:

"Take photos of your garden to help you remember how awful it looks. On a photograph, plants that are in the wrong place and plants that are no good stand out like sore thumbs. Get rid of them! Unloved or unwanted plants should be thrown in the recycling bin. It is not murder!"

That's my kind of gardening.

Back in Acton Turville, plans for regenerating the children's play area were well underway. A committee of volunteers had been established and plans to raise the anticipated £50,000 necessary to complete the work had got off to a good start with one grant already awarded. Their next initiative was a Summer Fayre to be held on the 20th July in the school grounds. I wonder how that went?

Organising social events is always a challenge, and coming up with something that will have universal appeal takes a lot of effort. Maybe Kate Williams could help with one of her Comedy Rhyme Shows? Kate describes herself as an "experienced (and published) comedy poet with a whirl of funny rhymes, anecdotes and the odd song with classical guitar, to brighten a dark day or bring a sparkle to an event." She'd have been ideal for the Hawkesbury Gardening Club as she also offered "Veg Verse shows for gardening clubs". Recommendations came from the Codford Gardening Club in Wiltshire ("a super evening") and the Chairman of the Cardiff and District Rhondda Society ("excellent"). Today we have Trust Pilot.

J J'S GARDENING BLOG



Now all the seed sowing, potting-on and nurturing is done, this is the month to sit in the garden and enjoy it. Or why not go and visit some gardens and look for those new-to-you plants. Just check that if it is a 'must have' plant that you have the right situation for it or be prepared to give it extra attention, which may be sunlight, soil/water etc.

Planting Suggestions

What about alstroemerias? They'll grow in sun or dappled shade from mid-May until October.

Alstroemerias Inticancha will grow up to about 40cms. There's one which has flowers somewhere between purple and indigo that caught my eye, whilst others like Summer Breeze have gold flowers and are a metre tall by 50cm wide. An excellent weed suppressor too.

A much gentler family are the Dianthus/carnation family, which come in sizes from rockery to one foot tall with grey leaves, and they're tolerant if you forget to water them occasionally. Similarly, erigeron, the low-growing daisy-flowered plant. Another lovely plant in the permanent geranium family is called Bill Wallis. I had overlooked this little gem until I positioned it about two foot off the ground and looked it in the eye. If you do this when the evening is shortening and the light is softer, the colour of the flowers is gorgeous. It also has a lax habit (that sounds rather rude) but in this instance it means it falls and gently leans through other plants.

Here's an Idea

If you lost your olive trees this winter, here is a suggestion. Take one grey-leaved weeping pear and graft it to the trunk of the olive tree. Absolutely hardy, it will have to live in the garden or be bonsai'd in a large pot.

This Month's Jobs

Remove any flower stalks on the rhubarb as low down as possible, and mulch with compost etc.

Find a space for cordon fruit trees: apple/pears. Plums on dwarf root stock. All these will be in pots now, but will be bare root and cheaper in the winter.

Lettuce, parsley, find a place for them. Gooseberry shrubs, a thornless one is Nibbler, or another desert one which can be eaten straight from the bush when ripe and reddish. Autumn raspberries? Delicious. The birds don't eat these. Have a vegetable zone, from a large to a small container: cut-and-come-again lettuce.

The herbaceous geraniums will benefit from a trim and feed after their first flowering which will encourage a second flush of blooms.

The roses climbing up people's house walls are so good this year. What has been noticeable is that some of them have very few leaves. Since this is happening here and there, one rose looking rather leafless next to one in show condition. I am guessing that some of them just caught that freezing two or three days we had. Give them a good feed. And talk to them.

And Finally

Quite a few plants on sale tables outside cottages, many benefit village charities. Help them if you can. Don't forget the deckchair.

Sudoku

July's challenge set by Neil Fozard.

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

EASY !!

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NOT SO EASY !!

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Answers to the June quizzes: If you recall there was no Sudoku last month due to space constraints, but the solution to July's challenge will appear in Talk Back next month as usual.

Paul Jones, Village Agent

Licenced to Help

Last month's Local Talk Back included a brief introduction from Paul Jones. As you may recall, Paul has recently been recruited as a Village Agent for the Cotswold Edge area, which embraces the villages of Acton Turville, Badminton, Little Badminton, Hawkesbury Upton, Wickwar, Horton and Little Sodbury. This month, we're pleased to be able to provide an update on how Paul's getting on in this very worthwhile role.



For some time now, the challenges faced by those living in rural communities have been well documented. For example, transport links are often poor, broadband services can be slow and unreliable, and many sources of independent support and advice such as libraries are only to be found in larger towns. As a result, residents in these areas can sometimes feel isolated, especially the older members of the community. To address this situation, I explained last month how South Gloucestershire Council had established a network of Village Agents, each one tasked with the role of promoting wellbeing, reducing social isolation and providing help to enable people to remain independent at home. As the Village Agent for the Cotswold Edge, my role will be the provision of a free confidential service offering one-to-one support and signposting to information and services for people living in the area.

So, two months in, how are things going?

I like to think of the Village Agent as the spokes in a wheel, providing a link between the sources of advice, support and guidance that are available to local residents, and those local residents that need them. In some cases, it might be that I can provide what is needed myself – perhaps I can show someone how to access a particular service, or help to fill in a form, or just call in to have a chat. On other occasions my role may be to direct residents to one of the many groups, charities and organisations who operate both locally and nationally who will be able to provide what is needed. On that basis, I've been busy speaking to and meeting with as many of these groups as possible, both to explain my role and gain an understanding of what services they can provide. This includes the various Parish Councils which operate locally with whom I intend to work very closely. In addition, I've been looking at the best way to promote the Village Agent role within local communities so that people know that I am available should they want to contact me – newsletters such as Local Talk Back will be one route, but I'm also looking at everything from social media channels to village noticeboards. If you have any ideas about how the service can be promoted to potential clients, please give me a ring or message me on the contact details below.

Just to recap, the Village Agent service:

- *Is a free confidential service*
- *Offers One to one support*
- *Signposts people to appropriate professionals*
- *Is for anyone over 18 years old*

Village Agents can make a real difference to their communities by working with local people and support agencies. Your help to promote and develop the service would be greatly appreciated.

More information on the project can be found here: www.wern.org.uk/village-agents

Or contact me on:

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Paul Jones



DAYS OUT

Cadenham Manor Open Gardens

Cadenham Manor at Foxham, near Chippenham, has glorious gardens, laid out around a 17th century Manor House and surrounded by farmland where cattle graze. It is open by arrangement or through the National Gardens Scheme.

The current owner, Victoria Nye, inherited the manor from her grandmother who designed the four-acre garden in the 1950's in the French style of "rooms" which are divided by yew hedges or moats. A lovely afternoon was spent admiring the roses and enjoying tea & homemade cake in the garden.

For more information, see www.Cadenham.com

Claire Broomsgrove, Acton Turville



DAYS OUT

The Castle Combe Steam Rally



2023 proved to be a return to form for the Castle Combe Steam Rally. After a quiet few years, this ever-popular attraction certainly pulled in the crowds, no doubt helped by some very welcome sunshine. They were in for a treat, with large displays of steam engines, classic cars, commercial vehicles, agricultural vehicles and even a steam boat, courtesy of Acton Turville's very own Nigel Andrews. There was entertainment overhead too, with radio-controlled aircraft putting on their own miniature airshow. The refreshment stalls were kept busy on both days, but the longest queues were those for the ice cream vans which were doing a roaring trade! Look out for it next year, it was definitely a good day out.

Church Matters

July 2023 Letter from the Vicar

Dear all,

It is that time of year when schools break up for the summer holidays and hopefully enjoy some time together. Like Christmas this can cause potential difficulties for some. Not only in terms of where one goes, but one is going to spend it with.

The great decision where to go and what to do, is always a source of much discussion in our household. And it nearly always ends up with the same result. However, this year we are doing things a bit differently. We are not all doing the same thing. Some are going to Scotland, some are staying at home, and going abroad later, and others have been abroad with friends and so just have to fit in!

It is good to do things together, and it is also important to have family time, especially when children are young, but as they grow older so their needs and demands change. I suppose we then must learn to adapt and try new ways of being together. Endings nearly always lead to new beginnings, which are different from the old. And not necessarily worse.

We have just been celebrating the Birth of John the Baptist. His birth marked the end of the Old Covenant (Testament) with Israel and the start of the new.

In that vein, I hope some of you will be able to enjoy the musical offerings that are on our doorstep this summer. Though they tend to be more the old music, rather than the new, there is deep joy for many people in hearing old favourites and seeing once again musicians who have been playing for over 40 years. My children play me music of new musicians all the time, but it is more enjoyable to hear the classics of my youth. God is good, and we are called to live in his abundance and love...both those things of the past and those to come.

Have a lovely July wherever you choose to be and whatever you choose to be doing and with whom you happen to be.

My best wishes,

Richard

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Church Services for July 2023

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
2 nd July Thomas the Apostle	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay Led
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion with Baptism	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Sopworth	Evening Prayer	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
9 th July Trinity 5	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion Prayer Book	Rev P Cheeseman
	9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion Prayer Book	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
16 th July Trinity 6	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
	10.00am	Hawkesbury	Family Service. Theme – Father's Day	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
23 rd July Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Lasborough	HC CW	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
30 th July Trinity 8	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	St Arilds, Oldbury	Matins	Rev R Thomson

All readings and updates of services on website badmintonbenefice.com

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Please! No Dogs are allowed on the playing field or in the play area. No vehicles are allowed in or on the playing field except by permission of the Parish Council. Your co-operation is appreciated.

June 2023

Some items discussed at our June meeting

Use of Playing Field - Anyone wishing to use the playing field for an event please contact the Clerk for a permission form. This is now a standard requirement to comply with our insurance.

Playing Field Maintenance - If you are 18 and over and would like to help mowing the playing field, even on a temporary basis, please email the Parish Clerk.

Disruption to Refuse Collections - the industrial action which has disrupted refuse collections including green bins and food waste continues. Please consult the South Glos Council website: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/waste-services-disruption> for the latest advice.

Community Speed Watch - We are pleased to welcome two new volunteers to the Speed Watch Team. The CSW team are still looking for further help so anyone interested in joining should please contact the Clerk who will pass your details on to our local Speedwatch co-ordinator.

Speeding - We are well aware that speeding through the village remains an on-going issue and a concern for many residents. The Parish Council are currently liaising with members of Community Speed Watch, Avon & Somerset Police and South Glos Council to look at ways of dealing with it.

Area by Notice Board - The stone required to build a new raised bed adjacent to the noticeboard has now been delivered and work will start shortly.

Village Agent, Cotswold Edge - Paul Jones introduced himself and explained his role which is linking people in rural areas with advice and support services for independent living, health and well-being. Email paul@wern.org.uk Further details on Parish Notice Board and in this edition of Talk Back.

South Glos District Councillors - Adrian Rush and Becky Romaine attended the June meeting and discussed a range of issues including local bus services.

Parish Councillors -

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

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 14 August 2023 at 7pm (there is no PC meeting in July)

Venue: St Mary's Church, Acton Turville.

Details on Parish Notice Board/Website

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 01454 218675

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The purpose of the event is to have some fun, getting the community involved in a church sponsored event, at the same time seeing the wonderful heritage of our local churches.

Funds can be collected via Justgiving, or by sponsorship forms, which can be found in the village stores, along with the routes, or on the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) Ride & Stride web site.

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BADMINTON HOUSE OPEN GARDENS



June's Open Garden event at Badminton House was made all the more special with wall-to-wall sunshine, but it was the spectacular displays of roses which were the real stars, adding swathes of colour to the packed beds. As always there was plenty of variety, with the walled garden in particular featuring some very imaginative planting. Next Open Garden event takes place on the 3rd September.

