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Fireworks in the Morning

Picture by Lee Butcher, Acton Turville



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

EDITORIAL OCTOBER 2024

Have you ever visited Wot Not? It's a shop in Westerleigh where people bring items which are then sold on commission. If you're thinking of stocking up on expensive jewellery, exquisite antiques and collectable objet d'art, look elsewhere. Instead, imagine what it would be like if you extracted all those items lurking in the darkest corners of your shed, garage and loft, undisturbed for decades under a protective covering of dust and cobwebs, and stacked them on shelves and racking. Now you're getting closer.

A visit to Wot Not is always an experience. After a while you learn to filter out the wonky Ikea coffee tables, seventies G-Plan display cabinets and piles of wonder-gadgets that people have bought from the shopping channel, only to quickly discover their life-changing capabilities may have been somewhat overstated. The remainder of the stock falls into two categories – useful and interesting. What makes Wot Not different is the rigorous, multi-stage assessment process that the majority of items will have gone through prior to arrival. First of all they'll have been deemed worthy of purchase by their original owners. Then over the years they have been repeatedly re-assessed during those regular spring cleans, decluttering exercises and house moves we all go through every so often, when somebody would have thought them too good to send to the tip and instead moved them to ever more remote corners of the loft/garage/shed/kitchen cupboard. Only the good stuff makes it to Wot Not.

Useful items are most likely to be discovered when you're looking for something specific to perform a particular task. Going in and wandering aimlessly around the piles of junk carefully-selected stock in the hope of finding something that might just come in useful sometime in the in the future is not recommended. Those who adopt that approach are most likely to end up with something that will sit unused in the loft/garage/shed/kitchen before being either sent to the tip or returned to Wot Not in the hope that someone else will be lured in by its potential (see later). But when you know what you want and realise the last time you saw one for sale was 20 years ago in Woolworths, there's a good chance you'll find one in Wot Not.

The interesting items can be a double-edged sword. As we get older, we increasingly focus on things that remind us of the past and provide us with that warm glow of nostalgia. Museums have recognised this - amongst the historical artefacts that have huge cultural significance you'll often find displays of relatively modern items like computers and household goods from the second half of the 20th century, showing just how much technology has changed our lives. While children stare at the displays, busily scribbling down notes for their school history project about life in the 1980s, people like me wonder why a museum is exhibiting modern things such as a ZX80 home computer like the one I bought from the local branch of Tandy in 1981 with my first pay packet, or that digital watch with the red LED display that would flatten the battery after barely half a dozen presses. The memories come flooding back, and I start thinking whether I've still got them spirited away somewhere in the loft/garage/shed/kitchen cupboard. Invariably a quick search reminds me that the ZX80 was sacrificed 30 years ago when the cassette drive broke, and instead we kept the fondue set which remains in a corner of the loft, unused and still in its original packaging. Life moves on and we get back to the day job

I last called into Wot Not on my way back from taking the fondue set to the Yate recycling centre. I was after something specific, but soon forgot about that as my eyes were drawn to 'interesting things'. That feeling of nostalgia that I experienced at the museum flooded back, only this time everything on display had a price. And it was cheap. First thing that caught my eye was a hi-fi system with more flashing lights, buttons and dials than the space shuttle. It was just like the one I remember my father had when I was growing up, and it was only £20. I was on the verge of buying it when I realised I no longer had and records or tapes to play on it. Close call. But I couldn't ignore the pile of Practical Motoring magazines from the 1960s. That was a pound well spent. Hours of fun would be had leafing through them. Or so I thought. They've now been in the back of the car for a month, and I have a nasty feeling they'll end up in the loft with all the other old books and magazines I've collected over the years. I kid myself that they're safely stored for a cosy evening of nostalgia when I'll finally sit down with a glass of port and enjoy looking through them, but in my heart of hearts I know they'll head to Wot Not to be palmed off to some other sad soul for £1.

I wish I could remember what it was I was looking for when I went down there. I'll have to go back. Maybe they've still got that hi-fi.

Until the next time

IAN CARTER

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THANK YOU.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Oct 2024

Thurs 3 rd	Badminton Youth Club, Memorial Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm
Fri 4 th	Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds
Wed 9 th	Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville
Thurs 10 th	Badminton Youth Club, Memorial Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm
Fri 11 th	Didmarton Rural Cinema, Baltimore (15)
Sat 12 th	Acton Turville Autumn Tidy-Up, Fox & Hounds Car Park, 10am
Sat 12 th	Local Author Talk. Past, Presence, Present, Hilary Peters and the Athelstan Pilgrim Way by Carole Britton. Didmarton Village Hall, 4pm.
Sun 13 th	Car Boot Sale, Castle Combe Circuit, 9am
Mon 14 th	Acton Turville Parish Council Meeting, Trinity School, 7pm
Thurs 17 th	Badminton Youth Club, Memorial Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm
Sun 20 th	Wedding Showcase, Worcester Lodge, 11am – 3pm
Thurs 24 th	Badminton Youth Club, Memorial Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm

Nov 2024

Fri 1 st	Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds
Wed 6 th	How to Cook Game Meats, Badminton House
Thurs 7 th	Badminton Parochial Church Council meeting, 6pm
Mon 11 th	Acton Turville Parish Council Meeting, Trinity School, 7pm
Wed 13 th	Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville
Fri 15 th	Whisky Tasting, Badminton House
Thurs 21 st	Get Ready for Christmas, Badminton House

*****Please check with venues before setting off*****

Please let Local Talk Back know if you're planning an event and we'll add it to our dates for the diary.

DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

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

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

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and send to:

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Badminton, South Glos, GL9 1JJ*

Thank you!

THE ACTON TURVILLE AUTUMN TIDY-UP

The Annual Acton Turville Autumn Tidy-Up will be held on Saturday 12th October 2024.

Can you help keep our lovely village looking green, clean and tidy?

If you can, join us at the Fox & Hounds car park between 10 and 11am.

Bags, gloves and pickers will be provided to help with litter clearing, or bring your gardening tools if you fancy tidying up some of the planted areas. As an added attraction this year, we're planning to give the equipment in the play area a scrub. There really will be something for everyone!

Any questions?

Contact actonturvillepc@aol.com

See you there!

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Paul Jones - Village Agent Update

Help, support, and advice for residents of the Cotswold Edge area, which embraces the villages of Acton Turville, Badminton, Little Badminton, Hawkesbury Upton, Wickwar, Horton and Little Sodbury.



With summer over (well I think it is for me!) I've been reflecting on some of the issues that have surfaced recently and how I might be able to help. I've said before that in many instances the answers are 'online or use this link or download this App' but that doesn't work for everyone. I've set out below some information on help that is out there doesn't necessarily involve 'clicking'.

Avon Fire and Rescue -Requesting a Home Fire Safety Visit

I can make a referral to this service for a home fire safety visit. This is a free pre-arranged visit to your home to carry out a fire safety assessment and provide you with advice on how to stay safe from fire. This might be of interest if your or relatives have sight and/or hearing loss, mobility or memory issues or would be unable to escape unaided if there is a fire.

If you do have access to the Internet, you can self-refer at <https://www.avonfire.gov.uk/safety/home/home-fire-safety/>. If not give me a call and I can help.

Winter Fuel Payment and Pension Credit

There has been a lot of press recently about the lack of take up on Pension Credit. If you're aged 66 or over and meet certain eligibility criteria, you could receive a top up to your state pension and open up access to a range of other benefits including Winter Fuel Payment. South Gloucestershire Council are encouraging people to pop into the nearest One Stop Shop or call them on 0800 953 7778. Alternatively give me a call and I will see what I can do to help.

Helping people to access services online

I've been talking to Age UK and South Gloucestershire Council about how we can help people living in the Cotswold Edge area become more confident with using new technology and the internet. We have some ideas about how this can be done in group settings or on a one-to-one basis. Most importantly it would be helpful to know what you would value most – help with a smart phone, accessing the internet safely, using a tablet device? Recently a colleague helped someone to access Google Translate so she could talk to an old pen friend in France! Please give me a ring and let me know if this sort of help would be useful to you or your family.

I hope the information above is of use, please let me know if you have any comments about the Village Agent service or contact me if you need any further advice or help.

Village Agents can make a real difference to their communities by working with local people and support agencies. More information on the project can be found here: www.wern.org.uk/village-agents

Paul

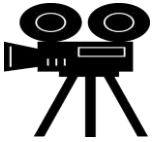
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WHAT'S ON



DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 11th October 2024

BALTIMORE

(2024, Cert 15), mystery thriller/crime/drama

Starring: Lewis Brophy, Jack Meade, Imogen Poots, Tom Vaughan-Lawlor

Director: Joe Lawlor, Christine Molloy

Based on the infamous true story of an English heiress who became a revolutionary. Debutante Rose Dugdale (Imogen Poots) enjoys a life of wealth and privilege, but her rebellious nature soon leads her down a militant path. Amongst the political turmoil of the 1970s, her sympathy towards the IRA's conflict evolves into radicalisation, culminating in an armed raid on an Irish estate with three comrades. However, when her simple heist takes a violent turn, is Rose prepared to face the devastating consequences?

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

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Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club



Acton Turville, nr Badminton
GL9 1HW

01454 218224

Wednesday 9th October

Tea/Coffee on arrival

Two Course Lunch (main course + dessert)

£13.00 per head

Everyone welcome!

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




ACTON TURVILLE SOCIAL
VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT
Quizmaster: Ben Holt
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
FOX AND HOUNDS PUB 7:30PM - 10:00PM
TEAMS OF 8 MAX - £5 a head
Contact Mel to Sign Up:
ActonTurvilleSocial@Gmail.com
07771 565736
FIRESIDE CAROLS
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
Time TBC



BADMINTON ESTATE
WORCESTER LODGE WEDDING SHOWCASE
SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE OUR SPECTACULAR WEDDING VENUE, ON BADMINTON ESTATE, AS YOU PLAN YOUR BIG DAY.

HOW TO COOK GAME MEATS
WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

A CULINARY EXPERIENCE LED BY CHEF NANCY LAWSON FROM OVERTOWN MANOR. DESIGNED TO TEACH PARTICIPANTS THE SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES REQUIRED TO PREPARE AND COOK GAME MEATS.

WHISKY TASTING
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

ENJOY SIX CLASSIC SINGLE MALT WHISKIES, REPRESENTING A RANGE OF FLAVOUR PROFILES FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS IN SCOTLAND, EACH SERVED WITH PAIRED FOODS SUCH AS SCOTTISH SMOKED SALMON, CURED MEATS AND BEAUTIFULLY PAIRED CHEESES.

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

LOOK FORWARD TO RECIPES FOR MINCEMEAT, QUICK HOLIDAY DINNERS, ELEGANT CANAPÉS, AND EASY-TO-MAKE PUDDINGS THAT YOU CAN PREPARE IN ADVANCE AND FREEZE.

SEE [HTTPS://WWW.BADMINTONESTATE.COM/EVENTS/](https://www.badmintonestate.com/events/)
FOR FULL DETAILS

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2024 REPORT

Police Update. Our local PCSO Cheryl Dibble from Avon & Somerset Police attended the September Parish Council meeting and discussed a number of issues.

The Parish Council expressed concern about the spate of thefts of cars and a trailer from the village, as well as a recent incident of criminal damage. PCSO Dibble confirmed that investigations remain on-going and reiterated the advice that residents should take additional measures to secure their property. A resident also reported an issue with an aggressive dog.

The Community Police Van will continue to make regular visits to the village where residents will be able to discuss issues with PCSO Dibble and members of the local Police team. Dates and times will be posted on the Parish Notice Board, website and Acton Turville Connect Facebook page.

The Parish Council reported that speeding in the village remains a concern with regular reports of vehicles travelling at excessive speed. Police presence was requested for two sites in particular, namely Littleton Drew Lane by the School and Badminton Road near the railway bridge.

Community Speed Watch. Volunteers are still required to support the local Community Speed Watch team. Can you spare some time to help? Please email the Clerk who will forward your details to the local co-ordinator.

Village Tidy Up. The next event will be on Saturday 12th October, meeting at the Fox & Hounds car park from 10am. As well as picking litter and tidying the planted areas, it's hoped there'll be enough volunteers to clean the equipment in the play area. Come along and join in the fun!

Parish Councillors:

Chair: Sybil Haddrell 218772, Vice Chair: Ian Carter 07789 057168, Sally Smith 218510,
Claire Broomsgrove 07702 375620, Mark Studden 07885 791314

Next Meeting: Monday 14th October 2024 @ 7.00pm

Venue: Trinity School, Acton Turville.

Details on Parish Notice Board/Website

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 01249 650052

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 !!

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

NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the September quizzes:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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

WHAT'S ON

LOCAL AUTHOR TALK

On Saturday 12th October at Didmarton Village Hall, local author Carole Britton will be giving a talk about her recently-published book 'Past Present Presence', the Companion Guide To The Athelstan Pilgrim Way. The book was inspired by Hilary Peters who lived for many years at Worcester Lodge on the Badminton Estate. It tells the story of a remarkably principled woman who chose to live a life far removed from her privileged upbringing, and who repeatedly championed causes such as the environmental movement long before such expressions of support were fashionable.

Tickets (including refreshments) are £8/£15 for two.
Advance reservations can be made by calling
or texting 07990 576514.

Badminton Benefice
is presenting a Local Author Talk



The Athelstan Pilgrim Way: Inspired by Hilary Peters
former resident of Worcester Lodge



Carole Britton speaks at 4pm
in Didmarton Village Hall GL9 1DS
on Saturday 12th October 2024
about her new book, Past, Present, Presence
a journey through the life, legacy and words of Hilary.

Admission £8 (includes refreshments) or 2 for £15
Signed books on sale
Please book tickets in advance – call/text 07990 576514

NEW YOUTH CLUB FOR BADMINTON

Badminton has a new youth club! Run by the Badminton Church Parochial Council, the club launched in September and is held every Thursday evening between 6.30pm and 8pm at the Badminton Memorial Hall. It's aimed at 7 to 18 year olds and offers a range of activities with a Lego corner and an area for sports (including, naturally, badminton). The organisers are keen to develop the club and provide activities which meet the needs of all members, so why not come along and get involved? Everyone is welcome - we'd love to see you there!!

Come to
BADMINTON YOUTH CLUB!

Tuck available

£2 each week

Come along and have a say in how your Youth Club evolves.

Play badminton in Badminton!

Help make it what you would like it to be!

THURSDAYS
6:30pm - 8pm
Badminton Memorial Hall

Fun Crafting Activities

Parents or Carers will need to sign a consent form

LEGO CORNER

Tell us about it!

Do you have a local event you'd like to promote? If you do, please let us know here at Local Talk Back and we'll do our very best to include details. Our email address is

localtalkback1975@gmail.com

Days Out – The Malvern Autumn Show

Head up the M5 and in no time you'll see the signs to the spa town of Malvern. Nestling in the shadow of the Malvern Hills, the town boomed in Victorian times when the health-giving properties of the local spring water attracted huge numbers of visitors. Malvern expanded rapidly to capitalise on its new-found status, building hotels, health spas and a grand theatre to cater for the influx of visitors, many of whom arrived at the newly-opened railway station. At its peak, famous names such as Charles Darwin and Florence Nightingale as well as members of the Royal Family visited the town, but the healing powers of the spa weren't reserved for the aristocracy, with workers from the Black Country and beyond all keen to experience them.

The popularity of hydrotherapy declined towards the end of the 19th century, but with its excellent transport links and stunning views from the Malvern hills, the town remained a popular tourist destination. However, Malvern needed to diversify if it was to retain its prosperous status. One solution was to re-purpose some of the large buildings and convert them into private schools, with pupils arriving daily from adjacent towns and cities by coach and train. Later on, it established itself as a hub for scientific research, leading on the development of modern radar systems in the post-war years and, more recently, being at the forefront of the fight against cyber crime.



Every garden should have one, a hand-carved, life-size wooden fox.

Throughout this time, its main industry has been agriculture, and visitors to the town can't fail to notice the huge 90-acre showground, owned by the Three Counties Agricultural Society, which lies on the outskirts. The showground hosts events throughout the year - in May there's the RHS Spring Show with its show gardens, massive displays of plants and flowers and plenty of shopping opportunities. The Three Counties Show in June retains very much an agricultural flavour with livestock and rare breeds competing to win coveted awards, then in September it's back to the garden theme for the Autumn show. With the evenings drawing in and the leaves starting to fall from the trees, Talk Back decided to get out and about to see what the Autumn Show had to offer.

Arriving just after 10am, there was a healthy queue of eager visitors snaking its way to the main entrance, but it moved quickly and we were soon inside the showground. To say there was lots to see was a bit of an understatement. Although the focus is very much on anything (and everything) gardening-related, with much of the centre of the showground given over to plant sales, there was plenty more dotted around the site to enjoy.



The impressive view looking down one of the main floral display marquees.

Days Out – The Malvern Autumn Show (cont'd)



A different kind of plant. There were large displays of agricultural vehicles and implements including this rather tidy mini-tractor manufactured by Ransomes after the war. Available with a wide range of accessories, it was advertised as “performing the work of a team of horses.”

flowers and plants handcrafted in metal and stuck on the end of a long spike, which made for some interesting near-misses as people struggled to carry them around the showground.

For some nurseries and growers, Malvern is about more than selling plants. They come to win prizes and put on displays in the main marquees which they hope will earn them a coveted Gold medal. The quality of the displays in the floral and produce marquees were indeed outstanding, with the winners proudly displaying their certificates of achievement for presenting the perfect blooms and produce. I'm not sure what the purists made of the produce in one of the other marquees though, where size was everything and form took a very distant second place. Welcome to the inspiringly-titled Giant Vegetable Marquee, which was something of an eye-opener. Competition was fierce with awards including the biggest radish, the heaviest runner bean and the longest turnip (which this year set a new world record at 4929mm), but you suspected that something stronger than Miracle Grow was being used to achieve such standards.

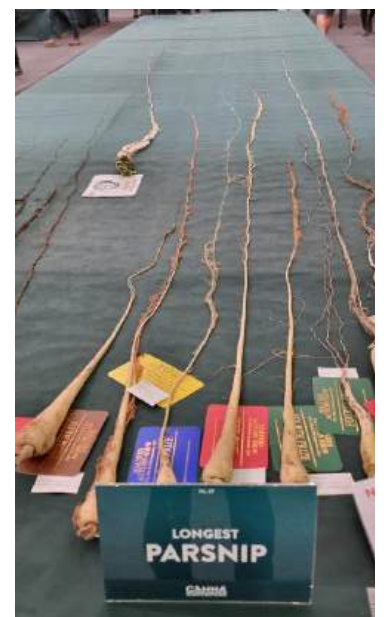
By mid-afternoon we would probably have benefited from a glass or two of Miracle Grow ourselves, so we began to make our way back. After a tour of the food hall, the craft tent and the antique stalls we decided to call it a day, and with dark clouds rolling in from the hills, we made a break for the car park and headed home. We thoroughly enjoyed our day in Malvern and would recommend it to anyone. As you'll see from the pictures, it was about far more than gardening, and there really is something for everyone. Why not check out the Three Counties Showground website and put it in the diary for next year?

<https://www.threecounties.co.uk/>

Ian & Gill



Flowers remain a centre piece of the displays such as these gladioli which won their growers a coveted gold medal.



Prize-winning parsnips in the Giant Vegetable marquee

The imminent arrival of winter didn't deter the keen shoppers, and people were stocking up on all sorts of things from bulbs to shrubs and what looked like quite mature trees. I risked £5 on a bag of bulbs. Other visitors seemed to be happy to spend more, and we watched one gentleman selecting a trio of olive trees at £750 each. Maybe he was going to run his car on olive oil. For those less inclined to have the responsibility of keeping expensive plants alive there was lots of choice. Popular product this year seemed to be

The Coaching Club at Badminton



Back in August, the Coaching Club of Great Britain put on an impressive display of traditional horsepower when it held its 309th meet in the grounds of Badminton House. After assembling in front of the house, the ten immaculately-presented teams rode up through the park to Worcester Lodge where they enjoyed lunch before returning to the main house for afternoon tea in the Old Hall.

Under clear blue skies, the coaches gleamed in the summer sun, making for an unforgettable sight with no detail overlooked.

We would like to thank Katie Harris in the Estate Office for inviting Local Talk Back along to take pictures, and also to all the members of the Coaching Club who made us feel so welcome on the day, in particular club President Mark Broadbent and Chris Bridges.

Pictures by Sally Smith, Yvonne Nettles, Simon Long and Ian Carter.



The Coaching Club at Badminton



Church Matters

October 2024 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

October is one of my most favourite months not least because it begins with Francistide on the 4th October, my favourite saint.

Francis is the saint of humility and penitence, he was close to the Earth and a lover of nature. A perfect saint for October, when our churches are festooned with the colours of the harvest, as we celebrate our Harvest Festivals. Of course, Harvest festivals are times of abundance and plenty, but Francis would have welcomed that, especially if it was shared around.

He was always more concerned with a generosity that gives all, than any niggardliness that holds back. All harvest festivals are in a sense a 'sharing' around. Food and drink are brought, and shared. I hope you will be able to join us at your local Harvest Festival in your church or school, or wherever it is celebrated.

With my best wishes

Richard

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Church Services for October 2024

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
6 th October Trinity 19	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion	Lay Led
	11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	3.00pm	Acton Turville	Harvest Family Service	Rev R Thomson
13 th October Trinity 20	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Churchwarden Led
	9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion 1928	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Harvest Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Choral Harvest Evensong	Rev R Thomson
17 th October	6.30pm	Leighterton	Choral Harvest Evensong	Rev R Thomson
20 th October Trinity 21	9.00am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
	10.00am	Hawkesbury	Family Service with Baptism	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Sopworth	Harvest Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
27 th October Trinity 22	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins with Baptism	Rev R Thomson
	5.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Lasborough	Harvest Evensong	Rev R Thomson

See Benefice website for readings: badmintonbenefice.com

St Mary's Church, Acton Turville

Free compost!

It's the time of year to get busy putting the garden to rest. It's the time of year to feed the soil.

There's a supply of compost in the churchyard at St Mary's, near the kissing gate, FREE to all who wish to take it.

There are strong black bags in the porch if you need them. Take as much as you like.

Please be kind enough to fill an extra sack or two to be left by the dustbins, so that they can be disposed of later. The entire heap has to be removed.

Wooden Planter

A lovely wooden flower planter has been placed in the churchyard against the western edge of the planned memorial garden. Would the person who placed it there kindly contact a member of the PCC.



J J'S GARDENING BLOG

There are a few plants still flowering, such as the lime green nicotianas, which go well with any blue flowers, and alstromerias in various colours which as well as flowering for several months are good for cutting and using in arrangements.

Planting Ideas

What to do with something for pots? There are plenty of heathers available and bulbs too. For some added interest, place some crocus amongst the heathers. Shallow containers/pans can host a variety of succulents. Japanese anemones in pink or white with a green eye are still flowering too. Make a note of plants you fancy as a record of what you would like to buy for next year. What about planting something with lovely berries? Lots of choice in the Sorbus genus. Put one on your Christmas list.

Jobs for This Month

Either dead head and tidy up leaving lots of plant still available for insects etc to live in over the winter, or be very tidy, cut everything down and dress with compost. With the second choice, there is more chance that some plants will not survive because they have no protection. But hey ho, this leaves a space for another different plant. Off to the garden centre. A nursery locally which has some lovely plants and particularly ones for a conservatory is at Brinkworth, The Walled Garden.

And Finally

If you can find some hydrangea heads that are perfect, possibly hiding underneath, it is worth drying them. Some will do so easily, some will not. No water needed, just put them in a dry vase inside and in a darkish place. Come December you can jazz them up with spray paint and glitter.

FREE COMPOST!

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