

# Local Talk Back

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And so the sun comes down on another year.

Photograph of the Dove Cote, Little Badminton, by Yvonne Nettles



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



# EDITORIAL DECEMBER 2024

We are pleased to be guest writers for this month's editorial. No apologies for mentioning the weather as we are writing this in the middle of 'storm Bert', the second named storm of the season. And what a storm! So far we have heard of flooding in the villages of Acton Turville, Badminton, Burton, Sherston and Alderton with abandoned cars everywhere.

Chippenham town centre is flooded as is Malmsbury, and 100 houses near Yate also under water. This is probably the tip of the iceberg. Two inches of rain fell in just over 14 hours locally.

It has been terrible to watch on our TV screens the floods occurring in many parts of Spain. How can we comprehend rivers of water, some as high as 9ft, raging through streets and homes. It was also said that around 100,000 cars were piled up in streets or swept away with the water.

The 19<sup>th</sup> November brought the first snow of winter. How strange to see the trees in lovely autumn-coloured leaves with snow covered verges below.

We hear from gardeners that it's not been a good year for them as cold weather at crucial times stopped the germination process so many vegetables were later than usual. On the farms they battle with the weather as well. To germinate the plants it can't be too cold, rain is then needed to start the growing and dry weather is necessary for the harvesting. This with weather that's always unpredictable. The maize plants you see in the fields are grown for animal feed and the beans for protein for animal feed. If at any time the wheat harvest isn't good enough for bread and biscuits it goes for animal feed, as does the barley if it isn't good enough for malting. What a headache! It must mean that some years the animals get very well fed.



As preparations are underway for the Christmas festivities we thought we would look through the very old Badminton Parish magazines to see what they were up to back then. We only found two mentioning Christmas: 1914 and 1926.

In 1914 we were at war and the news was that four of our local soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilts battalion had met with disaster. One, William Ayliffe, had been wounded and brought back to England. The other three – Tom Ayliffe, Arthur Wearing and Arthur Viner (Sally's Grandfather) were prisoners in Germany. Collections had been made in the village to our boys at the front, to provide them with cigarettes and tobacco, their only little comfort.

Christmas 1926 was much happier. 'The Duchess of Beaufort gave a beautiful Christmas tree and a tea to all the children, everyone going away with a present to their great delight. On the day that the school broke up, the children gave themselves a tea party and Mr Littlewood and the teachers organised a very good sing-song.' Thanks was given to all the parents who sent cakes and other food for the tea.

We have lots of memories of our time in the Valentine Club when we organised Christmas parties for the pensioners of our three villages. Through the year there was fund raising events especially Bingo sessions to pay for the party and entertainment. In one of our meetings we each made a floral decoration for the party tables. There would be shopping to do and a 'free' raffle to organise. On the morning of the party club members and some of the husbands would decorate the hall, lay the tables and prepare the hot lunch and afternoon tea. Behind the scenes on kitchen duties were many Valentine's husbands. We did this for 25 years and a good time was had by all.

*The Talk Back team would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.*

Sally & Yvonne

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(THERE IS NO LOCAL TALK BACK IN JANUARY)

THANK YOU.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Dec 2024**

- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Wreath Making Workshop, Badminton House
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Badminton Youth Club, Memorial Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Acton Turville Social Fireside Carols, Fox & Hounds
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Acton Turville Parish Council Meeting, Trinity School, 7pm
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Original Santa Float (see opposite for details)
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Badminton Youth Club, Memorial Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carol Service, St Mary's, Acton Turville, 6pm
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Badminton Youth Club, Memorial Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service, St Mary's, Acton Turville, 4.30pm

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

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

**Thank You Chris!**

*A huge thank you to Chris Spreadborough for managing the 100 Club for many, many years. The funds raised help us to maintain our lovely church. Chris is stepping down after a very long time in the role.*

*She has collected the names and contributions, arranged the draw and distributed the prizes to the lucky winners each month, seemingly forever. The parochial church council is very grateful to her for everything she has done. Thank you so much, Chris!*

*Ps there is still a chance for you to join the 100 Club and to win cash! Ask in the shop.*

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ACTON TURVILLE**

**100 Club**

WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

- Jan Farmer
- Oliver Rennie
- Fred Hope

***Congratulations!***

**DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH**

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

*Acton Turville Parish Council*

*The Stores, Acton Turville*

*We have also received two anonymous donations.*

*Thanks to you all.*

*We really do appreciate all donations as it helps to keep the Local Talk Back being delivered to your doors.*

*There are Local Talk Back collection boxes in Acton Turville Stores and Badminton Stores.*

***To donate by cheque, please make payable to***

***LOCAL TALK BACK***

***and send to:***

***The Treasurer, Local Talk Back,  
6 Hollybush Close, Acton Turville,  
Badminton, South Glos, GL9 1JJ***

***Thank you!***

**Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!!**

**Don't miss the Original Santa Float when it passes through our villages on**

**Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Started in 2020, the float is fundraising for The Guild of Friends of the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children and Time is Precious this year.**

**Check their Facebook page for more info including times and details of the route!!**

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# Celebrate Christmas!



## FIRESIDE CAROLS

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm

Fox & Hounds

Step into Christmas and  
Village Spirit



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

&

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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### STARTERS

Prawn & Salmon Cornets  
with bloody mair sauce

Baked Mini Sussex Smokey  
topped with grilled cheddar

Homemade Winter Broth

Baked Mini Camembert  
with redcurrant & sole gin sauce

All served with Crusty Bread

### MAIN COURSES

Traditional Roast Turkey  
with all the festive trimmings

Roast Sea Bass  
with a honey & orange glaze

Pork Tenderloin  
chestnut & herb stuffing, wrapped in bacon,  
with a herb cream sauce

Cranberry, Sweet Potato & Cream Cheese Parcels  
with a cream cheese sauce

Roast Beetroot Wellington  
with a herb sauce

All the above served with new, roast potatoes & fresh vegetables

### DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas Pudding  
with brandy cream

Caramel & Apple Sponge Pudding  
Christmas Triple Chocolate Cheesecake

Mango & Raspberry Eton Mess

Cheese Board  
£4.00 extra

**£34.00 per head**

A non-refundable deposit of £10.00 per person is required at time of booking  
Christmas Menu booking forms (available from the Bar) must be returned 10 days prior to your booking

# WHAT'S ON



## DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA IS CHANGING!

2024 was another very successful year for the Didmarton Rural Cinema, with the organisers once again presenting a varied programme of films which offered something for everyone. That successful formula is due to continue into 2025, but with some significant and exciting changes to the way the cinema operates.

The film nights are organised by the Didmarton Village Hall and Community Committee, who have to ensure the correct permits and licences are in place before any films can be shown. For 2025, the committee have decided to purchase a 'blanket' license for the year, which means they will be able to show any film, at any time, from any media, including DVD or streaming. However, under the terms of the new licence, the organisers will not be allowed to publicly advertise the name of the film they'll be showing, and will not be allowed to charge an entry fee. The solution is to relaunch the Didmarton Rural Cinema as the Didmarton Film Club. Membership of the club is free, and those who join will be sent details of forthcoming films each month. Members are allowed to bring guests to the film shows, which will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at the Didmarton Village Hall, and whilst there will be no charge, all those attending are expected to make a donation (£5). The bar will run as usual.

If you would like to join the Film Club, membership forms will be available on film nights. All you'll need to provide is your name, email address and mobile number.

Further, if you would be like to be a member of the Film Selection Committee, please email [jenny.body1@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.body1@gmail.com) separately.

And lastly, if there is a particular film you would like to see please email [jenny.body1@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.body1@gmail.com) at any time.

*We look forward to seeing you at a film show soon!*

## Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

### Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Two Course Christmas Lunch

with a glass of wine or a soft drink,  
followed by coffee and mince pies.

Entertainment from singer 'C'

£16.00 per head

**Everyone welcome!**

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

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& HOUNDS INN

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BADMINTON ESTATE

### CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

GET INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT AT BADMINTON!

THE SESSION WILL INCLUDE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO CREATE YOUR OWN WREATH TO TAKE HOME AND DECORATE YOUR DOOR THIS CHRISTMAS. CLASSES ARE RUN BY THE SODBURY FLORIST IN THE OLD KITCHEN AT BADMINTON ESTATE.

MULLED WINE, HOT CHOCOLATE AND MINCE PIES WILL ALSO BE SERVED.



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

### WORTH THE WAIT? DEFINITELY!

We were pleased to welcome Micky John Bull to our Luncheon Club on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

This was a return visit by Micky who had been to the Luncheon Club several times before going back as far as the early 2000's.

The show got under way with Micky wearing his trademark purple suit, hat and matching tie and consisted of a good variety of songs,

interesting stories and hilarious jokes. We look forward to his return visit next year on

October 8<sup>th</sup> 2025.

*Sally Smith, Luncheon Club Organiser*

## REMEMBRANCE EVENTS 2024



The Badminton & Hawkesbury Upton Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank all those involved in making our 2024 Remembrance Events such a success. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, the children of Trinity School took centre stage at the Service of Remembrance held in St Mary's church, Acton Turville. Then on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, more than 85 members of our community took part in the traditional parade and Service of Remembrance, led by the Rev Richard Thomson, at Great Badminton church.

Your support for those members of the Armed Forces, both past and present, who sacrificed so much for their country, was much appreciated.

*We Will Remember Them*

## BADMINTON YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Badminton Youth Club was relaunched in September this year, and we have already attracted a few regulars - every Thursday evening during school term time (from 6.30 to 8pm) they come along to Badminton Memorial Hall where they can enjoy games, Lego, and arts and crafts, buy drinks and snacks from the tuck shop, and play badminton!

We will run until 19th December, and will continue into 2025 after the Christmas break - "fun", "amazing", "welcoming", "enjoyable", "exhilarating", "chill", and "a nice place to go" are just some of the words that the children have used to describe Badminton Youth Club.



Our sincere thanks go to Badminton Memorial Hall for providing us with the venue, to Acton Turville Post Office for advertising the club on their notice board, to Karen and Andy Neal for their generous donation, and to Badminton Parochial Church Council and Local Talkback for their ongoing encouragement and support.

Zoë Gooding

**Come to**  
**BADMINTON YOUTH CLUB!**

**THURSDAYS**  
6:30pm - 8pm  
Badminton Memorial Hall

**Help make it what you would like it to be!**

**£2 each week**

**Tuck available**

**Play badminton in Badminton!**

**LEGO CORNER**

**Fun Crafting Activities**

**\*Parents or Carers will need to sign a consent form\***

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

## Church Services December 2024

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	D Hewitt
	11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	5.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev M Butler
	5.00pm	Hawkesbury	Advent Service	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Leighterton	Patronal Evening Prayer	R Bryant Pearson
8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	Rev P Cheeseman
	11.00am	Leighterton	Holy Communion 1928	Rev R Thomson
	11.00am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	5.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Hawkesbury	Family Service	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Sopworth	Matins + HC	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Carol Service	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Didmarton	Carol Service	A Brassey
	6.00pm	Westonbirt	Carol Service	Rev P Cheeseman
20 <sup>th</sup> December Friday	6.00pm	Leighterton	Carol Service	Rev R Thomson
	7.00pm	Great Badminton	Carol Service (Beaufort Hunt)	Rev J Wilson
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion CW	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Carol Service (FOSM)	Rev R Thomson
24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Hawkesbury	Nativity Service	Lay Led
	4.30pm	Acton Turville	Christingle Service	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Lasborough	Carol Service	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Sopworth	Carol Service	tbc
	11.30pm	Didmarton	Midnight Mass BCP	Rev R Thomson
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Holy Communion CW	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Great Badminton	Christmas Day Service	Rev R Thomson
29 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1		Leighterton	No Service	

Matins on line 9.30am Thursdays: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86463304014?pwd=QlJxMWNpelArMUdjV242cUpnV3Nydz09>

See Benefice website for readings: [badmintonbenefice.com](http://badmintonbenefice.com)



St Mary's Church, Acton Turville

*The Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on*

***Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm.***

*Everyone is welcome.*

*Stay for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.*



*The Christingle Service will be held on*

***Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm.***

*Children are especially welcome.*



## REMEMBERING THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE IN ACTON TURVILLE

By Belinda Elford

Acton Turville W.I. was formed in November 1994. So many people helped us in those early days. Adrian Farrell, who was our local policeman, gave us instruction on Self Defence, Pat Downes showed us how to make Christmas wreaths and each Christmas we had great fun icing and decorating our cakes together in our kitchen. We went Carol Singing around the village for a number of years, maybe not very tunefully!! Judy Hallimond showed us how to make corn dollies, and we had a stall at the Chipping Sodbury Street Fayre each year, selling cakes, jams and chutneys, which helped to boost our finances!

One of the original concepts of the first W.I., formed in Canada, was education as well as friendship, and our group tried hard to follow this philosophy. One year we went gliding, does anyone else remember this? Another time we had an open meeting for Dr Alan Preece, Consultant Clinical scientist and Reader in Medical Physics from the Bristol Oncology Centre, who talked to us about the impact of mobile phones, electro-magnetic fields and non-ionising radiation. This was when people were very worried about the effects of micro-waves and towers of dishes over the countryside.

On another occasion, Mrs Edith Nettles gave a most interesting insight into her life as the housekeeper at Badminton House. We had a number of talks on gardening, hanging baskets and flower arranging over the years, and on occasion we went home with examples of stage make up on our faces and hands. We made marzipan fruits, and heard all about antiques from Philip Taubenheim from Wotton Auction House. We sent teams to Portishead for the Annual Quizzes, not that we won anything, and we entered the Hawkesbury Show competition each year, again without much luck! But we did win the Ladies Team prize in the Fun Run, here in Acton Turville, in 1997.

When the village had a Bonfire Night each year, we served, with the help of our husbands, hot dogs, coffee, etc for everyone. We had a lot of fun over the years, but then activities were suspended in November 1999, as no one was prepared to be an officer on the Committee. June Gott and I had completed 5 years, which we had enjoyed, but without enough members to support any activities, it was no longer viable to continue. At that time our members were supporting the school, the church and us.

Belinda Elford

Clockwise from top left: *Judy Hallimond making corn dollies. The inaugural meeting, Nov 94, L-R: Carol Corbett, Belinda Elford, June Gott, Margaret Greening, Judy Hallimond and Dorothy Lane. Grrr. Kate Seymour-Smith is transformed into a tiger on stage make-up night. Belinda Elford is clearly pleased with her choice of stage make-up too. Cake making at the Hawkesbury Show. Emmie Gilbert is turning Japanese.*





## Paul Jones - Village Agent Update

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



Hopefully by the time you read this I will be recovering from knee surgery with my feet up in between hourly exercises to help me get mobile again! Preparation for surgery has made me think about mobility around the home, transport and how to manage the day-to-day tasks we sometimes take for granted. I've mentioned the Celestine Centre in Yate before. It's a converted house where you can view (and have demonstrated) a huge variety of aids and adaptations aimed at helping people remain independent in their own homes. These include:

- Through floor and stairlifts
- Hoisting Equipment
- Steps & Ramps
- Telecare
- Home living aids
- Automatic Toilet
- Bathing Aids
- Door entry systems
- Level access showers
- High/low kitchen units

The house is available by appointment only Monday to Friday. To arrange a visit contact [psehousing@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:psehousing@southglos.gov.uk) or ring 01454 868126. If it's easier, please give me call and I can arrange a visit.

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### ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2024 REPORT

Current Actions: Since last month's report, the Parish Council have received updates on two of the issues that we raised with our local District Councillors, namely the provision of bus stop signs in the village and the replacement of signs designed to warn drivers of a dangerous corner on the Old Sodbury Road (the so-called "Clump of Trees"). Councillor Becky Romaine confirmed that she had been in discussion with the relevant department in South Glos Council. They had already undertaken a site visit, but rather frustratingly had been unable to identify either of the precise locations! The Parish Council has therefore re-sent all the relevant information which will hopefully expedite matters. We have also raised concerns about the risk to pedestrians walking on the Burton road between the motorway bridge and Acton Turville where, for a long stretch, there is no pavement. Again, we will post updates when we receive them

Traffic Issues. The Parish Council welcomes the set of guidelines issued by Trinity School which are aimed at car users dropping off and collecting children from the school. We hope they will address some of the issues frequently raised with the Parish Council including inconsiderate parking and drivers leaving engines running when stationary.

Police Update. A reminder that our local PCSO Cheryl Dibble from Avon & Somerset Police will be visiting the village in the Community Police Van on the 10<sup>th</sup> December between 10.30am and 12.30pm in the Fox & Hounds car park. Our PCSO is always keen to chat with villagers about any issues and concerns you might have so why not go along and say hello?

Parish Councillors:

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

~~Next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 7.00pm~~

~~Venue: Trinity School, Acton Turville.~~

*Details on Parish Notice Board/Website*

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 01249 650052

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# Trinity School Update

## OFSTED REPORT 2024

Message from Mr Hutton, Headmaster



Following our recent Ofsted inspection (24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024) the governors and I are pleased to inform you that we received the following grades:

- The quality of education **Good**
- Behaviours and attitudes **Good**
- Personal development **Good**
- Leadership and management **Good**
- Early years provision **Good**

The report opened with the following summary statement:

“Trinity Church of England Primary School is a warm and friendly school that knows its pupils well. The school’s vision of “Courage, Friendship and Respect, underpinned by Love and Kindness” comes through in all aspects of school life. Pupils are happy and safe.”

We really appreciate the support and trust of our school community and as staff and governors look forward to working with you to secure further improvements.

On behalf of the School’s Governing Body, Danielle Townsend, Chair of Governors, said:

“We wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude to all staff and pupils for their unwavering commitment and hard work. The dedication shown by our entire school community has been invaluable in driving forward improvements that enhance pupil outcomes and create a positive, supporting learning environment. This recent inspection highlighted our progress, and feedback during the inspection provided us with further insights to continue building on these achievements.”

## Latest News from the Trinity Sports Desk

### Year 5 & 6 Girls Football

Our Year 5 & 6 Girls team took part in the GSFA Girls Football tournament at KLB on Tuesday 12th November. They showed fantastic team work, winning all of their matches! They now have an incredible opportunity to go on to represent Forest Green Rovers in the Premier League Primary Stars U11 National Girls Tournament in 2025!



### Year 5 & 6 Boys Football

On Thursday 7th November, Trinity took on Hillesley Primary School at home. With some resolute defending and attractive passing moves the team came together brilliantly, eventually overcoming the opposition to win 3-1 in a very even match. The team’s winning run continued on the 14<sup>th</sup> November at home to Bluecoat with a 3-2 win. Well done boys for your excellent teamwork!



### Cross Country Running

Toby in Year 6 took part in the Inter Primary Schools Cross Country Finals last Saturday as part of the South Gloucester X-Country squad, representing Trinity and South Glos schools. He ran a super race and finished 8th in the Year 6 boys race. Tremendous! Well done Toby!



### HISTORY TIMELINE

A HUGE thank you to Rachel Allibone, one of our much-valued school Governors, who has given up her time to create this incredible and engaging History timeline on our corridor walls. History has been brilliantly brought to life through images and colour. It will support our history curriculum and chronological knowledge of both world civilizations and British history, and help understanding of how time periods overlapped such as ancient Egypt and the Stone Age. Thank you for your time, creativity and a very steady hand!



# Acton Turville Remembrance Service 2024

## Remembrance Service

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November the staff and pupils of Trinity CE Primary School made their way to St. Mary's Church, Acton Turville for the annual Service of Remembrance.

Our Year 6 ambassadors, Jessica and Darcey-Rose, were at the front holding our poppy wreath. Behind them were the remaining Year 6 pupils walking with their Reception buddies, followed by the Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 pupils. We listened to some beautiful and moving readings, poems and prayers from our Year 6 pupils. In line with tradition, the school children laid the wreath and a number of small wooden crosses.

We would also like to thank the British Legion, Alastair Gilbert, Reverend Thomson and St. Mary's Church for their help and support.

*Our Poppy Appeal raised a total of £129.50 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated and helped us reach such an amazing total.*





## PICTURE GALLERY



*At the end of November, Storm Bert deposited 80% of one month's rainfall in 48 hours causing widespread flooding in local towns. Our villages did not escape. The pictures above from Simon Long and the one on the left from Gill Carter show the effects in Acton Turville with several properties flooded but thankfully nobody injured. Those affected have our sympathy.*

*Before Storm Bert stripped the leaves from the trees, Little Badminton's Yvonne Nettles ventured up to Hinnegar Woods to get a glimpse of the fantastic autumn colours. Earlier in the year she also managed to photograph the family of Little Owls that called the old Dove Cote home.*

*Thanks to all three for sending in their pictures which we always enjoy receiving.*



# J J'S GARDENING BLOG



## 'Tis the Season to be Planning

Before the weather gets too wet underfoot, it is a good moment to plan vistas. Paths will look longer and more distant if they become narrower as they recede. They also encourage one to walk boldly onward, whilst a curved path will encourage one to linger and notice things. Perhaps plant something at the end of the path, make a destination for the path. A wonderful coloured acer. What a show there has been of them at the roadside at Westonbirt.

### Think Practical

So does the path need better drainage? Is it wide enough? Does this path have a wheelbarrow going up and down it? Local stone as a surface will always marry with the stone of the house. Gravel can be easy to lay, but needs weeding often and is an attractive colour. Hard wearing stone such as granite can be a bit gloomy, but if you are wanting a pattern using setts, it becomes charming. There are quite a few different coloured stones to choose from, one to avoid is white which looks like a memorial to me.

### Think Tranquil

What garden furniture to choose, which immediately makes one want to linger? Where is it going to be stored?

Is this the time to add water? Perhaps at a place to linger with a seat and a cup of tea?

### And Finally, Think Christmas

When some kind person asks what you would like for Christmas, do have an answer from your wish list at the ready, they are unlikely to ask again! Have a wonderful Christmas.

## Sudoku

December'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 !!

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

### NOT SO EASY !!

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

### Answers to the November quizzes:

#### 'Easy'

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

#### 'Not so Easy'

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

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