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It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Summer.

Photograph by Simonne Watts, Hawkesbury



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OF ACTON TURVILLE, BADMINTON AND LITTLE BADMINTON

EDITORIAL JULY 2025

It's nice being retired. You don't need to plan your life around work. In fact, you don't need to plan your life at all. Just do what you want, when you want. Every day's a holiday. It would be great if that was true, wouldn't it? Sadly there are always jobs that need doing or errands that need running, and you sometimes find yourself wondering where the days went. When all's said and done though, retirement opens up a whole world of opportunities. Back in May 2018, I read an article in Talk Back written by a lady called Jan Walker who, with her husband Steve, had visited a Red Kite feeding centre in mid-Wales. It sounded amazing, and it went straight on the list of places to visit. I was still working then so finding a suitable date was difficult, but I never forgot the article and made sure it stayed near the top of the to-do list. Fast forward seven years (!), and my wife and I are heading towards the M4, clutching a roadmap and a pair of tickets to the Gigrin Farm feeding centre.

The motorway's clear and we're past Newport and Cardiff in no time, then heading up the A470 over the beautiful Brecon Beacons (or the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park, as we're now supposed to call it). This part of Wales, in fact many parts of Wales, always seems like a well-hidden gem to me. The countryside is amazing, with rolling hills and breathtaking vistas that stretch for miles, often dotted with the ruins of ancient castles that are invariably free of the throngs of tourists that you get in other more popular places. When the sun shines, you really are in God's own country, and the stresses and strains of everyday life just melt away. To get to the kite feeding centre you turn off the A470 onto a series of ever-smaller roads before you spot the sign that directs you up a farm track. At the top, a cheery chap tells you where to park, points out the tea shop and wishes you a pleasant day. You get the feeling he means it too. You can read about the kite feeding experience elsewhere in this month's Talk Back, but by the time we got home, taking an alternative route which featured yet more castles and mountains, we were consumed with an overwhelming sense of contentment. So often modern life just swamps you and you feel like everyone is trying to get one over on you, but our day in Wales reminded us that sometimes it's the simple things that bring the greatest pleasure.

Closer to home we've just had the snappily-titled Acton Turville Flower Festival & Open Gardens event which was aiming to raise money for St Mary's Church. I've always had a soft spot for church fetes, and have never allowed the high mortality rates depicted in programmes like Midsomer Murders to put me off (although I always steer clear of the homemade wine after a particularly grisly episode where the inhabitants of an entire village were targeted via a poisoned batch of elderflower cordial). The event in Acton Turville was much more old-school. The community came together to make it a success, with people opening their gardens to the public, producing amazing floral arrangements to transform the church, and selling plants, cream teas and ice creams to the crowds of people who were circulating around the village. The schoolchildren from Trinity School played their part too, with their posies adding a wave of colour that flowed throughout the church. After two busy days, the organisers packed everything away. They'd exceeded their fund-raising target but, much like the trip to Wales, the overriding memory is a sense of well-being.

Which brings me on to squirrels. Regular readers might recall that the theme of last month's editorial was the peace and harmony that existed around the bird feeders in my garden, with birds of different types and sizes living happily together. Ignoring the risk of being sued by Chris Packham for plagiarising the SpringWatch brand, I termed it TurvilleWatch. One concern was the arrival of some Stock Doves, which seemed intent on controlling the supply of the more high-end feed, carefully ushering the pigeons away from the artisan sunflower hearts and directing them towards the frankly-inferior domestic peanuts. Another concern was squirrels, who were quickly developing ways to defeat the features that made the feeders squirrel proof. I was hoping the amount of food they were stealing would cause them to put on so much weight they'd no longer be able to force their paws through the bars, but alas, these ninja rodents proved unstoppable and within 24 hours they had destroyed all the feeders. Where once there were colourful song birds enjoying a snack or two with their friends, those same birds are now surveying a scene of devastation, picking through the broken feeders to find the smallest of morsels to keep themselves going (although in fairness, if they were that hungry they could always try the peanuts).

I'm looking at my options, but for now TurvilleWatch has been suspended. It might be back if I manage to source some of that elderflower cordial though. Those squirrels look thirsty.

Until the next time

IAN CARTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 2025

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| Fri 4 th | Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds |
| Sat 5 th | Fundraiser for Ukraine, Portcullis Lodge, Acton Turville |
| Sun 6 th | Badminton Benefice Festival of Music, St Arild's, Oldbury |
| Wed 9 th | Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds |
| Fri 11 th | Dog Racing, Fox & Hounds |
| Fri 11 th | Didmarton Film Club, Didmarton Village Hall |
| Sun 13 th | Castle Combe Circuit Car Boot Sale, 9am – 2pm |
| Mon 14 th | Acton Turville Parish Council Meeting, Trinity School, 7pm |
| Sun 27 th | Beaufort Hunt Terrier & Family Fun Day, The Kennels, Badminton |

August 2025

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| Fri 1 st | Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds |
| Fri 8 th | Didmarton Film Club, Didmarton Village Hall |
| Wed 13 th | Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds |
| Sat 16 th | Acton Turville Social Summer Party, Playing Fields, Acton Turville, 7pm - midnight |
| Sun 24 th | Badminton Benefice Festival of Music, St Mary's Lasborough, 3pm |
| Sun 31 st | Castle Combe Circuit Car Boot Sale, 9am – 2pm |

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localtalkback1975@gmail.com

We'd love to hear from you!

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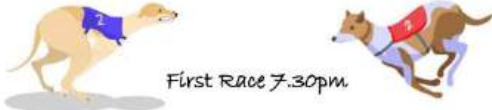
WHAT'S ON



A NIGHT AT THE DOGS

A Race Night Like No Other!

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First Race 7.30pm

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For further information
Please Contact:
Mel: 07771 565736

Please come along for an evening of fun and laughter!



ACTON TURVILLE TENNIS CLUB

The Acton Turville Tennis Club is an LTA-affiliated group which runs the community tennis court in Acton Turville. You don't need to live in Acton Turville to join our tennis club, anyone can sign up, and once you're a member you can use the court for free. Booking is simple, just use the on-line form to pick a time and date to suit you.

Non-members can also use the court on a pay-to-play basis.

Coaching is available from LTA accredited coaches

For more information, visit the club's website - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ActonTurvilleTennisClub>



Looks Like Summer!

We came across these great old photos which just scream summer. Do you recognise anyone?



WHAT'S ON



DIDMARTON FILM CLUB

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 11th July 2025

To receive full details of the films being shown each month by the Didmarton Film Club, simply join the club by filling in a form which will be available on film nights – membership is free, just provide your name, email address and mobile number to join.

Members are allowed to bring guests to the film shows, which will continue to be held on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Didmarton Village Hall. Whilst there is no charge for entry, all those attending are expected to make a donation (suggested amount £5).

The bar will run as usual.

Non-members may contact the organiser, Jenny Body, for the title of this month's film.

Doors open at 6.30pm, film starts 7.30pm

Please let us know in advance if you intend attending so we can ensure that sufficient seating is available

jenny.body1@gmail.com



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Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

Wednesday 9th July

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Two Course Lunch (main course + dessert)

£13.00 per head

Everyone welcome!

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



Raising Funds for Ukraine

We would like to invite you to join the Winterbourne Wind Band, on Saturday 5th July, as they play a wide variety of musical pieces in our garden to raise money to help people in Ukraine.

*The event will take place between 2pm and 5pm
at Portcullis Lodge, Acton Turville GL9 1HD
(or in Badminton Village Hall if wet).*

No tickets are needed - just turn up.

It would help if you could bring your own chair.



We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you.

The Spreadborough family

THE BEAUFORT HUNT TERRIER SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, July 27 2025

at the Kennels, Badminton

by kind Permission of the Duke and
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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>

Mystery Pictures

We've recently been passed a bundle of pictures showing local scenes and events. After an enjoyable couple of hours spent analysing them around the coffee table we've managed to identify most of them, but some remain a mystery. Can anyone help?

We start with a picture that appears to show a group of men pulling what looks like a car or maybe a charabanc. The men are all smartly dressed, as are the women who are watching the spectacle, and behind the vehicle there's a huge crowd of people. At a guess we'd say it was inter-war years. Can anyone guess what's going on, or identify the location?



The second picture shows a group of girls striding out with purpose, wearing what look to be Girl Guide uniforms (in which case, the younger girls with the union flags following behind could be Brownies). Date? Probably 1950s. Location? Well we initially thought it was the Baptist Chapel at the bottom of Luckington Road in Acton Turville, but a quick recce suggests otherwise. Those types of chapel buildings are not uncommon, but we can't place this one. Any suggestions what's happening, and where?

We've got a bit more information with the next pictures, as the piece of paper that came with them said "mother and child clinic, Badminton Hall", so we know where the picture was taken and why the people were there. Date-wise, could it be the early sixties? Can anyone remember these clinics being held at the Centenary Hall in Badminton? What's striking is the large number of babes in arms!



And the final one for this month has a sporting theme. Who's the cricketer demonstrating how to hold a perfectly straight bat to the group of studious schoolboys standing behind him? There aren't many clues, but he's wearing a rather bashed and battered cap which is reminiscent of the headgear preferred by the Australian players, and that could easily be the emblem of the Australian cricket team on his blazer. Is he a visiting test player perhaps, nipping into a local school to show us Poms how it's done? Looking at his cheeky grin, could it even be the great Donald Bradman? Over to you.



You can see the pictures more clearly if you look at the on-line version of Local Talk Back. Just go to <http://actonturville.info/talkback/>



Trinity School Update

50th Anniversary of Trinity CE VC Primary School

- Do you have a connection with Trinity CE VC Primary School?
- Are you a former pupil, parent or carer, member of staff, volunteer or governor?
- Were you around when the school opened on the current site in 1975?

If the answer to any of the above is "Yes", then we would like to hear from you. Please contact the school office via email, trinityprimary.school@gmail.org.uk using '50th Anniversary' as the subject.

Alternatively, please give us a call on 01454 218462.

Save the date

We are planning to hold a 50th anniversary commemoration community event on the afternoon of Friday 26th September 2025. We hope to involve all current pupils and their families and as many others with connections to our school as possible.

Out and About with Trinity School

Willow Class

As part of their Term 5 enquiry - 'Under the Sea - What is the story of the sea?', Willow class had an exciting visit to Bristol Aquarium on Tuesday 20th May. The children had a wonderful day, which included a guided tour of the aquarium, an opportunity to feed the fish and meeting octopus, jellyfish and even some small sharks!



Ash Class

As part of their Term 5 enquiry - 'Plants - What do Plants need to grow?', Ash Class visited Westonbirt Arboretum. They enjoyed a plant workshop and a minibeast workshop. Highlights of the day included minibeast hunting and making colour palettes using living things found in the Arboretum. They saw some badger sets, learned about food chains and enjoyed a day of outdoor learning.

French Club

We had a lovely session outside making our special jus de fruits which the children all absolutely loved! I diluted it with water so I hope no-one got too much of an acidic tummy!

They all asked very nicely in French for the different fruit juices.



Badminton Benefice of Music – 'Voices Together'

On Sunday 18th May some of our Trinity pupils took part in a 'Come and Sing' event as part of the new Badminton Benefice Festival of Music. This involved two adult choirs, 'Hawkesbury Choir' and 'Cirencester Singers', and 4 local schools (Hawkesbury Primary, Leighterton Primary, Trinity Primary (Acton Turville) and Westonbirt Prep School. The children represented Trinity so wonderfully at the Voices Together performance. They were amazing! Learning 4 songs and 2 warm ups! We are so proud of you.

Red Kite Feeding in Wales

Driving to Chippenham the other day, we were heading out of The Gibb when we spotted a pair of Red Kites circling above the nearby fields. Shortly after, another pair appeared, gliding on the thermals before swooping down in front of us to snatch a bite to eat.

It wasn't so long ago that Red Kites only seemed to appear once you reached Reading. Looking out for them became a pleasant way to break the monotony of the train journey as you headed towards Paddington on the InterCity 125, their distinctive forked tails making them easy to tell apart from other birds such as the more common buzzard. I still recall the first time I saw a Red Kite flying high above our village, but since then their numbers have increased to the point where they're almost an everyday sight.

However, whilst it's wonderful to see these big birds soaring gracefully above us, there's a much more exciting way to experience them. Granted, it means venturing to mid-Wales, but boy, is it worth the effort.

Prepare yourself for a Red Kite feeding frenzy.

I'd never heard of Red Kite feeding until I read an article written by Jan Walker from Hinnegar in the May 2018 issue of Talk Back. In the article, Jan described how she'd visited the Gigrin Farm Red Kite Feeding & Rehabilitation Centre with her husband Steve.

Located in the heart of mid-Wales near the market town of Rhayader, the farm has been feeding these birds since 1993 when, with their numbers declining rapidly across the country, the Red Kites were at a real risk of extinction. A breeding pair had been identified close to the farm, so the owners were approached by the RSPB who asked if they'd be prepared to put meat out for the birds during the winter months. The farm owners agreed and began buying offcuts from local butchers which they scattered on their land. By the end of the first winter, numbers had increased from just two birds to six. 30 years on, the number of Kites visiting Gigrin Farm ranges from 300 a day in the summer to 600 in the winter!

The farm receives no funding and relies on the money generated from the 20,000+ visitors they attract every year to cover their costs. It's a 2½ hour drive to Rhayader. We nipped along the M4 as far as Merthyr then headed up through the Brecon Beacons. On a

sunny day with minimal traffic, the journey through such stunning scenery is sublime, and it stays like that all the way to Gigrin Farm. We arrived at 12.30pm and sat outside the visitor centre, enjoying the countryside while we munched our way through some sandwiches. That still gave us time to grab coffee and cake from the friendly staff manning the small coffee shop before the Kite feeding started at 3pm. We'd booked a photographic hide which gave us a great view of the feeding ground, but to be honest you could have sat on any one of the many vantage points and enjoyed what was to come. At this stage, I think I'll let Jan tell the story, as it was her words that made

me want to witness the spectacle all those years ago:

"All of a sudden, Steve saw a couple of Kites flying really high above us. We watched them for a while, then gradually we realised a few more had joined them, then more and more arrived, landing in the trees, checking out the area and generally just flying around waiting for the food to arrive. There were hundreds of Red Kites in the skies above us, all flying

high up...then we heard a tractor coming down the track. The driver parked at the top of the feeding field, got out and started shovelling the large chunks of meat, throwing it around him. As soon as the tractor appeared, the Kites started to swoop really low, and the minute the food was thrown in the air the numbers of Kites became too many to count."

"These stunningly beautiful birds were flying so close to us, landing to pick up the meat and taking off again in one swift movement, so graceful. I just couldn't take photos quickly enough. It was the most amazing sight I've ever seen."

The pictures opposite give you a sense of what it was like, but you really need to see it for yourself to get the full, incredible experience. At times it was quite overwhelming, and in the end I just put down my camera and watched mesmerised as wave after wave of Red Kites swooped down right in front of us.

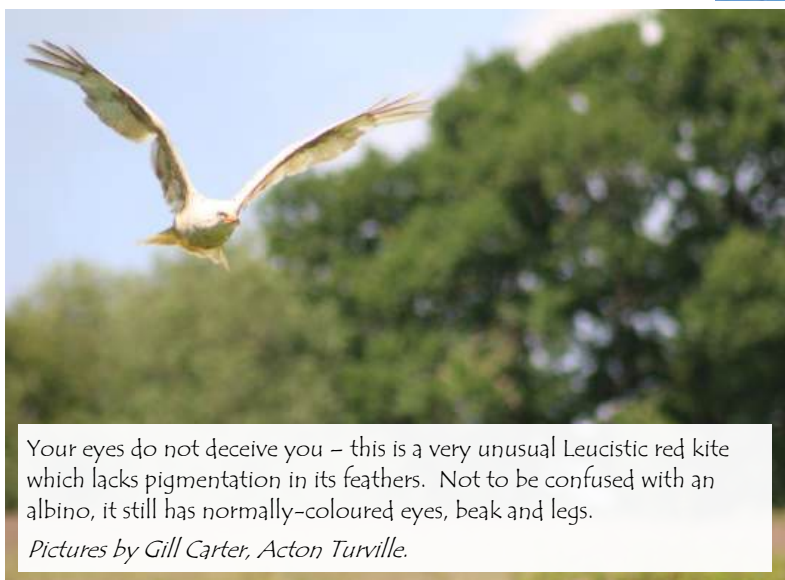
To Jan and Steve, thanks so much for sending in your story all those years ago. And to anyone looking for somewhere to go for a day out, set the satnav for Rhayader and prepare for something very special. You won't be disappointed.

For more info, visit: <https://www.gigrin.co.uk/>

Red Kite Facts

- Red Kites can have a wingspan of up to 2 metres.
- They don't kill their prey, they feed on carrion which explains why they're often seen hunting for food close to busy roads.
- As well as Red Kites, Black Kites can be found in many parts of the world. They are a rare visitor to the UK.
- All the Kites that have ever been DNA tested at Gigrin Farm were found to be descended from a single female.

Red Kite Feeding in Wales - Picture Gallery



Your eyes do not deceive you – this is a very unusual Leucistic red kite which lacks pigmentation in its feathers. Not to be confused with an albino, it still has normally-coloured eyes, beak and legs.

Pictures by Gill Carter, Acton Turville.

Acton Turville Flower Festival & Open Gardens 2025



It's been a fair few years since St Mary's Church in Acton Turville hosted a flower festival, so it was great to see the tradition revived this year over the weekend of the 21st and 22nd June. In addition to the floral decorations in the church, more than a dozen villagers generously opened their gardens to visitors, ensuring the event was truly a village-wide showcase of horticultural delights.

Organised by a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers to raise funds for the church, it was a nervous wait as the clock ticked round to noon when the event officially opened, but as soon as the doors opened, visitors started to stream into the church which had been completely transformed with the most amazing floral displays. Some of these had been created by the children from Trinity School, whose posies provided a rainbow of colour that started in the porch and continued inside with flowers decorating each of the wooden pews. It was amazing to think that everything was produced by members of the community, not one of whom was a trained florist.

Outside of the church, the village was a hive of activity as visitors from near and far moved from open garden to open garden. The care that had gone into making the gardens look their best was evident, and it was a privilege to be shown around each and every one of them by those who took so much pride in what they had created.



Acton Turville Flower Festival & Open Gardens 2025



It's hungry work looking around gardens, so the various refreshment stops were most welcome. Lots of people were enjoying the cream teas put on by Lee & Kay Butcher and their family, and they were working overtime to keep up with demand. Similarly brisk trade was reported in Mike and Diana Silvey's lovely garden, where their ice creams were a definite hit on such a warm and sunny weekend, and there was a constant queue for refreshments at the tea and cake stall in the church.

By the time the last of the visitors had departed, the organisers could look back on an event that had been a huge success, raising in excess of £2000. "None of us had ever organised anything like this before so were slightly unsure what to expect. We can't thank enough all those people who so generously gave up their time to help, in particular those who welcomed the public into their gardens. It's thanks to them that this event was such an overwhelming success."


The church Parochial Council were equally appreciative. "Many, many thanks to everyone who made this event such a triumph. It was great to see the church being used once again for an event which brought together the whole community, and one which brought so much pleasure to so many people."



Badminton Benefice Festival of Music 2025

The July concert in the Badminton Benefice Festival of Music will be at the beautiful church in Oldbury-on-the-Hill - a rare opportunity to attend an event there! A really interesting historic setting for an exhibition of contemporary art by local artist Sue Bown, accompanied by background music from the Wotton Chamber Group, playing music to match the era of the church - a terrific combination, creating an inspiring and relaxing way to spend a summer's Sunday afternoon. And it's all free! (Donations welcome, as ever!) There will also be some refreshments provided.

Please note the musicians will be playing off and on from about 2pm onwards, seated at the foot of the bell tower - it's not a formal sit-down concert, they're just adding atmosphere as people wander around the art at their own speed and in their own time, any time up until 5pm.



Badminton Benefice
Festival of Music 2025


artist **SUE BOWN**

music **WOTTON CHAMBER GROUP**

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Church Matters

July 2025 Letter from the Vicar

Dear all

Last month I began by saying that we were honoured to have the Bishop of Gloucester preaching at our Horse Trials service. Since then, she has been to Israel-Palestine.

Rachel returned from her trip in which she met with various groups on the West Bank and elsewhere. She has written in the Church Times and elsewhere about her experience and her views. Her visit came just after the House of Bishops had condemned the bombing of Gaza as a grave sin and a 'war of aggression'.

However, she insisted that her position was "not about being 'pro-Palestine' or 'anti-Israel' but that every person should have liberty and equal dignity, and this is not what we're seeing in the Occupied Palestinian Territories". She said, "all the power sits with Israel, and the Palestinian people have no way to defend themselves". She said that she had returned more resolved to be speaking both into the Church and into Parliament, and wants to encourage Christians to speak loudly about sanctions and the stopping of the sale of arms.

Some of you reading this will immediately want to say that the church should not meddle in politics. And I agree, we are not all-seeing and have our own areas of specialism. That said, we do need to speak out when we see things are not as they should be. To fail to do this is to fail to be honest about what we see and hear. As Christians, we have sister churches all around the world, and if one is suffering, then it is right that something should be said.

That is the case here. Our Christian brothers and sisters in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (with the Cathedral in Jerusalem) are suffering grievously. And it is absolutely right that we should not keep silent. That is not to deny the suffering of the hostages and their families, nor the devastating terrorism of October 7th 2023, by Hamas. But one should not drown out the other.

With my best wishes for a lovely summer holiday,

Richard

Rev Richard Thomson

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Church Services for July 2025

| Date | Time | Parish | Service | Minister |
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| 6 th July Trinity 3 | 9.30am | Lasborough | Matins | D Hewitt |
| | 10.00am | Hawkesbury | Morning Prayer | D Young. RT Preaching |
| | 11.15am | Didmarton | Matins | Rev R Thomson |
| | 6.00pm | Acton Turville | Evensong with HC BCP | Rev R Thomson |
| 13 th July Trinity 4 | 9.30am | Lasborough | Holy Communion BCP | Rev P Cheeseman |
| | 9.30am | Leighterton | Holy Communion BCP | Rev R Thomson |
| | 11.15am | Sopworth | Matins | Rev R Thomson |
| | 6.00pm | Hawkesbury | Choral Eucharist CW | Rev R Thomson |
| 20 th July Trinity 5 | 9.00am | Didmarton | Holy Communion BCP | Rev R Thomson |
| | 10.00am | Hawkesbury | Family Service | Rev R Thomson |
| | 11.15am | Little Badminton | Matins | Rev R Thomson |
| | 6.00pm | Acton Turville | Evening Prayer | Matthew Butler |
| 27 th July Trinity 6 | 9.30am | Lasborough | Holy Communion CW | Rev R Thomson |
| | 11.15am | Little Badminton | Matins | Rev R Thomson |
| | 6.00pm | Hawkesbury | Evensong | Rev R Thomson |

See Benefice website for readings: badmintonbenefice.com

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.

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Answers to the June quizzes:

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ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council last met on Monday the 9th June. The minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council's website <https://www.actonturvilleparishcouncil.org/documents/minutes>.

District Councillor Reports: We were pleased to welcome both Becky Romaine and Adrian Rush to our meeting in June. Their reports highlighted the growing concerns about the potential closure of the main Post Office in Yate and the impact this would have on many local people and businesses. To compound the problem, Nat West have announced they will be closing their Yate branch in September, which will be a further blow to the town. The councillors are very much aware of the number of such facilities being lost, and cited the closure of the Post Office in Badminton as another example.

Charges now apply to council-owned car parks in South Glos, and residents have reported a number of teething problems involving Courtside Surgery and the sports centre car parks. The situation is being monitored, as is the impact of the booking process at Sort-It centres in South Glos.

Planning Applications: Two new planning application were discussed, relating to the renewal of a flat roof at the Grade II Listed Chestnut House, and the felling of a Leylandii tree at 2 Burton Road. Parish Councillors raised no objection to either application. Details can be found on the South Glos Council planning portal.

S106 Funding from Hollybush Farm Development: A number of groups had approached the PC to enquire about potential S106 funding for different projects. The rules which govern the use of S106 funding are strictly defined, meaning not all projects came within scope. We will continue to engage with any groups who come forward.

Date of next meeting: Monday 14th July 2025 @ 7.00pm

Venue: Trinity School, Acton Turville.

Contact details for Parish Councillors are as follow:

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