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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO TRINITY SCHOOL



WITH THANKS TO EILEEN WHITTOCK FOR THE PHOTO



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

EDITORIAL OCTOBER 2025

This month's Talk Back has all been a bit of a rush as the entire editorial team (all two of us) went on holiday at the same time, so please excuse any errors, omissions or inadvertent references to banned groups which might get me arrested by armed police next time I try to leave the country.

Whenever I go abroad, I always end up trying to figure out what makes the place I'm visiting so different to the UK. Usually it's the weather, unless I'm visiting somewhere cold and wet, but after the amount of sunshine we've enjoyed at home this year, I was already well acclimatised by the time we landed in a very warm southern Europe. As the plane navigated towards its allotted slot, I peered out the window. It definitely looked like a foreign country, but why?

As we travelled through countryside towards the hotel, the landscape looked pretty parched and there wasn't the same greenery that we're used to at home. Where we have grass verges, I was seeing dusty patches of earth, but the fields looked very lush and there were some spectacular trees and colourful shrubs. It definitely wasn't a wasteland. The buildings looked broadly similar too, although many houses had shutters over the windows to keep the sun out, and some had adopted that strange habit of running all the electrical cables on the outside of the building which always makes my teeth itch. Slowly I started to come to the conclusion that it wasn't the physical aspects that were different, it was the lifestyle, the culture. It was peoples' attitudes. Sure, there were rules to follow, but if you break them and nobody gets hurt, hey, what's it matter? Life goes on.

Nowhere was that more evident than on the roads. From the top deck of the hop on, hop off tourist bus, you could watch cars, motorbikes, bicycles and pedestrians engage in a totally un-choreographed dance routine where nobody followed any rules. I waited for the inevitable crunch, but it never came. People looked out for each other, or took to the other side of the road, or steered their motorbikes up onto the pavement for a few hundred yards, but rather than getting a torrent of abuse and waved fists, they were given space and quickly returned to their rightful carriageway. On the one hand, it was a descent into anarchy from which no good could come. On the other hand, it was reassuring to see that people could be trusted to take responsibility for their own actions. Having said that, I never felt safe crossing the road, especially on a pedestrian crossing, and there was no way I was signing up to the Segway tour.

All too soon, the holiday came to an end and, as our plane took off, we looked down as we soared over the blue waters and golden sands of the Mediterranean, remembering what a lovely time we'd had. Two-and-a-half hours later, we passed over the golden sands of Weston-super-Mare before landing, 30 minutes late, at Bristol Airport. It was a short walk to passport control, but still long enough for people to barge in front of us, no doubt thinking it would get them out the building just that bit quicker. It took another 30 minutes to get through passport control, as, according to the tannoy announcement, the airport was experiencing particularly high levels of passenger traffic, although it looked to me like the new passport scanning machines were still playing up and there were insufficient staff to deal with passengers who were being denied entry. Still, next stop, luggage collection. Conveyor 5. Out come the first suitcases, then a delay, then more cases, but for some reason nobody was collecting them, and there was still no sign of our cases. Evidently they'd put the wrong cases on the conveyor, and there were several hundred people patiently waiting at a different conveyor, completely unaware that their cases were at the other end of the building. The bloke who'd pushed in front of us in the queue was by this time incandescent, and if Bristol Airport had thought it useful to have someone on standby to help out when such hold-ups occurred, he'd no doubt have pinned them to the wall. Of course, there was nobody around who could help, so instead he resorted to shouting down the phone at random individuals which no doubt made him feel better but achieved nothing. 45 minutes later we had our cases and trudged off to find the car, then marvelled at the number of red traffic lights we encountered as we headed through Bristol, wondering what would happen if we by-passed them with a nifty manoeuvre across that temptingly-wide pavement.

When we arrived home, the sun was shining, the grass was green, people were cheerful and our village was looking beautiful. Who needs holidays?

I wonder if Mr Angry was ever reunited with his suitcase, or if the staff at Bristol Airport got their own back by putting it on the next flight to Glasgow?

Until the next time

IAN CARTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

October 2025

Fri 3rd Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds
 Fri 3rd Macmillan Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville
 Sat 4th/Sun 5th SLD Art Exhibition, Fosse Farm, Brokenborough
 Wed 8th Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds
 Fri 10th Didmarton Film Club, Didmarton Village Hall
 Sat 11th Acton Turville Autumn Tidy-Up
 Mon 13th Acton Turville Parish Council meeting, Trinity School, 7pm
 Tues 14th Chipping Sodbury Music Society present Ensemble Renard at the Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, 7.30pm
 Sun 19th Castle Combe Circuit Car Boot Sale, 9am – 2pm
 Sun 24th Whisky Tasting, Badminton House, 7pm – 9pm

November 2025

Fri 7th Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds
 Mon 10th Acton Turville Parish Council meeting, Trinity School, 7pm
 Tues 11th Chipping Sodbury Music Society present the Aglica Trio at the Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, 7.30pm
 Wed 12th Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds
 Fri 14th Didmarton Film Club, Didmarton Village Hall
 Sat 22nd Christmas Craft Workshop, Badminton House
 Thurs 27th Christmas Cooking Demonstration, Badminton House
 Fri 28th/Sat 29th Luxury Christmas Wreath Making, Badminton House

Please check with venues before setting off

DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

We received one anonymous donation this month. Thank you.

In addition, £32.20 was generously donated in the shop collection boxes.

Thank you, we really do appreciate all donations as it helps to keep the Local Talk Back being delivered to your doors.

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Congratulations!



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In Memoriam

Aileen Cox (née Bird)
08/07/1926 – 07/09/2025

Aileen passed away peacefully on Sunday, 7th September 2025, at Market Lavington Nursing Home where she had spent just a few weeks.

She was the only daughter of Reginald and Emily Bird of Little Badminton, and a beloved sister to Francis, Vivian, and Ray.

In her early years Aileen worked at Woodway House in Didmarton for Mr & Mrs Jones where she met the love of her life Fred, they later married at Didmarton Church on 19th October 1946 and together they began their life in Didmarton with their first daughter, Angela. A few years later they made the bold move to Erlestoke, just outside Devizes, Wiltshire, where they welcomed two more daughters, Norma and Jacqueline. They later welcomed their three Grandchildren Shawn, Emma and Victoria for whom they were devoted Grandparents.

Aileen worked at the local cress House and also served as housekeeper for the same farm owner for whom Fred worked. Aileen was a very much loved member of the community delivering the parish magazine and often seen helping and volunteering at local fetes and Christmas bazarres. She was a regular at Coulston church until such times she was unable to attend due to health reasons.



The couple lived in the same house throughout their married life, and Aileen remained there until just two weeks before her passing.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the kind messages and support they have received during this time of loss.

Chipping Sodbury Music Society Forthcoming Events



Tuesday 14th October 2025 – 7:30pm
Chipping Sodbury Town Hall
Ensemble Renard – Wind Ensemble

Ensemble Renard comprises five of the country's most outstanding young musicians. Together, they exist to explore a wide range of tonal possibilities within modern day chamber performance. Centrally a wind quintet, Ensemble Renard's frequent collaboration with composers and guest instrumentalists allows them to showcase a prismatic variety of colours.

Tuesday 11th November 2025 – 7:30pm
Chipping Sodbury Town Hall
Aglica Trio – Harp, flute, viola

The Aglica Trio, winners of the Supernova Chamber Competition 2024, present a varied programme with music by Claude Debussy, Jacques Ibert, Barbara Strozzi, Hilary Tann, and music that was written especially for them. The three nationalities of the trio are represented in the programme: Wales, Poland and Belgium.

For full details and to purchase tickets, visit the Chipping Sodbury Music Society website at

<https://csmusicsociety.co.uk/>

WHAT'S ON



DIDMARTON FILM CLUB

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 10th October 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 8th October

Tea/Coffee on arrival

Two Course Lunch (main course + dessert)

£13.00 per head

Everyone welcome!

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



Coffee Morning at the Fox & Hounds

**Friday 3rd October.
10.00am**

All welcome for coffee, cake & chat
to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

All donations of cakes and prizes for
the raffle and tombola gratefully received



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**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**
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The Acton Turville Village Tidy-Up

Saturday 11th October at 10:00am

**Meet in the
Fox & Hounds Car Park**

Everyone welcome!

**Please come along and help keep our
lovely village looking green, clean and
tidy.**

**Bags, gloves and pickers will be provided
to help with clearing litter or bring your
gardening tools if you fancy tackling some
of the pruning and weeding that always
needs doing at this time of year.**

Any questions?

Contact

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WHAT'S ON



WHISKY TASTING WITH DISTILLED EVENTS

24TH OCTOBER 2025, 7PM – 9PM

Whether you are a seasoned enthusiast or new to the wonderful world of single malt Scotch whisky, this very special tasting at Badminton House is one not to be missed.

As our guest during the evening, you will enjoy six classic single malt whiskies, representing a range of flavour profiles from different regions in Scotland. The drams will be served with paired foods such as Scottish smoked salmon, cured meats and beautifully paired cheeses.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

This Christmas, we are pleased to present a series of exclusive events at Badminton. From festive workshops and cooking demonstrations to enchanting candlelight concerts, there is something for everyone. Whether enjoyed in the company of family and friends or bestowed as a thoughtful gift, these experiences promise to create lasting memories.

Christmas Craft Workshop – 22nd November

Christmas Cooking Demonstration – 27th November

Luxury Wreath Making – 28th & 29th November

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

13TH DECEMBER 2025, 6.30PM – 9PM

The Bristol Ensemble presents an evening of festive Christmas classics, celebrating the joy and warmth of the season through music. Step into the magic of Christmas in The North Hall at the historic Badminton House becomes the setting for an unforgettable evening of seasonal favourites.

Illuminated by the soft glow of candlelight, the acclaimed Bristol Ensemble will fill the air with melodies that capture the spirit of this most wonderful time of year.

Spaces are limited, book early to secure your place and celebrate at Badminton.

See <https://www.badmintonestate.com/events/> for full details

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council have received some disturbing reports that there is an increase in the number of incidents involving dog fouling on public footpaths in and around the village - particularly on the pavement leading to the school.

It is obvious that at least one large dog is involved. If this is your dog, please ensure you clear up behind it. Leaving dog faeces on public footpaths is totally unacceptable especially in the area where small children are walking to school.

We have taken advice from the Police and anyone caught allowing such behaviour will be prosecuted.

Owners can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of up to £100 or a fine of £1000 if prosecuted for not complying with regulations under the Environmental Protection Act (1990), Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991, Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, The Countryside Code.

Chair, Acton Turville Parish Council

From the Archives



The 10th October 2025 marks 50 years since the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort officially opened Trinity School in Acton Turville. Prior to its opening in 1975, schooling had been split between Acton Turville and Badminton, with classrooms housed in buildings that dated back to Victorian times.

Deemed no longer fit for purpose, the decision was taken to replace these buildings with a single, modern, purpose-built school. With a capacity of approximately 60 pupils, Trinity School (so named because it served the three villages of Acton Turville, Badminton and Littleton Drew) was built at a cost of £50,000.

The contents of the old school were packed into 24 tea chests by the Head teacher Mrs Ford and school secretary Mrs Lane to ensure the first intake of 40 children had everything they needed from the very start, although apparently some of the modern facilities took a while to bed in – for a while, the school had no telephone, meaning staff had to walk to the telephone kiosk in Chapel Lane if they wanted to make a phone call!

At the opening ceremony, the Duke planted two oak trees and delivered a short speech before unveiling a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion. There were prayers, led by the Rev. Gibson, and the children sang a song they'd written specially for the occasion. Then it was back to class.

The school has changed a lot since it was first opened, with the most significant changes occurring in 2009 when the original buildings were replaced with the ones we see today. Built at a cost of £2.9, the new school offering increased capacity of 138 pupils and a much-improved learning environment. Building work began in April 2008, and the picture below shows our good friend Councillor Sue Hope, who had campaigned to get funding for the project, cutting the first sod. The school's motto is "Living, Learning and Growing Together", and those principles remain at the heart of everything the school strives to achieve.

Thanks to Eileen Whittock for providing the pictures from the opening ceremony.

Modern: New building ushers in a bright future for village



From The Archives

How times change. We used to print quite a few of these gems in Local Talk Back and they always raised a smile, so we've had a rummage through the archives and come up with this selection. We hope you enjoy them.

News Reports of 1901

DO YOU "SKI"?

A Novel Amusement for the Daring.

A few days ago a singular spectacle was witnessed by the few people who happened to be in Kensington Gardens at the time. It was the morning after the snowfall. Some shouting boys, two or three nurses with perambulators, and a couple of pedestrians began to converge upon one spot, and as they hurried they began to laugh. Something new, and apparently something comic, was to be seen. It was a ski-runner.

The individual who called forth both the curiosity and the amusement flatters himself that he is the first man to have "ski-lobed" in the metropolis. Now that the snow has disappeared nobody else can for the present hope to emulate his achievements.

He did not look like a beginner, and yet was not quite an expert, or else the state of the snow was not quite suitable, for he spent a good deal of time in clearing away obstacles to progress from the curious shoes remind the giggling audience

of the exaggerated toot-gear sometimes donned by the comic man in the pantomime. But this was not pantomime, because the pioneer of a new amusement, the ski-runner, was quite serious.

Snow-shoeing or ski (pronounced she) running is performed on long narrow wooden sandals, something like elongated skates, and in the hand of the performer is carried a spiked bamboo pole.

In Switzerland and Norway the sport is well known and vastly appreciated. Beginners practise on very slight slopes, or snowy ground that is almost level. The feet have to be absolutely and perfectly parallel, and the novice opens his experiences by attempting to shuffle along - an attempt which speedily brings him to the ground. When he has learned to keep his feet he learns to turn round - a difficult piece of work; and once perfection has been

gained in that direction, he may try the delights of flissading down a gentle slope. This forms the intense delight of snow-shoeing. You can go sailing down the slopes with head erect without the slightest exertion at the rate of twenty yards a second. In time you can take flying jumps over chasms or down hill, and the spice of danger only adds to the exhilaration.

The ski-runner, like the golf player, usually looks upon kindred amusements with thinly veiled scorn. A man who masters ski-running, for instance, would be in no hurry to put on skates, for skating is as different from ski-running as water is different from finest champagne.

These fierce delights are not for London perhaps, owing to the absence of snow and dangerous declivities; but even in London, given the necessary climatic conditions, ski-running can be tasted, so to speak. And when it has been tasted it will not be voluntarily relinquished.

CHILDREN'S CHARTER.

NO INTOXICATIONS TO BE SERVED TO JUVENILES UNDER 14.

The Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) Act, 1901, comes into force on Wednesday.

It will mean that no child under fourteen years of age can be sent to a public-house for intoxicating liquor, unless that liquor be sold in a corked and sealed vessel in quantities of not less than a pint.

It will also mean that the young person of thirteen who may now be served with malt liquor for his own consumption on the premises will disappear. His place can only be taken in the future by a youth of fourteen.

It will still further mean that the sender of the child as well as the seller of the liquor can be penalised, and this will tend to prevent the children from being sent to "clubs" and other unlicensed places.

BOMBARDING THE CLOUDS.

Guns Save the Vine Crops.

Hailstorms are the dire enemies of vine-yard owners, for the great stones spoil the crops, but it has been made apparent that by modern scientific means these storms can be avoided. The "Illustration" publishes pictures of new cannon to prevent hail-storms by bombarding the clouds.

A congress was held in Padua not long ago on the subject, called together by Signor Ottavi, an Italian Deputy, at which over a thousand French, Italian, and Austrian members were present.

The congress reached the following conclusions: In order that the action of the bombardment be efficacious it is necessary: (1) That the surface protected by a cannon should not be more than twenty-five hectares; (2) that a battery should consist of eight to ten cannons

to Assure Protection

for from 200 to 250 hectares of vineyards; (3) that the greater number of cannons should be pointed towards the direction whence the storm comes; (4) that during the first few minutes of the attack two or three shots be fired per minute, and then gradually slackened to one shot every three minutes; (5) that a charge of eighty grammes of powder per shot is sufficient.

An exhibition of the cannons was held during the congress. Among them was the monster cannon of Signore A. Cruzzi, of Padua, and the acetylene gun of Signor Majora Bianchi of Turin. A new congress will be held this year at Lyons.

St Mary's Gets Its Chime Back!

In recent months, St Mary's church in Acton Turville has been missing something; the ring of its bell. A routine survey had identified some potential issues with the bell and the structure which housed it, so a team of stonemasons and a specialist bellhanger were called upon to undertake a more detailed examination. They confirmed there were definitely issues to address, but they wouldn't be able to confirm how serious they were until the bell was removed from the hanger. Up went the scaffolding, and in no time the bell was released and lowered to the ground, giving the stonemasons the access they needed to carry out their repairs, and the bellhangers the access they needed to examine the bell. The good news is the bell was in fine condition, but the bearing which supported it was corroded and needed to be replaced. With that done, it could be returned to the bell cote on the roof of the church to once again ring out across the countryside.

It was fascinating to see the bell up close, and Talk Back is grateful to Chris Farrell for providing us with the pictures that show us the details of it, including the markings that tell us it was cast by the Warners & Sons Crescent Foundry in London in 1853.

The Church Parochial Council are so grateful to everyone who made this work possible. It could never have been undertaken without the fundraising efforts of the team who organised the summer Flower Festival, the villagers who so generously supported it and opened their gardens to the public, and those individuals who have made contributions to the repair fund. Thanks to you all. Your fantastic efforts will have been worth it when we once again hear the bell ring out across the countryside.

Thanks to Chris Farrell and Mike Silvey for the pictures



Malvern Autumn Show 2025



The Malvern Autumn Show is always a nice day out with its wide range of stalls and displays. It's primarily plant and garden themed, but, like most of these shows, there are also the usual animal displays, food and drink villages and craft marquees to wander round at your leisure. Starting top left, the number of outlets selling plants seemed to be greater than ever, and the sellers went to a lot of effort to display their wares attractively. The Cauliflower and corn cobs are not what they seem – they're actually decorated cakes and completely edible! At the foot of the page, the main floral marquee included lots of displays of interesting and exotic plants including some amazing collections of bonsai, displays of tropical plants including some massive tree ferns, and this arrangement of orchids, showing what you could achieve with a bit of effort. And money. Finally, on the left, some ideas for garden ornaments. The young lady would probably be more suited to the back garden.



Malvern Autumn Show 2025 (cont'd)



Agricultural machinery is always well represented at the autumn show. As well as dealers selling their latest wares, there are displays of older examples such as the Trusty Steed tractor pictured above with what looks like a Norton motorbike engine. Right of that is a picture of the heaviest marrows at the show. I thought you'd be impressed. The aim is to achieve the greatest weight or greatest length, so some of the produce on display was completely distorted. To the right we have another of the displays from the floral marquee, this time a collection of cacti, and next to that, especially for Judith and James, is a man performing a (strangely successful) duet with a kookaburra. We finish with a picture that gives an idea of how big the show is. Why not go along and see for yourself next year?



St Mary's gets a haircut!



The area to the rear of St Mary's church in Acton Turville has for some time now been looking a bit sorry for itself, with brambles, nettles and ivy starting to envelope some of the gravestones. Alastair Gilbert offered to smarten it up and, with help from a group of like-minded villagers, set-to one Saturday morning with a full range of garden implements. As you can see from the "before and after" pictures, the results are spectacular and the area has been transformed. To all of those involved - well done for doing such a great job!!



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We always welcome regular or occasional volunteers who wish to explore organic growing at our market garden!

Church Matters

October 2025 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

As the autumn brings an end to the warmth of the summer, we get our woollies out and test our hot water systems for any bubbles, or problems with the boiler.

In our natural state, before the Industrial Revolution and the invention of natural Gas and electricity; when all we had to give us light and warmth for the long nights of the winter, were candles and furs; and the cold and darkness of the leaner months wrapped itself around us, we were forced into a time of reflection and rest.

The length of the nights must have encouraged our forebears to sleep. Daytime was shorter and perfect for indoor activities. Like prayer, reading (if literate), spinning, needlework and the preparation of food.

But long nights of rest and deep sleep gave recovery from the immense energy required in the summer months to produce all their food and drinks. As the 18th century American statesman said: 'The time will come when winter will ask what you were doing all summer'. These days, our artificial habitat has changed some of that. And yet I wonder if our internal clocks and natural rhythms, developed over literally thousands of years, are quite as prepared as our brains are, to be (within the space of a couple of hundred years), jolted into the modern era.

I somehow doubt it. My advice therefore to myself, and anyone else who will listen, is to change the way we do winter. If the long summer days nurture activism with early rises and late nights, then the winter must conversely nurture reflection (prayer) with early nights.

I am as much of a sucker for TV Dramas and news as the next person. The beloved has a helpful suggestion though. She records (and we often watch) the 6 o'clock news, at about 9 or 9.30pm, thus moving bedtime forward by up to an hour.

If we can wrestle ourselves away from our electronic devices, then the early mornings and evenings can be very fruitful times for prayer and reading. I would get the Bible and Prayer Book off the shelf, and let its beautiful words, psalms and prayers enhance your own time of reflection, and then **just be still** with God.

As it says in Psalm 4: '....commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.'

I hope you enjoy the winter and work out a way to get some rest and to make your devotions. Incidentally, most of our Sunday evening services will move on 26th October from 6pm to 5pm and 3pm. So, that will help bring things forward!

With my best wishes,

Rev Richard Thomson, (vicar)

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Church Services for October 2025

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
5 th October Trinity 16	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Lay Led
	10.00am	Hawkesbury	Morning Prayer	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Didmarton	Harvest Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evening Prayer with HC	Rev R Thomson
12 th October Trinity 17	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	Rev P Cheeseman
	9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Harvest Choral Eucharist	Rev R Thomson
19 th October Trinity 18	9.00am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
	10.00am	Hawkesbury	Family Service with Baptism	Rev R Thomson, Debbie Young - Talk
	11.15am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evening Prayer	Mr M Butler
26 th October Trinity 19	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	5.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Sir Ian Macfadyen
	6.00pm	Lasborough	Harvest Evensong	Rev R Thomson
	6.30pm	Leighterton	Compline and Octoberfest Wine	Robert Bryant-Pearson

See Benefice website for readings: badmintonbenefice.com

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council last met on Monday the 8th September. The minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council's website <https://www.actonturvilleparishcouncil.org/documents/minutes>. Matters discussed included:

Footpath to rear of Buffer Depot. In response to a request from a parishioner to address the overgrown state of the footpath, the Parish Council reported the issue to the South Glos Public Right Of Way (PROW) officer who has contacted the landowner and instructed them to reinstate the footpath within 14 days.

Planning. No new planning applications had been received since the previous meeting, but it was reported that one application, seeking permission to build a double car port/equipment store adjacent to Windy Ridge on the Burton Road, had been refused by the planning authority.

Dog Fouling. This remains an on-going issue in several areas of the village, particularly along Littleton Drew Lane, approaching the school. The Parish Council have discussed this with the Police who have advised that, if sufficient evidence is presented to them, the dog owners would be prosecuted. There is also a similar and potentially related issue with dogs being let off the lead.

Village Tidy Up and Litter Pick. The next village tidy-up will take place on Saturday 11th October. Details can be found elsewhere in this issue of Local Talk Back. It would be great to see some new faces come along and join us for this very worthwhile event. Maybe we'll see you there?

Date of next meeting: Monday 13th October 2025 @ 7.00pm
Venue: Trinity School, Acton Turville.

Contact details for Parish Councillors are as follow:

Chair: Sybil Haddrell 218772, Vice Chair: Ian Carter 07789 057168,
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Sudoku

October's challenge set by Neil Fozard.

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

EASY !!

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

NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the September quizzes:

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

1	6	8	9	5	4	7	3	2
5	3	9	2	7	8	6	1	4
7	4	2	6	1	3	5	9	8
8	2	7	3	4	5	9	6	1
9	1	6	7	8	2	3	4	5
4	5	3	1	9	6	2	8	7
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Acton Turville Harvest Festival



It was great to see the annual Harvest Festival family service return to St Mary's at the end of September. The church looked wonderful, decorated with displays of local produce and flowers, and the buzz of chatter before the service as everyone enjoyed tea and cake was great to hear. The stars of the show though were the children whose voices filled the church with joy as they sang their way through hymns and the Harvest Samba. A special mention must also go to Connie who completed her first reading so brilliantly.

And finally, thanks to the organising team headed up by Annie Bernays & Christine Griffin, and Eileen Whittock & Iris Penny for their beautiful flower arrangements. It was a very special day. Donations will join with the School's from their Harvest Assembly and go to the Yate Foodbank

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