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LYING IN STATE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH 2nd.

On September 8th our wonderful Queen Elizabeth, sadly, passed. I am sure that her passing affected every one of us in many ways, as she had always been there. She was not only “our” wonderful Queen, but she was also loved and respected by countless millions around the world. It seems only yesterday that we were celebrating her jubilee, and what an event that was, from the amazing events in London to our own celebrations here, in Iron Acton.

I went, together with a wonderful friend of many years, to the “lying in state”. We went on the Wednesday evening and queued for about 11 hours. The entire 11 hours was a joy with no complaints or grumbles. People shared their food and held positions in the queue for those needing a “toilet” break. Everyone was friendly, helpful and of good humour. We got into Westminster Hall at about 0615 and it was awesome; the tranquillity, the beauty and the emotions are hard to describe. We were totally dumbstruck. Those wonderful guards were just like statues. When we emerged into the morning sunshine we just hugged, as no words could describe our feelings. Despite the aching joints, bones and muscles we were overjoyed to have done it. Rachel, Peter & Theo Foote followed in our footsteps at the weekend. I kept in touch with them along their way and it was lovely to re-live and share our, joint, experience.

Christmas Cards: - As per the last couple of years, David and I will not be giving Christmas cards to our lovely friends and neighbours of Iron Acton Parish, our Church community and members of our choir. This year we will be making a donation to Ukraine. **Anyway, I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you, and your families, a peaceful and joyous Christmas.**

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The deadline for the spring edition is 15th January 2022. We really need to have all articles by that date, PLEASE.

FRONT PAGE: - The front page is a lovely image of our Church, taken a few years ago, by Brian Hackland

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ALL THINGS “BIRDY”

It's a bit of a quiet time at the moment with our summer breeding birds having left us and most of our winter visitors yet to arrive so I thought I would give you a potted history of how I got into wildlife in general and birds in particular.

I can't remember a time when I wasn't interested in nature, I had older brothers who enjoyed nature and I remember them looking after birds that had fallen from the nest or had been brought in by the cat, there were other strays such as a fox cub found abandoned along with the odd mouse or hedgehog. I remember looking through their egg collections which were almost obligatory in the 1960's for every school boy and it was then that the seed was set and all things “birdy” became my passion, almost obsession.

Growing up in Oldbury Court I was only a stone's throw from Vassals Park with its 70 odd acres which runs along the River Frome from Frenchay to Stapleton. It was an area where kids played games such as football and cricket, hide and seek, building dens or just mooching about or later on having a fag or other such forbidden activities.

In the holidays we would be out all day, as long as we were home for tea – no “where have you been” or “what time do you call this”. No health and safety or over protective parents! During the bird nesting season most boys would spend time between football diving head first into any bush or crawl under hedges looking up, and getting a cricked neck in the process, to see the silhouette of a birds nest. When found we would check the contents and usually take an egg for our collection. In the valley leading down from what is now the children's play area towards a small brook which feeds into the River Frome, there was a particularly vicious thorn bush – some sort of pyracantha with 2 inch thorns which we would gingerly pull off and then prick the eggs at both ends and blow out the contents- it's just what boys did, I don't think conservation had been invented then and many wildlife presenters or conservationists started by collecting eggs – Oddie, Attenborough, Packham – and it was almost certainly boys or men, there were few if any female egg collectors from any generation.

The sorts of nests were those of “blackies”, “frushes” or “spadgers” – Blackbird, Song Thrush or House Sparrows respectively. Any hole in a tree was peered into and if big enough a scrawny arm thrust in to check the contents, if too small but you could see eggs a bent spoon was inserted to try and get an egg out without it dropping back. If the nest was up high in a tree, such as Magpie, Starling or Crow, then we would put the egg in our mouth in order to climb down – I can't remember the number of Starling yolks that I have swallowed!

It's amazing how the birds managed to bring up any young at all but they did because things were very different then, there were more birds because farming methods were not so efficient in harvesting, more weed seeds were around, climate change hadn't started and predators such as Magpie were controlled, if you saw more than 3 Magpies you were lucky, now they are all over the place, beautiful clever birds but absolutely ruthless in predating eggs and chicks of any nest they come across. I remember Sparrows chirruping from every gutter, Starlings nesting in every roof and Rookeries all over the place, now sadly all are in decline.

From these early days my fascination for birds eggs has continued but instead of collecting eggs I am a nest recorder for the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and I record any nests found and monitor them, also taking pictures. I also have a licence from Natural England to disturb rare nesting birds in order to monitor their nests, these birds are included on schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and consists of 80 species, mainly birds of prey, waders and some infrequent nesting birds from the continent. My licence is for Woodlark and

Dartford Warbler and I visit the New Forest every week between April and June in order to find and monitor nests, with all information being recorded and sent to BTO at the end of the season. No matter how many nests I find I never tire of the beauty of eggs and their patterns and in the winter when the weather prevents birdwatching or gardening I can be found looking through my thousands of images of nests and eggs.

Most other nests however can be checked without a licence and despite what many think it is not against the law to look into a nest or to examine the contents but it is against the law to take, damage or destroy the nest, eggs or young of any birds except under very special circumstances, for instance public health issues or safety although a licence must still be issued by Natural England.

I have also been Chairman of The British Bird Council for 25 years. We have over 1000 members who breed British birds in captivity and some exhibit them at bird shows – these birds although of the same species as those found in the UK countryside such as Greenfinch, Goldfinch and other finches have been bred in captivity for generations and live for many years longer than their wild counterparts and would not survive in the wild if they escaped. The reasons for keeping birds in captivity varies from breeder to breeder, some like the song others like to improve the colour or size of the birds by selected breeding, others simply just like to have the birds around in their gardens aviaries just for the sheer joy of it.

I haven't kept birds in any aviary for over 20 years for a couple of reasons, one is or was pressure of work and other is that I had a theft when most of my stock was taken and I decided to quit.

I do still occasionally look after sick or injured birds having in the past been presented with a nest of 10 Blue Tits, 3 Swallows and Song Thrushes amongst many. It has been very rewarding to be able to rear near half dead chicks and return them to the wild, gives me a sense of being with nature and how important it has been in my life – along with the family of course- let's hope it carries on for many more years to come!

Chris Boyce



THE ACTONIANS NEWS

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Oliver Twist 23rd to 26th November 2022



As I write we are entering the last leg of rehearsals for our performance of Oliver Twist. It has been a challenging production, working from a script that was written specifically for an open-air production set in three containers! But very glad that we benefited from the comfort and warmth of Iron Acton Parish Hall.

If you came to watch I would like to thank you for your support and hope that it wasn't too much of a disappointment not to sing Food Glorious Food!

It was a pleasure to work alongside members of the Junior Actonians; they were all so enthusiastic and committed. Hopefully they learnt a lot from the adults and I'm sure that the adults learnt a lot from them.

London Suite 18th - 20th May 2023

Our next production is **London Suite, written by the prolific playwright Neil Simon**. London Suite is a comedy written in four separate one acts following four stories about relationships; all taking place in a London Hotel overlooking Hyde Park. A sedate place, until the following characters check in:

An inebriated Welsh writer.

A widow, accompanied by her daughter, who spends her last evening in London with a rich Scotsman.

A married couple from New York who have lost their tickets to Wimbledon and are now in danger of losing their Suite to Kevin Costner!

And an OSCAR winning actress and her, now divorced, bi-sexual husband who are seeing each other for the first time in years; a bittersweet tale.

New Members

We are delighted to have recently welcomed three new members to our Club. And there's plenty of room for more new members if you are interested in joining us. Please do not hesitate in contacting us to find out more.

IRON ACTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our new 'term' began in September with a rearranged speaker. Reg King, who has spoken to us in the past on a range of diverse subjects, kindly stepped into the breach and took us down Memory Lane. By way of a slide show, with many images particularly of the Thornbury area, Reg took us back to the harsh winter of 1947 and the snows of 1963. He reminded us of the hardships and waking up to frost on the inside of the windows but also of the fun on frozen ponds and sledging down steep hills. There was the thrill, after sweet rationing finished in 1952, of buying such delights as 4 a penny chews, liquorice sticks and sherbert dabs. There were scenes of scouts doing Bob A Job, (cleaning cars, weeding gardens) and children go-carting in the streets in their homemade contraptions of orange boxes and pram wheels. No worries then about health and safety! Some of the photos also showed towns and villages with long gone shops and cinemas. Reg uses his slides to help in the Memory Cafe in Thornbury to stimulate the memories of those with dementia. His presentation certainly had us all chatting about childhood experiences and was much enjoyed. A minute's silence was held in honour of our late Queen, who was such a champion of the WI.

October was our AGM. Rona, Bridget and Jane all agreed to continue in their current roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively and were gratefully accepted by all members present. Rona spoke of ideas of where we might donate money to charity locally and honour HM Queen Elizabeth II as well. Further discussions will take place before a final decision is made. Jane outlined our position as far as finances are concerned and was pleased to report that expenses ran very much to plan last year and we are still in a good position as we begin a new year. Bridget and Elizabeth had very much enjoyed attending the Avon Federation Annual Meeting at the BAWA Club, where they were entertained in the afternoon by the broadcaster, the Rev Kate Bottley, whose talk had everyone in stitches.

We will finish this year with our birthday meal in November and Christmas party in December. Elizabeth has arranged another varied programme for next year including a talk on falconry (birds included), a return of the brilliant Susan Symons with the next instalment in the reign of Queen Victoria, Reflexology and a talk on a bus trip around historic Bath, with another returning speaker.

We meet on the second Monday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and anyone who is interested in joining us would be very welcome. Our Secretary, Bridget, is always happy to give details of future speakers and events and is available on 321741.

Sylvie Powell



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After the success of the Music in the Meadow Weekend, the last few months have been fairly quiet. We held the annual Beer Festival in early September in the Parish Hall Grounds and thankfully the weather was once more kind to us! A very enjoyable and well attended event where we showcased a number of lesser known local beers.

As we move into Autumn we look forward to Bonfire Night on Saturday 5 November – advance ticket sales have been incredible, and we have now sold out!

Early October saw a team walking local footpaths to see if any routes marked on maps were blocked or otherwise impassable – unfortunately a few were...and the results are being recorded. A fun day with a number of Acton Aid members/families/children/dogs enjoying some more excellent weather.

Moving forward we are in early planning for next Year's Music in The Meadow and we are supporting the Christmas Windows Trail. A quiet few Winter months ahead, then back at May Day.

Information about Acton Aid, our events and what we do can be found at our website at: www.actonaid.org.uk

If you have any comments or suggestions on our events or where we might be able to assist in the Parish, please contact us by e-mail to secretary@actonaid.org.uk or chairman@actonaid.org.uk or through the website.

James Rickard 2022 Chairman of Acton Aid

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WHERE TO SHOP IN VICTORIAN IRON ACTON

Long before you could simply Google everything, how did you find out when the post was collected, when the next coach was to Bristol or who was the local plasterer? In the Victorian period you would look at one of the many trade and commercial directories. These published directories are an interesting source of information for all parts of Victorian and Edwardian Britain and, for some places, from much earlier. The first London directory was Samuel Lee's list of the City merchants in 1677 but it was James Pigot who published the first national series between 1814 and 1853. The introduction to the 1830 Pigot's Directory for Sodbury, Wickwar and Iron Acton included this description of the village:

IRON ACTON is an inconsiderable village and parish, being partly in the hundred of Thornbury, and extending into Grumbald's-Ash hundred; about three miles from Sodbury. This place was formerly famous for the iron ore dug here, and for the extensive works used in finishing the iron for market: these have long ceased to be noted; but there are some coal-mines in the neighbourhood, which give employment to many persons. Here is one church, dedicated to St. James, and a methodist chapel: the living is in the gift of Christ-church, Oxford; and is a rectory, of which the Rev. John Salter is the incumbent. There are two annual cattle-fairs, viz. on the 13th of September and 25th of April. The parish contained, by the census of 1821, 1,122 inhabitants.

The directories soon took on a common style that started with brief notes on the history and geography of the place (see above) and then gave an account of recent economic developments with notes on land ownership and the administrative details of townships, parishes and manors. For Iron Acton in 1830 Pigot's described the postal services ('James Delve, Post Master Letters from LONDON and BRISTOL arrive every morning at eleven, and are dispatched every afternoon at three') before listing the 'Nobility, Gentry and Clergy'. In Iron Acton these were John Alway, Miss Baker, George Curnock gent., Miss George, Binet Jones esq., William Ormrod esq. and William Ormrod gent., the Rev. Ford Richardson, Thos. Richardson gent., William Sargent gent. And Alfred Tuckett esq. There is then a list of 'Academies and Schools' which were privately run in Iron Acton (long before the national school system) by Elizabeth Evans and William Walter. The three village 'Taverns & Public Houses' are managed by Charles Alsop (The Lamb), Francis Fussell (Rose & Crown) and Thomas Williams (White Hart).

A list of professionals, businessmen and tradesmen in alphabetical order by occupation followed: William Gibbs and Thomas Rolph (Blacksmiths); William Amos, Robert Barns and George Bowyer (Boot & Shoe Makers); Francis Fussell and Thomas Keepin (Butchers); John Fugill, Robert Nicholls and James Smith (Carpenters); George Gibbs (Maltster); William Shepherd (Miller), Phoebe Flower (Milliner & Dress Maker); Robert and William Stiff (Plasterers & Tilers), Charles Thompson (Saddler and Collar Maker), Giles Coates, Luke Lewis, Robert Nichols and Hannah Roche (Shopkeeper & Dealers in Sundries), William Lawrence (Stone Mason), Charles Morgan and John Hay (Surgeons) and, finally, James Halliday, George Wollen and, in a second role, Giles Coates (Tailors).

Even the best directories were not comprehensive. They do not record labourers (a large proportion of the village's working population), domestic servants or other employees. Some notable occupations are also missing. The village has no 'Baker', 'Cooper', 'Gardener & Seedsman', 'Ham & Bacon Curer' or 'Painter, Plumber and Glazier'. Unsurprisingly, however, the village has no 'Attorneys', 'Auctioneers or Appraisers', 'Fire etc. Office Agents', 'Watch Makers' or 'Tallow Chandlers' (all available in Sodbury).

Travelers could get to Bristol on the Branch Mail coach (from Chalford) which stopped at the White Hart every morning (except Sunday) at 10:45am. Lewis and George Mainstone also ran a haulage business into Bristol four times a week from their home.

The Fussells, Fugills, Stiffs and Mainstones in the list are common village names that crop up in the census records for the next century and other records beyond. They continue to be included in subsequent directories and, as time went on, Iron Acton was included in its own right.

The 1879 Kelly's Directory (Figures 1 & 2) lists many of the same familiar names and the pubs are still there but there is now a railway station run by the station master Andrew William Clutterbuck, John Davis, the Police Constable and even a 'Registrar of Births & Deaths & Vaccination Officer for Iron Acton' in John Nichols, junior. The village also now has a National School erected in 1873-4.

There are 19 trade directories including Iron Acton for the period between 1822 and 1939 and they hold a wealth of information recording one hundred years of change and growth in the village. For genealogy, with the census records, they are vital for locating ancestors and painting a picture of what life in that time and place might have actually been like for them

Figure 1

IRON ACTON is a village and station on the Midland railway, and including the hamlet of **LATTERIDGE** and the tithing of **ACTON ILGAR**, a parish, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-west from Yate station, on the Bristol and Birmingham railway, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles west-north-west from Chipping Sodbury, $\frac{1}{2}$ north-by-east from Bristol, and $111\frac{1}{2}$ from London, in the Western division of the county, Grumbalds Ash and Thornbury hundreds, Chipping Sodbury union and county court district, South Hawkesbury rural deanery, Bristol archdeaconry, and Gloucester and Bristol diocese, situated on the road from Bristol to Stroud; the river Leaton flows through the parish, and the river Frome forms the southern boundary. The church of St. James is an old stone building, and has a lofty tower with 2 bells, erected by Robert Poyntz: it contains chancel, nave and aisles: in the church there is the helmet belonging to one of the Poyntz family, who lived in the reign of Henry VII.; there is also an ancient mural monument of Mr. John Trewman, dated 1686: in the churchyard are the remains of a very handsome stone cross, but much disfigured by time: the church was thoroughly restored in the beginning of 1879. The register dates from the year 1570. The living is a rectory, yearly value £714, with residence, in the gift of Christ Church, Oxford, and held by the Rev. Henry Lewis Thompson, M.A. late student of Christ Church. The Congregationalists, Baptists and Wesleyans have each a chapel here. The charities are of £11 yearly value. Fairs are held on April 25th and September 13th, for cattle,

horses, sheep and pigs. In 1828 the remains of an ancient oak stood in the grounds of Acton House, and the tradition is, that a forest existed here originally; and from the quantity of iron ore dug here also, the place was called "Iron Oak Town," corrupted to the present Iron Acton. Walter Long, esq. is lord of the manor. The principal landowner is the Rev. John Mayer, and there are several small landowners. The soil is clayey; subsoil, principally coal and limestone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots. The area is 2,862 acres; rateable value, £5,051, and the population in 1871 was 1,189.

ACTON ILGAR is a hamlet.

LATTERIDGE is a hamlet, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-west.

Parish Clerk, John Fugill.

POST OFFICE.—John Fugill, postmaster. Letters arrive through Bristol at 9 a.m.; box closes at 3.45 p.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Frampton Cotterell

Police Station, John Davis, police constable

Registrar of Births & Deaths & Vaccination Officer for the Iron Acton District of Chipping Sodbury Union, John Nichols, jun

The National school was erected in 1873-4 by subscription, on a site given by the late rector, the Rev. John Salter; James Heddon, master; Miss Elizabeth Heddon, mistress

Figure 2

Railway Station, Andrew William Clutterbuck, station master
CONVEYANCE.—Omnibuses daily, from Wotton-under-Edge, pass through Iron Acton to Bristol

Iron Acton.
Hall Robert John, Ivy lodge
Liddon Matthew, Acton lodge
Ray Henry Carpenter
Ray Mrs
Roach Charles
Shipp Miss, Hill house
Smith John
Thompson Rev. Henry Lewis, M.A.
Rectory
Wickham Henry

COMMERCIAL.
Alsop George, farmer
Amos Edwin, boot & shoe maker
Boulton George, farmer, Pool farm
Burcher Daniel, farmer, Acton Lodge farm
Codrington Robert William, *Lamb inn*
Curtis Thomas, stone cutter
Daniell Wm. farmer, New Lodge farm
Ford Thomas, farmer & cattle dealer
Fugill John, builder
Gibbs Wm. farmer & miller, Nibley mill
Gwinnett Edwin, beer retir. & shopkpr
Harris Richard, boot & shoe maker
Holder Jonathan, *White Hart*
Howard John, tailor
Howell George, blacksmith
Iles Robert, shoe maker

CARRIERS TO BRISTOL.—John Mainstone, wednesday & saturday; Henry Gabb, monday, wednesday & friday; Richard Stinchcombe, tuesday, thursday & saturday

Kendall Solomon, boot & shoe maker
Mainstone Alfred, shopkeeper
Mainstone James, butcher
Mainstone James, jun. butcher
Mainstone John, carrier
Mainstone Mark, shopkeeper
Mathews George, yeoman, Robin Hood villa
Mills William, stone mason
Nichols John, farmer, Acton Court & Two Pool farms
Nichols Sarah (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Nichols Wm. Hly. saddle & harness ma
Owen Edmund Lloyd, mining engineer & manager to Rangeworthy Colliery Co. Isle of Rhe
Owen Edmund Lloyd, jun. mining engineer, Isle of Rhe
Phillips James, farmer
Rathbone Elizabeth (Mrs.), beer retir
Riddiford Alfred Charles, grocer & draper
Smith Mosses & Son, auctioneers & farmers, Mudge-down farm
Stickler Walter Samuel, *Crown inn*, & farmer
Stiff George, butcher
Stinchcombe Richard, carrier
Washbourns John, *Codrington Arms*
Williams Charles, farmer
Williams James, farmer

Winter George, commercial traveller farmer, Box Bush farm

Latteridge.
Blanch Mrs
Blanch Aivan, farmer
Blanch Jonathan, farmer
Cullenore Jas. carpenter & wheelwright
Hunt Thos. farmer, Shiphouse farm
Meredith Mark, farmer
Meredith Thomas, farmer
Rouch James, farmer, Folly farm
Taylor James & George, farmers

Acton Ilgar.
Croome Mrs
Gibbs Mrs. Hill house
Moon Edward George, The Laurels
Shipp Mrs

COMMERCIAL.
Black William, farmer
Cam Ann (Miss), ebopkeeper
Fry William, wheelwright & co
Gibbs Jonathan, saddler & harness ma
Gibbs Joseph, yeoman, Grove cottage
Maskell George, beer retailer
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IRON ACTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

I am happy to report that the Choir is preparing for singing at Christmas in the church and also for our now traditional Winter concert in January. After a joyful return to singing at the Proms in The Meadow in July we have been rehearsing since September for these next 2 events.

The various dates for your diary are:

Carol Singing around the village - Tuesday 20th December 2022 @ 7.p.m
Christmas Carol Service - Sunday 18th December 2022 time TBC
Winter Concert – Friday 27th January 2023 @ 7.30 p.m. in the Church

The energy and enthusiasm members have been bringing to rehearsals over the last few months has certainly enhanced our singing together again. Community singing remains a powerful force for good and the Iron Acton Community Choir is a real proof of that. It is a privilege to work with all the singers and we manage that fantastic balance between working very hard and having a lot of fun too. We now number about 35 members in total with 3 new members joining since the summer.

We will continue to meet on a Tuesday evening in the Village Hall at 20.00 hrs. We normally pay an annual membership fee (£30) to support the running of the choir in terms of hiring of the rehearsal space and the purchase of music. Any money raised from our singing (and this does happen!!) always goes to chosen charities.

We currently have spaces within the choir in all voice parts, but particularly we would like to recruit more Altos, Tenors and Basses. You just need to be keen and enthusiastic, no prior experience nor musical knowledge required and there is no audition. If you are interested then just let me know (robbardoe@gmail.com) and we'll take it from there...or pop in to one of our Tuesday evening rehearsals now we have restarted after the summer break and see what you think.





Iron Acton Community Choir

would like to welcome you
to their Winter Concert.

A really eclectic range of music from
Queen through Ola Gjeilo to
The Beach Boys with some readings
and poetry in between.

Friday 27th January 2023 @ 19.30
St James the Less Church, Iron Acton

Tickets are not required but we will be raising money
for good causes including the Church itself.

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Summer eventually arrived after a long cold Spring and certainly made up for its late arrival with above average temperatures and very little rain for many weeks. Not good for growing most things and planting for the next seasons but lovely for taking holidays here rather than face all the hassle of going abroad. As I write this at 4pm on a late October day the thermometer in the shade on my north facing garage wall is still reading 18 degrees! At least its saving on heating in these straightened times.

Hopefully the country is now entering a period of stability after the sad death of the Queen and rapid changes of leadership and ministers. We were pleased to be able to keep the church open during the period of mourning for the queen to enable people to come in for quiet reflection, light a candle and sign book of condolence if they so wished.

We have welcomed our new Curate Ben and his wife Sarah and young family. I think just by their presence they bring our average age down quite nicely so let us hope that we can continue to welcome younger members to our congregation especially to our popular Family Service on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10.00am

As we now look forward to Christmas some dates for your diaries.

Our Christmas Fair this year is on 3rd December in the village hall again in collaboration with the school so please come along and support what is usually a joyous occasion.

Our services are now Wednesday 10.00am and Sunday 9.15am. Second Sunday Family Service 10.00am. Please look on noticeboard or website for any changes

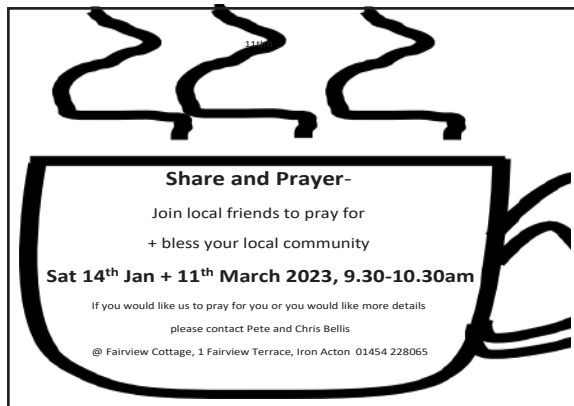
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ST JAMES the LESS CHURCH – CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 11th CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 4pm



Sunday 18th Parish Communion 9.15am

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IRON ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



The year is flying by already and we have now reached the end of our first term; during that time we have achieved a lot! Our new children, both in Reception and in other year groups, continue to settle and are learning lots of new things. Our new members of staff are also getting stuck into school life at Iron Acton.

A few weeks ago, we visited St James' Church for our annual Harvest service. The church was full of children and their families and each class had the chance to share something they had learnt on the theme of harvest. Our youngest children in Barn Owls Class sang the song 'Big Red Combine Harvester' which is always a firm favourite. Falcons Class sang the Harvest Samba, Buzzards Class shared a range of harvest acrostic poems and Golden Eagles shared some information about Fair Trade. Mrs Lyall had worked with the school to prepare a number of whole school harvest songs which they sang incredibly well. We were thrilled to receive so many donations for the Yate and Chipping Sodbury Foodbank, too.

You may have seen this picture of our new outdoor reflection area in the Frome Valley Voice. We are grateful to Liam White who was once a member of our school community for spending hours painstakingly repairing and restoring a bench that has been at the school since the Queen's Silver Jubilee. This sits alongside a planter which was donated to the school when last year's oldest children moved on to secondary school. The area looks great and is the perfect spot for any member of the school to stop, sit and reflect; it is a work in progress and will continue to evolve over the coming months.



We have now had 2 open days for next year's Reception cohort. Both sessions were full and so we have decided to put 2 additional dates in the calendar. If you or anyone you know is interested in coming to Iron Acton next September please do contact the school office. We are now virtually full in all other year groups and we have 98 children on role in total.

Over the coming weeks, our youngest two classes will begin to prepare for their Christmas Nativity. This is always a very special occasion which takes place in the church with family members invited to come and see their children taking part. We have moved our annual performance for children at the top end of the school forward to December this year and so we look forward to seeing them perform for their families in the Parish Hall. Term 2 is always one of the busiest but it also brings much joy and celebration to school life.

Thank you all for your support of the school.

Mike Riches, Headteacher

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IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings for Iron Acton Parish Council have been thin on the ground due to recent events over the past few months however, work behind the scenes has still been progressing.

Following a request from a resident for a Defibrillator to be installed on North Road, Iron Acton Parish Council successfully obtained funding from Newland homes for an all singing and dancing defibrillator. The defibrillator has now been installed outside the Codrington Arms and will be managed by both the landlord of the Codrington Arms Jenna Hale and selected Parish Council reps.

The defibrillator funding has not been the only successful funding application of late. Iron Acton Parish Council are pleased to announce that £40,000 of funding has been secured via SUEZ to go towards the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in the Parish Meadows. The plans for the MUGA have now been approved at full council following a consultation with the Parish. The consultation brought an array of ideas and suggestions on how this space and facility could be designed to incorporate the whole community. The Parish Council will now be proceeding with full planning permission and the contract for the MUGA will be advertised on contracts finder to ensure a fair tender process is undertaken and falls in line with legislation requirements. It is hoped that the facility will be finished and available for next summer.

Meanwhile work in Chill Wood has been progressing with clearance work and replanting being undertaken in line with the management plan. Concerns have been raised regarding the damage caused by bikes in Chill Wood and the parish council has been looking at ways to stop bikes from entering Chill Wood. The first phase of the process has been to erect a new gate and fencing. Talks have been undertaken with the environmental agency in order to gain support for the protection of Chill Wood and consideration for further fencing remains an ongoing discussion.

Due to the recent announcement of cuts in Bus services (Y3) the Parish Council has been lobbying the West of England Combined Authority for better service of our parish. As a result of direct communication with the Metro Mayor Dan Norris the 626 bus service has now incorporated a stop at Iron Acton outside the White Hart Monday to Friday, details of which can be found on the Parish Council website. The 626 service is only a limited service taking passengers towards Bristol for around 8 am and then an evening service around 6 pm. IAPC are continuing to work on other alternative services due to the loss of the Y3.

As always, the Parish Council welcomes residents attendance at Parish Council meetings, details of which can be found on the parish council website – www.ironactonparishcouncil.co.uk

Iron Acton Parish Council would like to wish all its residents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

NEWS FROM NORTH ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



During the Summer Term, all of the children at North Road Primary School had the exciting opportunity to work with our Artist in Residence, Molly Hawkins. Molly is a Bristol based artist and designer known for creating vibrant, large-scale visual pieces. Her work as a muralist is strongly influenced by her interest in colour, pattern and movement, creating artworks that are playful and joyful. Molly's work includes entire building murals, painted basketball courts, street art and set design. Molly's commission at North Road Primary School was funded by Cotswold Homes as part of their nearby housing development, The Grove, and their commitment to enhancing the local area through art.

Molly worked with all of the children in school to develop personal pieces of artwork inspired by our school values and the shapes, colours and features that make our school special. Each child produced a badge or a print on fabric containing their ideas which Molly then used to design and produce a mural on an outside wall of our school. Through Molly's meetings with School Council she also discovered and collected additional ideas for play elements to be included within the design and on the floor beneath the mural.

During the summer break, Molly created the new mural play wall with the bespoke flooring being laid during the Autumn Term. It was a very special day when the mural and play wall was officially opened by our School Council with Molly Hawkins, Liam Rinn from Cotswold Homes and Councillor Erica Williams.

The art workshops brought many fantastic learning experiences and the completed mural and play wall are bringing lots of fun and excitement to our playground!



Sarah Stillie, Headteacher, North Road Community Primary School

FRIENDS OF NORTH ROAD (FONR)

It has been a busy start to the new school year for Friends of North Road. It started with new reception children receiving a purse from FONR to keep their money in to pay for their toast at snack time every day. The children had not been able to pay for their own toast during covid, so it is great this can happen again and a fantastic skill to be learning about counting money every day.

Our Friends of North Road School meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm at school. This has been a more popular time to hold meetings as it is just before our school pick up time. We are always keen to encourage new members, so if anyone is interested in becoming part of the group please contact me via the details below. It's a great way to meet others too. All the money raised is used to buy additional resources for the children of the school, so it is a fantastic cause.

During October, all the children ran a mini-marathon (2.6 miles) over a number of days. Children gained sponsorship for this activity with the money being used to buy outdoor toys to use during play times. A big well done to all the children, as well as, all the sponsors.

Our Bags2 School collection takes place on 3rd November. This is where people bag up good quality unwanted clothing and bring them into school. With these collections, the more weight we receive, the more money is paid. We have two more collections planned for this school year. These are 22nd February and 9th June. Bags of clothing can be placed over the wall of the school (by the main reception) on the evening before the collection, or bags can be brought to school by 9am on the mornings of the collections. Many thanks to all our local neighbours who have donated for these collections. It is very much appreciated.

We have a Halloween silent disco planned for 20th November. Children can come dressed in Halloween clothes, have a dance to music and enjoy many of the refreshments that we have on offer. This is usually a firm favourite of the children and one that we are all looking forward to.

Friends of North Road members are also going to be coming into school to do crafts with the children. The crafts will be sold at a craft market and also at the school Christmas Fayre. Children will be making a range of items including Christmas tree decorations, pet toys, baths bombs as well as goodies to eat.

The pupils of North Road School are also involved in the Christmas Tree Festival held at St Mary's Church again this year. Handmade Christmas decorations are going to be made with the support of Friends of North Road School members. These will be hung on the North Road School Christmas Tree. This is always a lovely festive activity to be part of and can be viewed during December.

Our Christmas Fayre is planned for Wednesday 30th November at North Road School from 3.15pm until 5pm. Here we will have Father Christmas in his grotto as well as many stalls including a tombola, raffle, lucky sock stall, refreshments and many more. Everyone is welcome to come and we look forward to seeing you if you are able to make it. Tables are available to hire to sell items too.

For more information about the Christmas Fayre or any of the above contact me on katharinegray01454@yahoo.co.uk Katharine Gray, Chair of Friends Of North Road School.

BEST BENCH

During the summer I heard a series of essays on the radio describing listener's favourite UK beaches. Being a Midlander born and bred I'm not familiar with many beaches. So that got me thinking, if I had to describe a favourite, non-beach, place – where would I choose? And having visited it early in June, after a gap of many years, I knew the place immediately.

This favourite place is on the east side of Boredale in the Lake District. Its exact spot marked by an old, black painted, iron bench sitting on a ridge. Far from the popular Lakeland honeypots this place feels comfortably remote, timeless and enduring.

Whether you reach the bench at the start of your day in the fells, or at the end, it is a joy to find it waiting. At the start of the day it is soon reached. A short but rather steep climb and suddenly you're there. Your legs and lungs working hard because you're not yet into the rhythm of the climb, so you are already grateful for the chance to sit and catch your breath. And at the end of a long day, descending over rocky crags, it is a welcome marker - the descent is almost over.

From this bench the Lakeland valley lies below your feet. Close to its base a patchwork of grassy fields, enclosed by dry stone walls, run down to the beck at the valley floor. Fed along its length by rain-loaded gills and waterfalls, the beck finds its level and quietly wanders the dale, headed towards Ullswater. Halfway along the valley sits a white farmhouse, its back pressed hard against the hillside, surrounded by ancient oaks. It is prudently protected against days not as kind as this one. The fells opposite, rise up into sunlight from the shaded valley floor. They are not especially high, but high enough to leave behind the tree line and roughen into rocky outcrops and dark cliffs.

Myriad shades of green run across the valley floor and traverse the fells. Spring fresh leaves lace the treetops whilst young bracken, just starting to emerge, is yet furled and shy. A world of green accentuated by the clear blue sky, the shimmering beck, the distant-blue of other far-off fells.

A slight breeze, there's always a slight breeze here, causes the grass to sway and rustle as it passes along the valley. Chattering crows and lark song compete overhead. Whilst from the valley floor the sound of human activity rises. A quadbike roving the fellside as the farmer feeds cattle beside the beck. Farm dogs announcing the arrival of unknown visitors. And ewes, dotted across the fells, calling constantly to their lambs who respond with youthful gusto. This is by no means a silent place, but it is peaceful.

There is a magic to this place. A moment here lingers long in the memory and can revive and lift the spirits across "a gulf of distance" and "the flight of time". So wrote A Wainwright - a wise and gifted writer. And I have no doubt that in his minds eye, as he penned these lines about his beloved Lakeland, he was remembering places just like the best bench.

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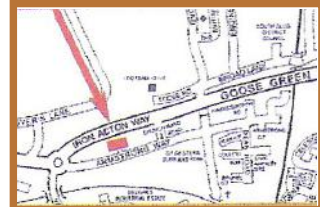
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IRON ACTON'S AUTOBiography – VEHICLES THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR LIVES



The virtual fleet is growing as we establish a collection of cars that mean something special to people in the parish. Alongside the 1974 Lancia Beta, we now have a Ford Transit and a VW Transporter jostling for garage space and we asked last time for suggested models to join them. The response was phenomenal and as we sifted through people's suggestions, one iconic model was mentioned again and again – the Mini/MINI.

Let's look at the original Mini first. Built between 1959 and 2000 by the British Motor Corporation (BMC) in Longbridge, Birmingham and Cowley in Oxford, it became as common a feature of the British landscape in the 1960s and 1970s as post boxes, country pubs and roadside litter. Designed by Sir Alec Issigonis and using a transverse (sideways) engine and front wheel drive – both novel and radical ideas at the time – the small Mini could take four adults in comfort yet sip fuel at a reassuringly slow rate during the oil price hikes of the seventies. It was a great commercial success, although infamously, Ford bought and took apart a Mini in the early sixties and concluded correctly that BMC were losing money on each sale. Although the Mini struggled for many years to make a profit in isolation, it played a hugely important part in attracting more and younger customers to BMC and contributed technology and ideas which underpinned a whole range of new BMC cars such as the 1100/1300, 1800 and Maxi.

It's fair to say that nearly everyone under 45 has had a Mini or knows someone who did. I have an especial fondness for it as it was my first car. Despite the fact that it stopped in the rain time and again when water got into the distributor cap, I loved its simplicity, frugality and sense of fun. I was in good company as the Mini was also beloved by many celebrities, featured famously careering through the streets and sewers of Turin in the 1969 film, 'The Italian Job', and was the car of choice for Mr Bean – although I'm not too sure that last point helps my case. What does illustrate its importance, however, is that in 1999 it was voted as the second most influential car of the twentieth century (behind the Ford Model T) and a year later when BMW rushed to divest itself of the Rover Group, the Mini name was one of the few things it wanted to keep.

Which brings us to the MINI, the reimagining of the Mini concept by BMW, which is made in Oxford and a site in Holland, with parts supplied from its plant in Swindon. Launched in late 2000, it has been through three subsequent generations and seen huge sales success globally. BMW has positioned it as a very different car from the earlier versions. It has become a sporty, desirable small premium car and moved away from the original version's economy and simplicity. Despite this, the MINI has continued some key features from the Mini – notable a

big, central speedo, model names such as Clubman and Cooper and an ongoing reputation for unreliability. Although not quite replicating its elder's showbusiness popularity, it has featured in the 2003 version of 'The Italian Job' careering around the streets of Los Angeles and is the car often chosen to show that characters are young, free thinking and cosmopolitan in US television dramas. Although still called by many the 'new' MINI, it has been around for 22 years, with early examples now becoming modern classics in their own right.

So by popular acclaim, the gates of the virtual garage slowly open to admit two more occupants. Representing the Mini, I suggest a 1977 Mini 850 in Antique Gold (mustard) and for the MINI, a 2006 Cooper 1600 in red with a Union flag roof. As they settle in, it's back to Local Poyntz readers for your views. Which further vehicles should we add to the virtual fleet? Drop a note to Pam suggesting a vehicle and why it's important to you and we will scour the virtual Autotrader for a tidy example to add to the garage.

Austin Tesla

IRON ACTON FILM CLUB

The new season has begun with a very successful opening film "The Phantom of the Open", a comedy starring Mark Rylance. It was lovely to see the hall busy again with lots of happy film-goers. We welcomed back some members who we haven't seen for a couple of years due to COVID and we were very pleased to welcome new members too.

Future dates are listed below. All films will be shown in the Parish Hall on our big screen. We are hoping to have a new amplifier in place very soon which will enable us to use the hall's hearing loop. This season we have re-introduced the bar for refreshments before the film and during the interval. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

Saturday 12 November 2022
Saturday 10 December 2022
Saturday 7 January 2023
Saturday 4 February 2023
Saturday 4 March 2023

If you are not on our mailing list and would like to keep touch with the Film Club please contact myself caroline.haselhan@btinternet.com or phone either of the numbers below.

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IRON ACTON K9 CLUB ACTIVITIES & NOVELTY SHOW



Our club shows were held a little later than usual this year but fortunately the weather was kind and a lovely dry day helped everyone to enjoy the company and competition.

The Best in Novelty show was won by Lorraine & her lovely golden retriever Darcy. Winners of the Novice Gun Dog Retrieve were Janet and Tansey and the Advanced Gun Dog retrieve winners were Gill with Rain. Hay Bale winners were Mary with Bonnie, Large Dog Agility Dave with Daphne, Small Dog Agility Becky with Mango and Dogstacle Course winners were Cheryl with Stan.

Our dogs and handlers continue to work towards passing their Kennel Club assessments and we have had lots of successes. A special mention must be made of Lisa Hatherill with Winnie who recently passed their Silver Kennel Club Good Citizens assessment. Lisa has entertained us with her accounts of Winnie's progress in training her family and they have both worked hard to reach this standard. Also passing their silver were Di Pardoe with Martha and Sophie Wadey with Albie. We look forward to seeing their progress in Gold classes. Well done to all who have passed their tests.

For more information about the club please see our *facebook* page, or website www.ironactonk9club.co.uk or ring Sue on 01454 228803 /Karen on 01454 228891.

GREAT DAD JOKES FOR CHRISTMAS...

Here's a little Christmas themed fun for youngsters and adults alike. Be a Christmas super sleuth and decode the answers to these hilarious Christmas jokes by using the numbers linked to letters of the alphabet. In some longer answers you will need to work out where the spaces go in between the words.



Spread some festive joy with these jokes over Christmas.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Who is Santa's favourite singer? _____

$30 - 25 =$ $6 + 6 =$ $36 - 30 =$ $50 - 41 =$ $38 - 19 =$

What is a new parent's favourite Christmas Carol?

$10 + 9 =$ $5 + 4 =$ $6 \times 2 =$ $25 \div 5 =$ $7 \times 2 =$
 $100 - 80 =$ $28 \div 2 =$ $2 + 2 + 5 =$ $10 - 3 =$ $5 \times 2 - 2 =$
 $40 \div 2 =$

What Christmas present would you give a dog?

$100 - 99 =$ $26 \div 2 =$ $3 \times 5 =$ $10 - 8 =$ $15 - 6 =$
 $3 \times 4 =$ $10 - 5 =$ $10 - 8 =$ $30 \div 2 =$ $7 + 7 =$
 $20 - 15 =$

What do Santa's little helpers learn when they go to school?

$10 \times 2 =$ $20 - 12 =$ $25 - 20 =$ $100 - 95 =$ $2 \times 6 =$
 $3 + 3 =$ $200 - 199 =$ $100 - 98 =$ $2 + 2 + 1 =$ $50 - 30 =$

How do you make gold soup?

$30 - 7 =$ $4 \times 2 + 1 =$ $10 \times 2 =$ $2 \times 4 =$ $3 \times 1 =$
 $10 - 9 =$ $9 \times 2 =$ $5 \div 5 =$ $10 + 10 =$ $9 \times 2 + 1 =$

What do you call a reindeer ghost?

$20 - 17 =$ $10 - 9 =$ $2 \times 9 =$ $5 + 4 =$ $1 \times 2 =$
 $10 + 5 =$ $20 - 5 =$

What is Santa's dog's name?

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 38 \div 2 = & 2 - 1 = & 20 - 6 = & 50 - 30 = & 200 - 199 = \\ 3 \times 5 + 1 = & 50 - 49 = & 25 - 2 = & 38 - 19 = & \end{array}$$

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 10 - 4 = & 9 \times 2 = & 45 - 30 = & 30 - 11 = & 40 \div 2 = \\ 2 \times 1 = & 15 - 6 = & 80 - 60 = & 95 - 90 = & \end{array}$$

What did the wise men say after offering gifts of gold and frankincense?

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 20 + 3 = & 15 - 14 = & 6 + 3 = & 62 - 42 = & 45 - 25 = \\ 4 \times 2 = & 4 + 1 = & 2 \times 9 = & 10 \div 2 = & 11 + 8 = \\ 6 + 7 = & 50 \div 2 = & 25 - 7 = & 6 \times 3 = & 5 + 3 = ! \end{array}$$

What game do reindeer play at sleepovers?

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 10 \times 2 = & 28 - 10 = & 7 \times 3 = & 75 - 55 = & 52 - 44 = \\ 65 - 50 = & 3 \times 6 = & 15 - 11 = & 3 + 2 = & 10 \div 2 = \\ 36 \div 2 = & & & & \end{array}$$

What's as big as a Christmas tree but lighter than a feather?

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 15 - 6 = & 73 - 53 = & 25 - 6 = & 38 \div 2 = & 100 - 92 = \\ 999 - 998 = & 25 - 21 = & 1/3 \text{ of } 45 = & 1/4 \text{ of } 92 = & \end{array}$$

What did Luke Skywalker say after he planted a Christmas Tree farm?

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 1/2 \text{ of } 26 = & 62 - 61 = & 100 \div 4 = & 1/5 \text{ of } 100 = & 1/5 \text{ of } 40 = \\ 38 - 33 = & 36 \div 6 = & 1/4 \text{ of } 60 = & 9 + 9 = & 25 \div 5 = \\ 1/2 \text{ of } 38 = & 240 - 220 = & 16 \div 8 = & 1/5 \text{ of } 25 = & 1/2 \text{ of } 46 = \\ 1/4 \text{ of } 36 = & 1000 - 980 = & 72 - 64 = & 1/4 \text{ of } 100 = & 5 \times 3 = \\ 42 \div 2 = & & & & \end{array}$$

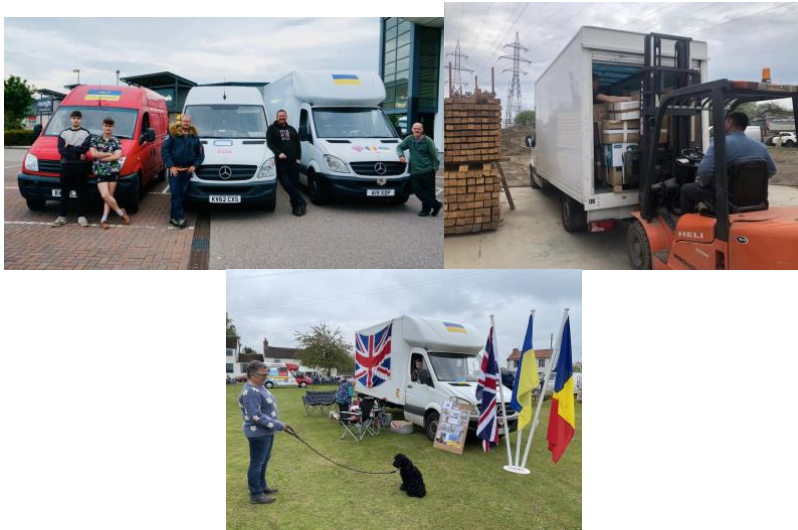
UKRAINE TRIPS 3 & 4+

Having replaced the intercooler hose and the intercooler the engine was still not performing as it should. We replaced the turbo with a service/exchange unit as it also showed signs of wear. Still the engine was not developing full power. Some fault finding by the experts at Frampton Garage identified a faulty sensor which, once replaced, cured the issue. Many thanks to Paul and his team.

With the van now ready, we contacted 'From Bristol with Love' and arranged trip number 3. This was the first time that any of their transporters had made a second run. It was also significant in that we would be transporting their 3000th box of aid so the send-off was attended by the Lord Mayor of Bristol and any other dignitaries, donators, packers, and previous transporters. Much pomp and ceremony for a tired 15-year-old white van.

The planned route was to use a complimentary crossing provided by Stena from Harwich to Hoek Van Holland, crossing The Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Hungary and on into Romania.

Confession time – in a fuel station in Germany I accidentally started to fill with petrol instead of diesel! This is the first time in over 38 years of driving. Fortunately, I noticed that I was using 'Benzin' instead of 'Gas Oil' after only a few litres. Topping off the tank with a large quantity of diesel diluted the fuel sufficiently that it had no adverse effect.



The routing through the Czech Republic and Slovenia was less arduous than the previous trip through Germany and Austria. Apart from a significant overnight thunderstorm in the Transylvanian Alps, which was very 'Van Helsing', the outbound journey went very well. In Galati we met up with some of the same contacts from the previous trip and the cargo was unloaded. The 3000th box was later tracked and photographed through to its eventual recipient.

The return journey was uneventful except for a small diesel leak from no. 3 injector and a weeping oil leak from the turbo oil return pipe. We did not attempt roadside repairs and elected to instead just monitor the leaks with the intention of repairing properly upon our return.

Whilst waiting in the queue to board the ferry we saw an ex-post office van with two lads from Hereford who were returning from an aid delivery to Poland. They had been part of a convoy with a 7.5t lorry but the lorry had broken down, so they were making their own way back. Also in the queue was a van from 'Wakefield for Ukraine'. On chatting to the driver, James, we found out that he was a photojournalist returning from his second trip taking aid to a children's hospital in L'viv. He recounted that he'd recently got married and that their 'honeymoon' was their previous trip to L'viv – his wedding present being 'his and hers' body armour!

On loading onto the ferry, a VW transporter in front of us would not start so we towed it on (and off) the ferry.

Acton Aid kindly allowed us to site the van on the meadows during the Mash and Proms event and allocated the proceeds of the 'bucket collections' to the 'From Bristol with Love' charity. Thanks to the great generosity of the local community and guests at the event we raised a staggering £4500!!! This was further enhanced by a £255 contribution from the Young Actonians.

At the time of writing, we have just completed a fourth trip, following much the same format as the third, in which we delivered wheelchairs for victims of the Mariupol siege, food and medical supplies including the 4000th aid parcel. This was during the recent heat wave. The autobahn signs displayed temperatures of 35°C with road temperatures of 44°C.

We're shortly departing on our fifth trip which will include collecting a donated new BOWA Arc Scanner from Devon for delivery to Maternity No.7 in Odessa.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

10th September 2022

The show, was a huge success and despite a fear of reduced entries due to the incredibly challenging dry condition this summer, overall we had a greater number of entries than pre Covid levels.

There were wonderful displays of fruit, veg and flowers with tomatoes and apples seeming to have been very successful for many gardeners this year. The “free-from” cakes was an excellent new class and Citrus cakes and decorated chocolate cakes sold like hot cakes at the Auction afterwards. The Men’s Only class was a tricky Swiss Roll this year and was won by Chris Bradley.



The children’s section was really full with fantastic entries from both individuals and Iron Acton school classes coordinated kindly by Sally Aries and Dawn Orchard.

There was a new cup this year in memory of Dave Taylor. The cup is awarded to the child gaining the most points in both children’s and adults’ classes and this year was won by Abigail Hatherell. So don’t forget next year that children can enter adult classes and do often even win them!

The auction of produce and entry money combined raised enough money to cover the costs of putting the event on and to make a £300 donation towards local food banks. Thanks to David Hatherell to his fantastic auctioning and to those who bid on the produce.

Having been entering the Show since I was a child and now as a new member of the committee I can see how much hard work goes into putting the day on. Thank you to the brilliant team for making it happen. We would like to encourage anyone else who loves a good community event to come and join the Committee or help on the day. These kind of days are what makes our village so special.

Sonya Grubb

TROPHY WINNERS 2022

Allotment Trophy	Rodney Hagget
Hall Committee Rose Bowl	Bruce Pearce
Gordon Powell Cup	Sonya Grubb
Red Ribbon Cup	Sonya Grubb
Flower Arranging Rose Bowl	Linda Boyce
Homecraft Acton Aid Cup	Tracey Byrne
Photography Cup	Karen Turner

CHILDRENS SECTIONS

Pre-school Cup	Henry Dubock
Age 5 - 7 Junior Cup	Buddy Shackelford
Age 8 – 11 Parker Shield	Ella Shackelford
Age 12 – 17 Rudman Cup	Abigail Hatherell
Under 16 Photography Nigel Davis memorial Cup	Sophie Taylor

OVERALL WINNERS

Highest Points	St James the Less Cup	Bruce Pearce
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