

Local Talk Back

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View across the fields near Luckington. Picture by Dominic Rennie, Acton Turville



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

EDITORIAL JULY 2021

To many people, Rioja is a wine made from grapes grown in the La Rioja region of Northern Spain. But that's not all it is. No, Rioja, or more correctly R1OJA, is also a very effective personalised number plate. It's one I've spotted on several occasions parked outside a local hostelry, which makes me think it might, very fittingly, belong to the landlady. Wouldn't that be perfect?

Personalised number plates have been undergoing something of a renaissance in recent years. I remember they were a must-have accessory for anyone in the entertainment industry when I was growing up. Some celebrities had a number plate which reflected their professions: the comedian Jimmy Tarbuck had COM1C, and illusionist Paul Daniels conjured up the plate MAG1C for his car. Dave Hill, the long-haired guitarist with seventies glam-rockers Slade, selected a plate which matched his public image (YOB1), while others were more conventional and went with their initials. For many years, all-round entertainer Max Bygraves was the proud owner of MB1 until Mercedes-Benz made him an offer he couldn't refuse (rumoured to be in the region of £250,000), and the wonderfully-named Engelbert Humperdinck had EH1 on his gold Rolls Royce convertible. As far as I can make out, Val Doonican chose not to have his initials on a personalised number plate... The trend wasn't restricted to the entertainment world though, and even Royalty joined in. The Queen still owns A7 (A1, the first plate issued in the UK, having been snapped up by Earl Russell in 1903) and Princess Anne has 1ANN.

Back in the early days, getting your hands on one of these plates meant buying the car to which it was attached. You could then sell the donor car and transfer the plate to your own set of wheels. This was all a bit of a faff and you had to be quite determined to go through the whole process. As a result, seeing a car with a personalised plate was something of a novelty, prompting much speculation about the potential identity of the owner. The situation is very different now. Changes in legislation now allow you to own just a number plate with no obligation to display it on a car, and specialist dealers offer a huge range of plates from which to choose. Indeed, the DVLA, who issue the plates in the first place, have tapped into what is now a very lucrative market and regularly auction off any plates they consider to be valuable. This renewed interest in personalised plates has seen the value of the most sought after examples skyrocket, with newspapers reporting the most expensive plate to be F1 with a value in excess of £10m. It's at the other end of the market where things have really livened up though, with plates available for as little as £250. Of course for this price you might have to be a bit inventive, and there are companies who will massage numbers and letters to make them look like something else - for instance, a number 8 can be modified so it resembles a letter B, or you can push a 1 and 2 together to create a letter R. With a minor tweak the number 4 can look like a letter A. Suddenly B412 RYM becomes BARRY M, which I followed recently on the M4 - and despite my best efforts I regret I'm unable to confirm whether it was Barry Manilow behind the wheel.

Unfortunately the days of the more inventive designs might be numbered, brought about in part because non-standard layouts confuse the cameras which are increasingly being installed to monitor where we drive (and how we drive). As cities such as Bristol and Birmingham look to charge cars for entering the city centres, being able to read number plates is a fundamental part of that strategy. Plates are already checked as part of the MoT test, and it's not unknown for the Police to pull cars over and issue a ticket if anything looks non-standard, which might be bad news for Barry M. I'd also be disappointed to see some of these numbers disappear. I always enjoy looking out for interesting plates and wondering what story lies behind them.

In the meantime, I shall continue my hunt for 1AN (last seen in Exchange & Mart for £100,000).

Until the next time

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We have received the following donation this month for which we are most grateful:

Mr & Mrs R Carter - £20

Mrs Buckley - £20

In addition, £33.10 was very generously donated in the local shop boxes.

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The Little Owls of Little Badminton



This is one of the Little Badminton 'Little Owls'. There are four at the moment, two adults and two babies. Little Owls have lived in the Dovecot for over 20 years. There have been at least two babies every year and at times three. They can often be seen in the daytime, especially around the time they have babies. They hunt from a perch such as a wire, pole or tree mainly at night and at dawn, feeding on small mammals, small birds, worms and insects such as beetles, crickets and grasshoppers. The adult will need to catch 2 to 4 average size meals a day and more when feeding their young.

We see them around all year in the day and now, with the two babies to feed, we hear them a lot at night.

Back in 2008 and 2009 we had a baby owl in our chimney. The first year the adult spent all day on our roof making a lot of noise and bobbing its head up and down, which they do when they are alarmed. It was only when the cat became very interested in the fireplace that the owl was seen a few feet up the chimney breast. That time it was easily coaxed onto a brush handle and quickly put into a basket. A few minutes later it was re-united with its family on a nearby roof.

In 2009 we were alerted by chunks of soot falling down the chimney into the grate. There was no mother owl making a noise during the day but later in the evening she was making a lot of noise on the next-door roof. Shining a torch up the chimney, which is very wide with ledges, there was the little owl but right at the top. I phoned the Gloucester Owl Rescue for advice and was told to put a small light or torch in the grate, turn all the lights off and leave the room, open a window or door and wait for it to come down. It didn't move so we closed up for the night expecting to find a sooty mess the next morning but no, it wouldn't budge from the chimney. Another call to the rescue centre resulted in the suggestion to leave the room very quiet, don't keep looking at it. After two hours it appeared on the back of the sofa but flew upstairs the minute I entered the room. In its panic it flew into a wall and fell to the floor not moving, even after being prodded, it looked dead. A little while later when it was about to be moved it turned its head and it was fine. It was taken into the garden and flew back to its mother still waiting on the roof. I rang the Owl rescue to tell them we had successfully saved the owl and they explained that they will 'play dead' if they think they are in danger of being eaten. Ever since there has been wire netting over our chimney but I do worry each year that one will go down a village chimney where there is no exit to a grate or where the house is empty.



The rescued baby Little Owl

The Little Owl is our smallest owl and was introduced into Britain in the 1870's from the warmer parts of Europe. It is also known as the owl of Athena or the owl of Minerva. The plumage is often spotted with white. They have a piercing stare because of their dark eyes, yellow irises and very marked pale eyebrows.

The males normally remain in one territory for life and pairs maintain a life long bond, often remaining together all year round. A bond may last until one partner dies. They are faithful to their nest sites returning year after year providing both of the pair survive, or they may stay the whole time, as these local ones seem to do.

They are a cavity nesting species and usually have 3 – 4 eggs. Most young disperse in the Autumn usually settling within 12 miles of their birth place.

REMEMBERING THREE LOCAL HEROES

A DAY OF TRAGEDY AND BRAVERY

COMPILED BY YVONNE NETTLES FROM PERSONAL ACCOUNTS, OFFICIAL LETTERS AND NEWS REPORTS.

David Owen sent me a large folder of news cuttings which his father, Rev Richard Owen, had collected while living in Badminton. They were all connected to the village or the Beaufort family. Going through them recently there was one cutting that looked very interesting. It was about three Badminton heroes who had been given bravery awards. I was able to speak to two of them to elaborate on the story and the following is the result.

On 28th August 1962 there was a tragic accident near Badminton. A twin-engine Valetta on a training flight from R.A.F. Hullavington was in trouble as it passed very low over Badminton. There are many people living here who still remember seeing and hearing that troubled flight. A workman on the roof of Badminton House witnessed the aircraft crash a mile or so away at Cherry Orchard near Luckington. Many who realised what had happened made their way to the scene, including the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, to see what help could be given.

Three farm hands working close to Cherry Orchard rushed to the site of the crash and were confronted with a scene of horror. With no thought for themselves, the act of bravery to try to save a life that day earned them **'The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct'** award. They were shepherd **Raymond Bird** [23], his brother **Vivian Bird** [28] and herdsman **Christopher Robbins** [20]. All from Little Badminton.

The 'Evening Post' that day reported "An R.A.F. pilot and farm hands on the Duke of Beaufort Estate were heroes today". It seems the plane was losing height and skimming the trees when Cherry Orchard cottage came into view and the pilot lifted the wing to clear the cottage, resulting in a terrible crash. The house was the home of Mervyn Barrett who said "It seemed the pilot was making a last desperate attempt to miss us".

Tragically, two R.A.F. pilots lost their lives. They were the Captain Flt Lt David R Kenward [39] of Bexhill and First Pilot Flt Lt Donald H Blundy [39] of Bognor Regis. The survivor who was pulled away from the plane was Sergeant Ivor P Mew [28] of Sidcup.

Raymond and Christopher were working on sheep wires near the Avenue and Vivian was only 200 yards from the scene. They found the injured Sergeant lying near the burning wreck. Risking the danger of another explosion and burns from the petrol, they dragged him clear and moved him again as the next explosion happened. As reported in 'The Western Daily Press' Mr Botting, Estate Manager, who also arrived at the scene said "They ran quite a risk. Once they had to duck as bits from the plane flew through the air". Raymond himself told me that they were putting out the flames of the airman's burning clothes when there was a loud bang as an explosion happened and he saw a large piece of metal go right up in the air and over the top of a large tree. Raymond and Chris remembered that when the R.A.F. ambulance arrived it just crashed through a locked gate to get to the scene.

There were others who helped on that day and deserve a mention but we do not know who they are, other than Mr Michael Windell of Allengrove Farm was mentioned by the coroner for his help. Raymond said that the Duke of Beaufort who was at the scene asked Mr Botting to arrange for the three lads to be taken to Badminton Club for a drink, probably to calm them down after their ordeal.

Very sadly, despite all efforts to save him Sergeant Mew died in Frenchay hospital a week later.

On October 2nd the 'Evening Post' printed a report from the coroner. He praised Vivian, Raymond and Christopher, the three brave men who pulled a severely injured airman from the wreckage of a burning plane. The coroner said he had been asked to express the appreciation of the Station Commander at Hullavington, Group Captain R.D. Max, to the three men. "They did this at considerable risk to themselves, and I can only add my appreciation.". He also paid tribute to the efforts of Mr Michael Windell of Allengrove Farm. P.C. Ernest Nash said Mr Windell held down the terribly injured Sergeant Mew when he was making strenuous effort to get up.

This was a terrible tragedy in which three families were devastated. There was a lot of suffering caused to the men, their families and the airmen who worked alongside of them, but at the same time it feels right to acknowledge the bravery of those who live in our community and who did what needed to be done at the time.

I have been in touch with Chris Robbins, now living in Bristol. At the time of the incident his home was Coventry but he had come to work on the farm at Badminton. The Coventry newspapers also told the story of the heroics on that day. Chris had kept a scrap book of all the newspaper cuttings and has the letters from the R.A.F. station and the Air Ministry and photographs taken at Hullavington. It is from those that most of the information was collected.

Raymond explained that following this incident the three of them attended R.A.F. Hullavington to give their story of what happened that day.

REMEMBERING THREE LOCAL HEROES CONT'D

Two weeks later the Duke of Beaufort received a letter from Air Vice-Marshall H.J.Kirkpatrick at the Royal Air Force Headquarters in Maidenhead. A copy of which was given to the three farmworkers.

My Lord Duke

I am writing to convey my gratitude and admiration for the actions of three members of your Estate Staff, who risked their lives in rescuing Sergeant Mew, one of the crew of the aircraft which crashed near Badminton recently. They are Mr C Robbins, Mr A V Bird and his brother R Bird, all of Little Badminton. Their courage entering the wreckage in face of imminent danger from exploding fuel tanks is most praiseworthy. I would be grateful if you could thank them for their gallant efforts to save Sergeant Mew's life: it is indeed sad that he died in spite of their efforts

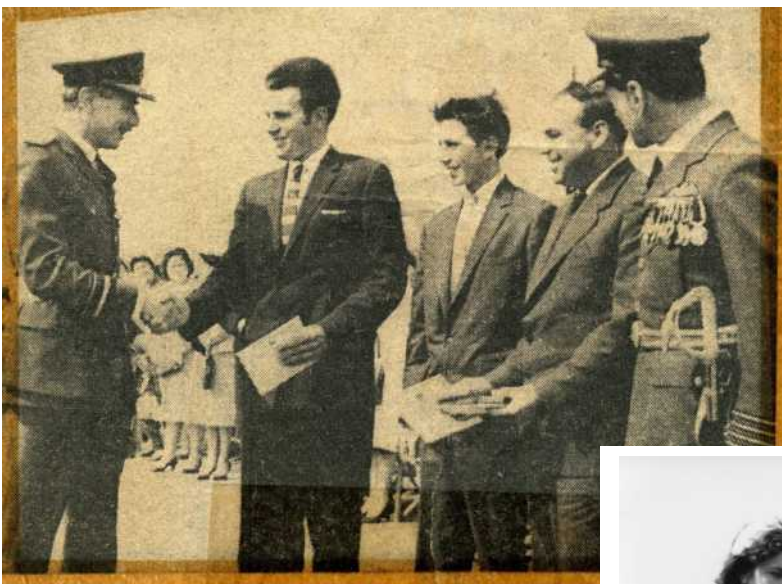
H.J.Kirkpatrick

A further letter dated 10th May 1963 was forwarded to each of the three men via the Estate Office from Group Captain R.D.Max at Royal Air Force, Hullavington.

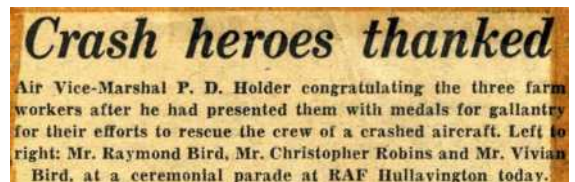
I have at last received confirmation of your award and am writing to let you know how very pleased I am that your outstanding act of gallantry last August has been recognised by the granting of the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct. Your selfless action was particularly appreciated by all members of aircrew on this Unit but I speak for all personnel when I offer you our sincere congratulations.

R.D.Max

The letter also states that the ideal opportunity for the presentation of the awards and certificates will be when the station is on parade for the Annual Inspection by the Air Force Commanding, Air Vice Marshal P.D.Holder on 23rd May. The men were invited to watch the ceremony of parade before receiving the medals. They would then be invited to take coffee with members of the Aircrew and will be welcome to inspect any special items or sections of interest. The invitation included members of their family and special friends.



23rd May 1963



They were presented with certificates and the medals were Silver Oak Leaves.

L - R

Sylvia Copeland, Raymond Bird,
Raymond's sister Aileen, Chris Robbins,
Viv Bird, and Chris's mum, Marian Draper .



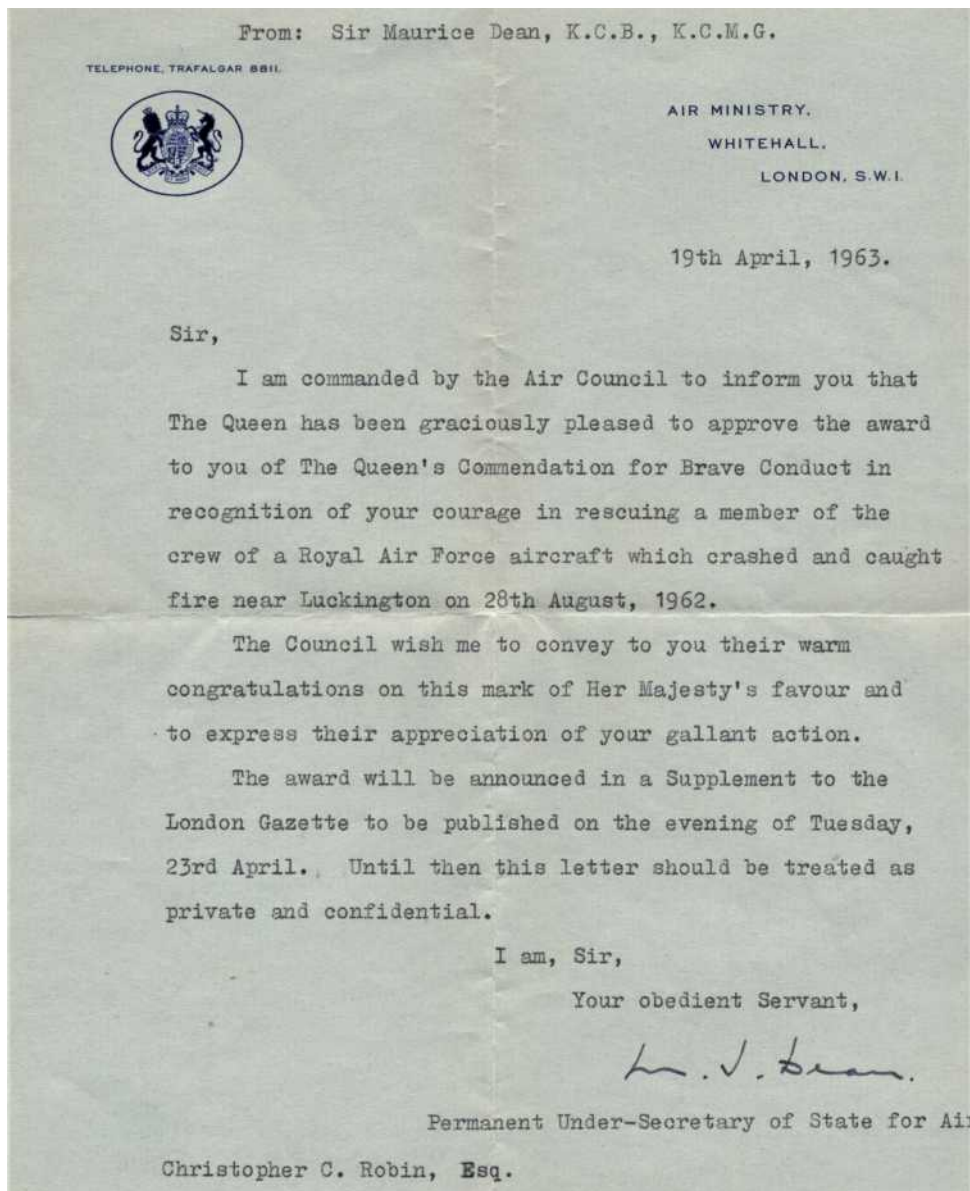
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REMEMBERING THREE LOCAL HEROES CONT'D



Above: Raymond Bird, Viv Bird, Chris Robbins and His Grace the Duke of Beaufort.

Right: Sylvia and Aileen with Sergeant Mew's widow, Wendy, in the centre.



With thanks to Raymond Bird and Chris Robbins for information, news cuttings, letters and photographs

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

***Please!** No Dogs are allowed on the playing field or in the play area.
All gates must be kept shut. No vehicles are allowed in or on the playing field except by
permission of the Parish Council. Please put all litter in the bins provided. Thank you.*

JUNE 2021

Playing Field:

The Council's mower suffered a fault during its last mowing session and had to be sent away for a few days to enable repairs to take place. It has since been returned and the mowing will continue as scheduled. Additional help with mowing is always welcome.

If you are interested in helping, please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk.

Fly-tipping:

There has been another incident of fly-tipping of garden waste on the outskirts of the village. It was reported to South Glos Council who removed the items concerned in order that the lay-by could be back in use again. Fly-tipping will not be tolerated in this area.

Election of Officers:

Parish Council Chair and Vice-Chair were duly elected at our May Annual Meeting

Parish Councillors:

Sybil Haddrell (Chair) 218772, Ian Carter 219129 (V. Chair), Sally Smith 218510, Chris Bennett 218550

Next Meeting: Monday 12th July 2021 @ 7.00 pm – venue St Mary's Church

Please check the website and notice board for further information.
There will be no meeting of the Parish Council in August unless any urgent business arises.

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TERRIER & DOG SHOW BADMINTON PARK

Sunday 25th July 2021.

Show starts at 1.00 pm,
Kennel tour 2.00pm.

Following the cancellation of last year's show due to the Coronavirus, this year the Beaufort Hunt are pleased to announce that the Terrier & Dog Show is once again to be held in Badminton Park by kind permission of the Duke & Duchess of Beaufort.

Stalls, Bar, BBQ, Cream Teas.

**Class entries, info etc
phone Amanda on 0792 9069466**

Could you help to discover more Stone Stiles in Gloucestershire?

The Stone Stile Project is hoping readers of Local Talk Back can help them in their quest to identify as many stone stiles in Gloucestershire as possible and discover more about the history of each stile. So far, almost 200 people have contacted the project to tell them about stiles they have come across but there are many more out there waiting to be identified. Maggie Booth, who works as a volunteer to help promote The Stone Stile Project, takes up the story.



Stone stile at Great Badminton, photographed by Sebastian Cooper

Stone stiles are found in many areas of the country. There are examples throughout the ancient county of Gloucestershire including the area around Badminton, Little Badminton and Acton Turville. For centuries they have provided access to locals walking along pathways as they went about their business whilst preventing sheep and cattle from straying further afield. Despite the historic value of these stone stiles, scores of them have been abandoned and some now lost forever.

In 2020 Peter Wilson, launched 'The Stile Project'. Working in association with CPRE Gloucestershire the Countryside Charity, English Heritage and the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club, Peter's aim is to produce a record of every remaining stone stile in Gloucestershire before they are lost forever. Through support from volunteers and members of these groups and other keen walkers, over 500 stiles have been recorded but it's known there are at least 100 more stiles yet to be mapped.

So when you are out walking, if you spot a stone stile, or if you know of an existing stile, please photograph it, if possible from both sides. Download a Stile Recording Form by going to the CPRE website, <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/creating-a-record-of-gloucestershire-stone-stiles/> Please give as much information as possible before emailing the form to: peter.wilson@woodchestervillage.co.uk

Any 'duplicate' stiles recorded are welcome as you may take a better picture than the one already on file. Peter is also looking for **background notes; history, geology and the landscape setting of each stone as well as its precise OS location.**

Don't worry if you're not able to give all that information but he would like to know exactly where you came across the stile.

The information will then be used to develop an interactive App. There is no doubt the App will encourage more people to explore our wonderful county adding to their enjoyment of country walks. It will also help wheelchair and scooter users and families with children in buggies to plan their walks.

There are many stiles out there just waiting to be discovered but please do remember the Country Code – **R**espect other people, **P**rotect the natural environment, **F**ollow advice and local signs and **O**bey social distancing regulations.

Maggie Booth



Stone stile at St Mary's, Hawkesbury Upton, photographed by Sebastian Cooper

Picture Gallery

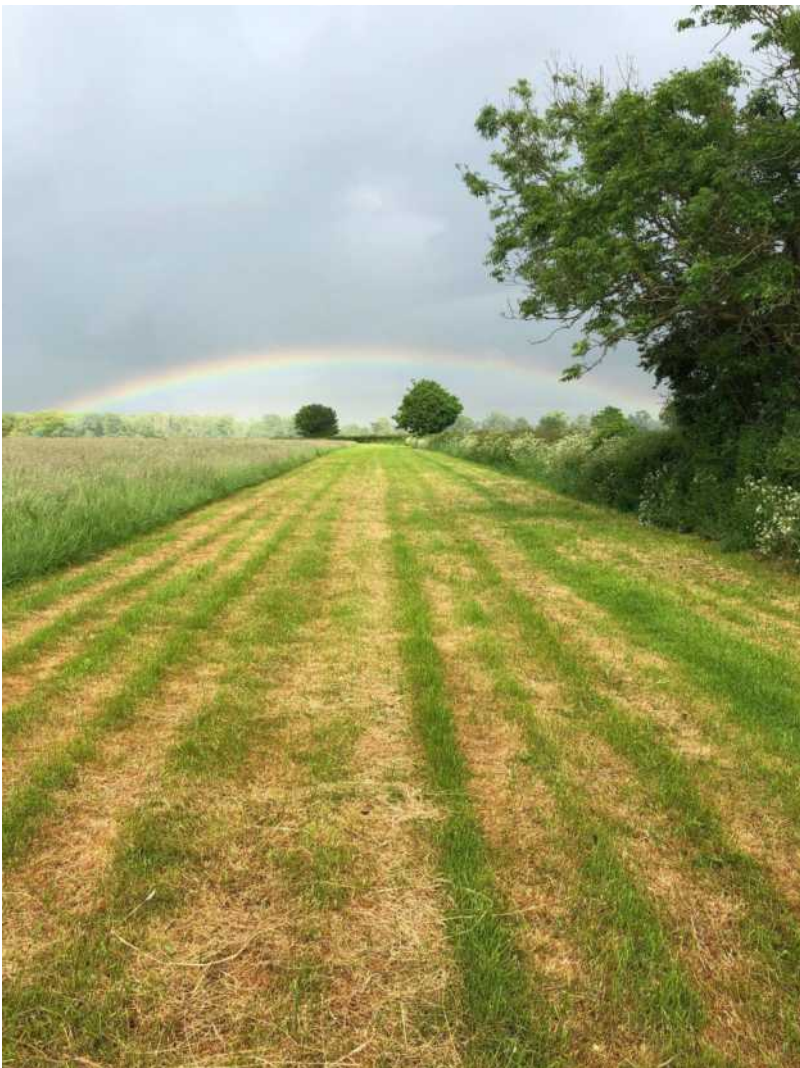


We're very lucky to be surrounded by such wonderful countryside, especially at this time of the year when everything is so green and lush. Little Badminton's Yvonne Nettles provided these pictures, ranging from a flock of sheep and their lambs finding somewhere to shelter from the sun to bluebells creating a carpet of colour in Hinnegar Woods. The sunset below is spectacular, whereas the apparent mushroom cloud looks slightly more alarming!



Picture Gallery

These pictures were sent in by our good friend Chris Farrell. The crop on the right is linseed, just coming into flower and providing a striking contrast to the few poppies which are just emerging. Directly below we have the rainbow that greeted Chris as he headed home after walking his dog. The other two pictures show hedges eerily cloaked in webs formed by ermine moth caterpillars. They do this to protect themselves from birds while they're feasting on the leaves. Although they can quickly strip a hedge, the damage is not serious and the hedge quickly recovers.



J J'S GARDENING BLOG



Rhubarb, if it is sending up a flower head, pull it out as low down as you can. Pull, not cut. Then keep up the feeding regime with either rotted muck or compost, they like well fed soil.

Fruit trees purchased in a POT at this time of year can be planted out into their permanent position now. Just water, water, water. If space is tight, cordon (single, sloping stems) planted at forty five degrees will give plenty of fruit and against a wall or fence are given some protection from the weather and are decorative. Do seek advice from a specialist nursery. A dwarf plum for instance will produce about 60 plums. How many plums does your household need!

Gorgeous Gooseberries

There is a good gooseberry called Nibbler, which has the great advantage of being virtually thornless. When ripe, it can be eaten straight from the bush, which is typically when it starts to turn from green to a reddish colour. If you don't fancy that, gooseberries make an easy relish for cold meats or roast pork in the winter. Autumn raspberries, which do not need a cage or netting as the birds leave them alone, are delicious.

Jobs for this Month

Tree ties which I bang on about, just keep your eye on them so that no strangulation occurs.

Any shrubs which have just flowered should have two or three of the oldest stems removed at ground level now, and then fed. And if they need shaping, this is the time to do it.

Euphorbia will be about to have done their best. This is the moment to cut all the stems which are about to go over to remove them at ground level with secateurs and with gloves on. The white sap is a skin irritant. Don't be kind and give them a bit more time or you will have seedlings everywhere.

The roses, like the tulips, have been marvellous. An easy way to feed roses is with rose food in granules. About a slim handful per plant.

Give a summer tidy up to wisteria, trim iris to a fan shape, this looks decorative, but by shortening the leaves to about six inches secures them in the ground from the wind. They are plants whose rhizome must be exposed to the sun (facing south if possible) so there are a few surface roots holding the plant upright, so not much really.

And Finally...

Visit gardens, enjoy them and get ideas.

THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT AND VEG MARKET GARDEN

ORGANIC VEG BOXES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE
WAITING LIST FOR A BOX OF ORGANIC
VEG IN JULY TO BE COLLECTED WEEKLY
FROM THE HORSE BOX AT THE GATES AT
KENNEL DRIVE, BADMINTON, PLEASE
TEXT SIMON, THE GROWER FOR
FORBIDDEN FRUIT AND VEG MARKET
GARDEN,
ON
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WANT TO KNOW HOW TO GROW ORGANIC VEG?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENJOY THE
SUNNY WEATHER WHILE LEARNING
HOW TO GROW ORGANIC VEG IN ONE
OF BADMINTON'S WALLED GARDENS,
PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A FEW
HOURS WITH OUR EXPERIENCED
GROWER AT FORBIDDEN FRUIT AND
VEG MARKET GARDEN.
PLEASE TEXT SIMON MATTHEWS
ON
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Church Matters

July 2021 Letter from the Vicar

My Dear Friends,

I write at a time when there is much comment on 'The protocol', part of the Brexit agreement about Northern Ireland. It seems that UK Government with the backing of Northern Ireland, are arguing that the Protocol does not ensure trade in food can be maintained. They are threatening to break the rules of the agreement.

Someone once said that rules are there to be broken. And I imagine we all find ourselves in situations where petty rules, rules that simply assist us to carry out our business in a fair and straightforward manner, are indeed not as binding as say, a rule that protects life and property, like for example, rules concerning trespassing or violence.

Many rules need amending as time goes by.

A rule that is agreed between two governments as a sensible roadmap for the future, is probably one of the latter. It is not protecting life, but it is channelling the way in which trade is carried out. And it can be updated.

Having said which, people who habitually break rules are dangerous. Because they are failing to show respect for others as symbolised by rules. And the failure to stick to the rules makes a person a loose cannon or at worse, a bandit.

Most of us I expect err towards the view of Sir Thomas Moore in A Man For All Seasons, the play by Paul Scofield. (This play was first staged in 1960 at the Globe Theatre and was made into an Academy Award-winning film by Fred Zinneman in 1966).

The moral issue of law-breaking is best demonstrated by this interchange between Sir Thomas Moore and William Roper:

Roper: So, now you give the Devil the benefit of law!

Moore: Yes! What would you do? Cut a great road through the law to get after the Devil?

Roper: Yes, I'd cut down every law in England to do that!

Moore: Oh? And when the last law was down, and the Devil turned 'round on you, where would you hide, Roper, the laws all being flat? This country is planted thick with laws, from coast to coast, Man's laws, not God's! And if you cut them down, and you're just the man to do it, do you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then? Yes, I'd give the Devil benefit of law, for my own safety's sake!

We break laws and rules at our peril. And those of us who abide within the rules of the Church as well as the State, know that they give security and strength.

With my best wishes,

Richard Thomson

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Badminton Benefice Rota for July 2021

Sunday	Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
Trinity 5	4 th July	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Holy Communion CW	J Hunnisett
		11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	J Hunnisett
		6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	J Hunnisett
Trinity 6	11 th July	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
		9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion BCP	RT
		11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	RT
		6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	RT
Trinity 7	18 th July	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Morning Prayer	Lay led
		11.15am	Sopworth	Matins	P Cheeseman
		6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	P Cheeseman
St James	25 th July	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion CW	C Coster
		11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	C Coster
		6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	J Hunnisett
Trinity 9	1 st August	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay led
		9.30am	Hawkesbury	Holy Communion CW	RT
		11.15am	St Arilds, Oldbury	Matins	RT
		6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	RT

Sudoku

July's challenge set by Neil Fozard.

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

EASY !!

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

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

Answers to the June quizzes:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



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