

# Local Talk Back

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Friendly Bee enjoying the wildflowers at Little Badminton churchyard. Pic by the editor



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

# EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 2024

A recent visit to a garden centre started well. Even before we'd made it through the doors, we could spot the unmistakable signs of an end-of-season sale. Large banners proclaimed "huge savings", so we made our way through what looked like racks filled with dead plants to discover what other bargains might be lurking elsewhere in the store. Things looked promising. There, in the centre of the shop, was an even larger banner, announcing that barbeques and garden furniture were now half price. On closer inspection it actually said "up to half price", and when I did a bit of digging I could only find a pair of barbeque tongs and some cocktail umbrellas that had received the full discount, but their ploy had worked. In no time, I was lifting the lids and twiddling the knobs on the party-sized, gas-fired barbeques, trying out the expansive patio sets with built-in chiller cabinets and heaters, and wondering how long it would take to cause a catastrophic accident with the king size cast-iron fire pit that looked so very tempting (outdoor use only, keep away from children). I pictured myself dazzling the crowds sat on the deluxe patio set as I plucked ever-more outlandish dishes and steaks the size of dinner plates, all cooked to perfection, from my new top-of-the-range barbeque. Then it dawned on me that I've not even taken the cover off the barbeque this year. It's sat there in the corner of the garden, unused, waiting for a decent period of sunshine to justify the effort of cleaning it and refilling the gas bottle, and despite my best efforts, I never seem to tempt anything more exciting than burnt sausages and frazzled burgers from my barbeque.

Like many things, in this country the concept of barbeque is probably more appealing than the reality. As I stood there in the garden centre, putting the display model through its paces, I was transported to the California sun and Bondi beach where wall-to-wall sunshine is all but guaranteed for weeks on end. I'd even convinced myself that my culinary ineptitude was largely down to failings with my current barbeque, a theory that the helpful salesperson was more than willing to support (in fact I think it was him that suggested it), but then the sound of rain on the roof of the garden centre brought me to my senses. I picked up a packet of half-price cocktail umbrellas and wandered over to peruse the dead plants before splashing my way across the car park and heading home, cursing the weather.

A week or so later, a group of us made our way up to Badminton House, where The Coaching Club were having one of their regular meets. Under clear blue skies, historic coaches, some dating back more than a century, were teamed up with the four horses that would pull them to Worcester Lodge. Teams of helpers crawled over every part of the coaches to ensure they were spotless, and anything that could be polished was buffed up to a mirror finish. It wasn't just the coaches that were looking their best. Grooms were busy tending to the horses, brushing their coats to perfection and shining their hooves before they were carefully brought into position and harnessed to the coaches. And to complete the ensemble, the impeccably-dressed members of the Coaching Club, including coachmen and women, climbed aboard the coaches in all their finery to take a short ride down to the front of Badminton House for a photo-opportunity before heading up to Worcester Lodge for lunch.

It was a slightly surreal experience. As the group of us wandered around taking pictures for a future edition of Talk Back, we saw the coaches, the horses and the people slip out of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and be transported back to far earlier times. The necessities of modern life such as the cars, lorries and horseboxes that had transported them to Badminton were left behind, and as the ten glorious coaches moved across the park and headed up to Worcester Lodge, it was as if they were entering a bygone age. It was a magnificent sight, made all the more special by the warm, sunny, summer weather.

Will we see much more of that summer weather this year? I hope so because there's still plenty to look forward to in the calendar for this month, including the final Badminton House Open Gardens event of 2024 and the Church Tea Party at the Memorial Hall. Two more Badminton events in particular worth looking out for are the exhibition of botanical paintings by Mary Somerset, the first Duchess of Beaufort, which have rarely been on public display, and a series of Heritage Open Days which will give people an opportunity to see some of the fascinating features and collections within the historic house at Badminton.

Right now, I'm off to clean the barbeque and hone my burger-flipping technique. If that doesn't work, I'm returning to the garden centre for that fire pit. Someone alert the fire brigade.

Until the next time

*IAN CARTER*



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THANK YOU.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Sept 2024**

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Car Boot Sale, Castle Combe Circuit, 9am
- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Church Tea Party, Memorial Hall, Badminton, 4pm
- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Introduction to Sourdough Bread Making, Badminton Estate
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Acton Turville Social Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Badminton House Open Gardens, 10am
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> – Exhibition of Botanical Art, Badminton House
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Acton Turville Parish Council Meeting, Trinity School, 7pm
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Club, Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Botanical Drawing Masterclass, Badminton Estate
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Didmarton Rural Cinema, The Fall Guy (12A)
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Badminton House Heritage Open Days
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> –
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning, Fox & Hounds, 10.30am
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

**Oct 2024**

- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Acton Turville Autumn Tidy-Up, 10am
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Local Author Talk. Past, Presence, Present, Hilary Peters and the Athelstan Pilgrim Way by Carole Britton. Didmarton Village Hall, 4pm. See page 7 for details.

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

**THE ACTON TURVILLE  
AUTUMN TIDY-UP**

The Annual Acton Turville Autumn Tidy-Up will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Can you help keep our lovely village looking green, clean and tidy?

If you can, join us at the Fox & Hounds car park between 10 and 11am.

Bags, gloves and pickers will be provided to help with litter clearing, or bring your gardening tools if you fancy getting stuck into something more horticultural.

Everyone welcome!

**DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH**

*We have received two anonymous donations this month for which we are most grateful.*

*In addition, £20.97 was very generously donated in the local shop boxes.*

*We very much 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  
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and send to:*

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6 Hollybush Close, Acton Turville,  
Badminton, South Glos, GL9 1JJ*

*Thank you!*

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

**100 Club**

**WINNERS FOR AUGUST 2024**

- Valerie Burchell
- Bridget Hope
- Dayrell Drake

**WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

- Tess Daly
- Eileen Orton
- Arthur Haddrell

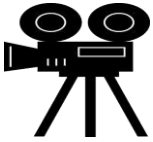
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# WHAT'S ON



## DIDMARTON RURAL CINEMA

Didmarton Village Hall, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### THE FALL GUY

(2024, Cert 12A), action, adventure, comedy

Starring: Emily Blunt, Ryan Gosling, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Hannah Waddingham

Director: David Leitch

He's a stuntman, and like everyone in the stunt community, he gets blown up, shot, crashed, thrown through windows and dropped from the highest of heights, all for our entertainment. And now, fresh off an almost career-ending accident, this working-class hero has to track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy and try to win back the love of his life while still doing his day job. What could possibly go right?

**Doors open at 6.30pm, film starts 7.30pm**

**Tickets £5, cash bar**

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

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## Fox & Hounds Luncheon Club

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Tea/Coffee on arrival

Two Course Lunch (main course + dessert)

£13.00 per head

**Everyone welcome!**

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



## BADMINTON ESTATE

### INTRODUCTION TO SOURDOUGH BREAD MAKING

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

A HANDS-ON SOURDOUGH BREAD MAKING EXPERIENCE  
LED BY THE TALENTED HOLLY FROM THE LOAF SHACK

### BADMINTON OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE PRIVATE GARDENS  
OF THE HISTORIC BADMINTON HOUSE THIS YEAR

### EXHIBITION OF BOTANICAL ART

8TH SEPTEMBER – 15TH SEPTEMBER

SEE ARTICLE OPPOSITE TO LEARN ABOUT THIS TRULY  
FASCINATING EXHIBITION.

### BOTANICAL DRAWING CLASS

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

LEARN TO CREATE ACCURATE DRAWINGS OF PLANTS AND  
DELVE INTO THEIR BOTANICAL INTRICACIES. LED BY  
RENOWNED ARTIST, TUTOR, AND AUTHOR JACKIE ISARD

### BADMINTON HOUSE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

13TH – 15TH SEPTEMBER

A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SEE SOME  
IMPORTANT FINE ART AND FURNITURE IN ITS ORIGINAL  
SETTING. KNOWLEDGEABLE GUIDES BRING THE  
EXPERIENCE TO LIFE WITH FASCINATING ANECDOTES  
AND HISTORICAL INSIGHTS, MAKING THE RICH TAPESTRY  
OF BADMINTON HOUSE EVEN MORE VIVID.

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



## Coffee Morning at the Fox & Hounds

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
10.30am**

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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## A GARDEN OF BOTANICAL ART

PAINTINGS FROM THE COLLECTION OF MARY SOMERSET, THE FIRST DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT

In 1703 Mary Somerset, the first Duchess of Beaufort, commissioned Everard Kik, a Dutch botanical artist, to create a series of paintings showing the extraordinary variety of plants she had grown from seeds sent to her from all over the world. The final collection of 178 paintings, including many by Mary's footman-turned-artist Daniel Frankcom, and some possibly by Mary herself, were later bound in a two-volume album, a "florilegium", which has been kept at Badminton House for more than 300 years. The paintings, most of which have never been seen publicly, are now to be the subject of a major exhibition held at Badminton House, running from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Mary's own story is as intriguing as her remarkable collection. She was born Mary Capel in 1630, the daughter of Arthur, Lord Capel, the loyal cavalier who was condemned to death by Parliament and beheaded after escaping from the Tower of London in 1649. Mary married her first husband, Henry Seymour, Lord Beauchamp, at the age of 18 and bore him a son and a daughter. He died in 1654, having himself been imprisoned in the Tower of London, where he was thought to have contracted the illness that killed him. Three years later she married Henry Somerset, Lord Herbert, with whom she had seven more children. Of her nine children, five predeceased her, as did her second husband, who died in 1700.

As chatelaine of Badminton House and Beaufort House in London, and with a husband who was frequently absent to attend Parliament, Mary, like many women in her position, was much occupied by her domestic duties, including attending to the gardens at both her houses. By the 1690s, however, she had become more than just an accomplished gardener and was a respected botanist and horticulturist, consulted for her scientific skills and knowledge by, among others, the physician and naturalist Sir Hans Sloane and Jacob Bobart the Younger, the superintendent of the Oxford Physic Garden.

Mary's scientific interests began, it appears, in the 1670s and were driven by her exploration of the medical uses of plants; she suffered from "melancholy" and in her pursuit of a treatment for her condition, she experimented with tinctures, and devised a recipe for "Melancholy Water" "to comfort the heart, to quicken the spirits, to provoke sleepe". It seems that her initial forays into experimenting with plants led to an interest in growing and identifying rare and exotic plants from all over the world. In seeking to find what she described as a "diversion", over the years she came to acquire an understanding of botany that equalled, and in some cases surpassed, that of the men in scientific circles with whom she would regularly exchange plants, seeds and information. Such was her reputation that she was sent seeds from Africa, China and the West Indies. In 1696 she acquired a shipment of seeds, cuttings and even several large trees – including a mangrove tree - from Barbados.

It was after the death of her second husband, the 1st Duke of Beaufort, that Mary embarked on her artistic project – a painterly but scientifically-accurate record of many of the plants in her gardens. These wonderfully preserved paintings, which include detailed depictions of pelargoniums, auriculas, thistles, verbascum, sunflowers, passion flowers, aloes and guavas, came to the attention of the present Duchess, Georgia Beaufort, who along with a PhD student, India Cole, and Professor Simon Hiscock, the director of the Oxford Botanic Garden, has been working with the Bodleian Library in Oxford on the digitisation and preservation of the images for academic and artistic use.

From September 8th-15th 2024 there will be an exhibition of 30 reproductions of some of the finest paintings from the florilegium at Badminton House, as well as an opportunity to view the originals in their bound volumes. There will also be a sale of limited edition copies of some of the paintings, which demonstrate not only the range of plants grown in Mary's gardens but how her influence was both scientific and cultural. Many of the specimens she raised are now stalwarts of British gardening and echoes of her early interests can be seen in the gardens and glass houses at Badminton today, and in our continuing fascination with the botanical world. As she once wrote:

*"When I get into stories of plants, I know not how to get out."*

**Tickets for Sunday 8th September are £5 if you visit as part of the Open Garden Day. For all other dates, tickets are £17.50 for adults and £14 for seniors (60+) or concessions. Prices include entry to the gardens.**

For full details, see <https://www.badmintonestate.com/events/>



## Obituary

We were very sorry to report in July's Talk Back that Ray Bird from Badminton had sadly passed away. Ray was a well-known, well-loved and well-respected member of our local community who worked as a shepherd on the estate for many years. We very much appreciate the opportunity to publish this tribute to him, taken from the eulogy read out at his funeral.

### *Ray Bird 1939 - 2024*

*Ray was born in 1939 and grew up in Little Badminton. After his national service he worked in the Dairy on Badminton Estate with Bill Witchard, Terry's father. At this time, Sylvia was working for Ted Warden on the pig farm at Nettleton. Ray and Sylvia met at 'The Old King William' pub in Nettleton, and they were married in 1964. Sixty years ago.*

*They were blessed with three children: Mandy arrived in the August of 1965, Mike in 1968 and Karen in 1970.*

*Ray worked as the Shepherd on the Estate for pretty well the whole of his working life. A job which his son Mike, has inherited. On his retirement, Ray did a bit of cleaning in the Estate Office, and spent much time in his garden which he loved. If you have not seen Ray's garden then you should, it could compete, given a fair par, with the Duchess' garden here at the House! Ray also enjoyed his skittles. Those were the halcyon days not long ago, when you could drop in on a Sunday evening, and see many present and past characters from the Estate. And over a pint, have a lot of fun. Especially when with Tim Salt's help, we staged a couple of Harvest festivals at the club. Ray and Sylvia were always there, sitting in the corner, supporting the event, and ready to bid for some produce that particularly caught their eye. The club was a great blessing to the village and created a great sense of community. And Ray and Sylvia were very much at home, in the Club.*

*For their holidays, Ray and Sylvia enjoyed going to Scotland. Their holiday would invariably include a visit to Crieff, where 'The Famous Grouse' is distilled, Scotland's oldest working distillery.*

*Ray was a reserved man - like many a Grouse imbiber - who loved his family. Though he had one failing.... I speak in jest....and we won't hold it against him. He supported Manchester United. But seriously, what a wonderful blessing that they won the FA CUP on his final lap.*

*Ray is greatly missed. May he rest in peace.*

### Thank You

Sylv, Mandy, Mike, Karen and their families along with Ray's sister Aileen and her family would like to thank everyone who attended Ray's church service and wake.

Sylv would especially like to thank her friends who sent flowers and the cards containing wonderful tributes to Ray.

Thanks to the fabulous generosity of those attending, the British Heart Foundation will receive a donation of £545.00 made in Ray's honour.

## **ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **SEPTEMBER 2024 REPORT**

**Reported Crimes.** Over the past few months there has been a spate of crimes occurring in local villages involving theft of motor vehicles, burglaries and, most recently, the attempted theft of a horse trailer. The Parish Council are working with the Police to discuss what measures they can take, but the current advice is to ensure any items of value are locked away overnight and additional security measures such as steering wheel locks are used to protect the most at-risk vehicles, particularly Land Rovers and Range Rovers. The Police are due to update the Parish Council at their next meeting on the 9th September at 7pm. Villagers are welcome to attend. In addition, they are continuing to hold regular surgeries in a mobile Police station. Dates will be published on the Parish Council website and notice board.

Parish Councillors:

Chair: Sybil Haddrell 218772, Vice Chair: Ian Carter 07789 057168, Sally Smith 218510,  
Claire Broomsgrove 218433, Mark Studden 07885 791314

**Next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 @ 7.00pm**

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

*Details on Parish Notice Board/Website*

Parish Clerk: Sue Radford-Hancock Tel: 01249 650052

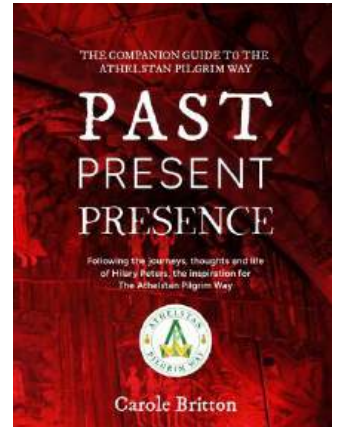
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## WHAT'S ON

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Didmarton Village Hall, local author Carole Britton will be giving a talk about her recently-published book 'Past Present Presence', the Companion Guide To The Athelstan Pilgrim Way. The book was inspired by Hilary Peters who lived for many years at Worcester Lodge on the Badminton Estate. It tells the story of a remarkably principled woman who chose to live a life far removed from her privileged upbringing, and who repeatedly championed causes such as the environmental movement long before such expressions of support were fashionable.

Carole explained to Local Talk Back how the book came about and why she felt it was so important to see it published as a tribute to Hilary.



**M**any of you will have known or heard of Hilary. She called herself a part-time hermit, spent a decade touring the country with her dogs in a converted ambulance then lived for the last 15 years of her life in Worcester Lodge, Didmarton, the gatehouse for the Badminton Estate visible to us from many different places in our beautiful countryside around here.

As caretaker and gatekeeper, no-one could have asked for more. Hilary would share her home with any stranger who wished to drop in, and impart her extensive knowledge of the Lodge and estate along with provision of her home-made refreshments. For us who knew her, she was the warmest and most truly sincere person we have probably met. The late Duke wished her to live in Worcester Lodge as "she was the right person".

Unbeknown to almost everyone, Hilary had been on a "church crawl" – her words – around the churches of the North Wiltshire deanery, with a few of her close friends.

She had mentioned to Catherine Price, who works for Malmesbury Abbey, about creating some sort of pilgrim way or passport, between these churches.


And then Hilary suddenly died. And by chance, I met Catherine.

My book, 'Past, Present, Presence' is an account of Hilary, her life, achievements, and how she is the inspiration for the newly created Athelstan Pilgrim Way, linking over 30 churches that she visited and wrote brief notes about. My book is


the Companion Guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way, and in it I talk about each of the churches, taking Hilary's thoughts, and discovering for myself the history, people, villages, communities, and of course, the churches, involved.

I am telling the story of what I discovered about Hilary and how the Athelstan Pilgrim Way came about from a conversation between two friends. Whether you knew Hilary, or would like to find out who she was, she is remembered for "an extraordinary life well lived".

Badminton Benefice  
is presenting a Local Author Talk



The Athelstan Pilgrim Way: Inspired by Hilary Peters  
former resident of Worcester Lodge



Carole Britton speaks at 4pm  
in Didmarton Village Hall GL9 1DS  
on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
about her new book, Past, Present, Presence  
a journey through the life, legacy and words of Hilary.

Admission £8 (includes refreshments) or 2 for £15  
Signed books on sale  
Please book tickets in advance – call/text 07990 576514

*Badminton Benefice are presenting my talk at Didmarton Village Hall, GL9 1DS on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, where I will also be signing copies of Past, Present, Presence.*

*Tickets (including refreshments) are £8/£15 for two.*

*Advance reservations can be made by calling or texting 07990 576514.*

*Please see the poster for more details.*

# Paris Olympics 2024

Officially “The Games of the XXXIII Olympiad” and branded as Paris 2024. The Athletes number 10,714 from 206 nations taking part in 329 events in 32 sports. There is so much symbolism to the whole games and a great significance behind the design of the medals, mascot and cauldron.



## The Olympic Cauldron

For the first time in Olympic history the cauldron was not lit up by fossil fuels. The ‘flame’ was created by LED spotlights illuminating the cloud created by high pressure misting nozzles. The cauldron was attached to a balloon. During the day it sat on the ground then every evening from sunset until 2am the balloon would rise more than 60 metres above, lighting the sky.

**The Games Mascot** The Mascot was a red furry Phryge – pronounced Free-juh. It was named after the Phrygian cap that is a French symbol of Liberty (freedom) and was associated with the French Revolution. The Mascot’s large eyes represent the tri-coloured badges that inspired the National flag in the 1790’s.



## The Medals



For the first time in the history of the Games every medal of the Olympic and Paralympic is decorated with a highly symbolic and priceless piece of metal - original iron from the Eiffel Tower.

The Eiffel Tower has undergone numerous renovations over the years and certain metallic elements have been permanently removed and conserved in the process. For Paris 2024 the operating company is allowing these genuine pieces of Parisian and French history to find glory again.

5,084 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were crafted by French jeweller Chaumet. Each medal incorporates a hexagonal piece of iron taken from the heart of the Eiffel Tower. The iron was stripped of its Eiffel Tower brown paint, returned to its original colour then fashioned into hexagons by the jeweller and imprinted with the emblem of the Paris Games. They are then placed in the centre of every medal. By placing a piece of

the French symbol at the centre of the medals, Paris 2024 hopes to leave athletes with an unforgettable memory of the Games, of Paris and of France. The medal ribbon’s lattice work was also inspired by the Eiffel Tower’s design. There are Dark Blue ribbons for the Olympics and Deep red for the Paralympics.

## The Paralympic medals



The front side of the Paralympic medal is a beautiful graphic representation of a low-angle view under the Eiffel Tower. To enable the three medals – gold, silver and bronze – to be distinguished by touch, lines are engraved on the edge of the medals. Universal braille is also engraved, which is also a homage to its French inventor Louis Braille. The back of the medals are the same as those for the Olympics.

## The Scrolls



Inside the box presented to the winners alongside their medals is a Paris-themed poster, specially made by a French artist, Ugo Gattoni, for this year’s Olympics. The limited edition illustration, seen above, is being given as a special thanks to each medal winner. The poster is a cartoon version of Paris.





## TRINITY SCHOOL UPDATE

*As Trinity School gears itself up for the start of the new school year, Local Talk Back thought it would be interesting to hear about some of the highlights from what was a very busy final term in 2023/24. As always, we're very grateful to Headmaster Mr Conrad Hutton for providing us with the words and pictures (see next page for the pictures).*

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**A**t the start of the July term, our Year 5 and 6 pupils set sail for the Isle of Wight for their school residential trip. The first day started with a sing-along on the coach before exploring HMS Victory in Portsmouth. Then it was onto the ferry to the Isle of Wight. After the fun of the ferry crossing, there was time for a trip to the park after dinner before settling down for a movie night. The next day was another busy day, with rounders at the park, a visit to Queen Victoria's holiday home at Osborne House; laser quest battles, sea swimming, sandcastles and games at the beach Wednesday featured games on giant paddleboards, big cats, lemurs and monkeys at the Animal Sanctuary, and the brilliant (and very interactive!) theatre show 'Spotlight'. A trip to Blackgang Chine theme park and a visit to Alum Bay rounded this wonderful trip off. The children had a fantastic week away and the teachers were so proud of how they all represented Trinity throughout our visit.

Meanwhile, Year 6 pupils were being tasked with setting up their own businesses as part of an Enterprise Challenge, conducting market research, designing logos and advertising their products and services before selling them to friends and families. The exercise proved to be a very rewarding endeavour, providing all those who took part with a very positive experience as well as enabling them to donate the incredible sum of £117 to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to all who took part and supported our budding entrepreneurs. What a generous, creative lot!

On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July our amazing Key Stage 2 children performed their production of 'Hoodwinked' at Sheldon school. We were so proud of how hard the children worked in rehearsals, learning all their lines and new songs. It was a fantastic show and everyone really enjoyed being part of it. A special thank you to Mrs Whittock and Ollie MacKenzie who supported Miss Prichard and Mr Manning with organising all the costumes and staging.

There was sporting success to report too. Congratulations to Toby Jennings who recently finished 9th in the British Triathlon, Tri-Star's South West Series this year. What an amazing achievement! Toby, you should be very proud after all the hard work and training you have put in.

As is traditional, a Leaver's Service was held at the school for Year 6 pupils as they completed their time at Trinity. They took us all on a trip down memory lane with fun, humour and humility. We all enjoyed hearing about the highlights of their time in each class and year group as they moved through the school. It speaks volumes for this group of pupils that they took the time during their special moment to thank all the staff that helped them on their way. They are a wonderful group who have made memories together, laughed together and worked hard together, and are a credit to our school and their families. Thank you and good luck in Year 7. Remember- once you are part of Team Trinity you will always remain part of Team Trinity.

We also said a sad 'Goodbye' to three amazing members of staff; Ollie MacKenzie, Valerie Voisey Peibst and Helen Stacey. All three have provided fantastic support in their time at Trinity. We wish them all good luck in your future and we will miss them.

Finally, a tribute Elaine Collin. Sadly, our school community recently lost a valued and highly respected member of the community. Mrs Elaine Collin had an association with Trinity for more than 10 years. She was grandmother to the Collings boys, a school governor and a regular volunteer. She gave hours and hours of her time in all of those roles. The children she worked with, usually reading with pupils in Willow, loved the chance to work with her. Her warmth and kindness meant that even the shyest of pupils would open up to her. She was so encouraging to our pupils and played her part in ensuring they made progress and also developed a love of reading. Every year, for as long as I can remember, she supported the school as an invigilator during SATs week, and I was always comforted to have her alongside me when checking and packing the papers to be sent for marking. Her keen eye for attention to detail and her gentle encouragement was very always reassuring. I will cherish the memories I have of Elaine and miss her greatly. She was a wonderful lady, a great support, a loyal friend, an advocate of this school and- quite simply- a lovely person. God bless and rest in peace.

**Mr Conrad Hutton**  
**Headteacher, Trinity CE Primary School**  
**Littleton Drew Lane, Acton Turville**

# Trinity School Picture Gallery



Above: Year 6 put on an incredible leavers' service this year after the customary final trip to school behind a tractor.

Left: It's showtime! Key Stage 2 children perform their production of 'Hoodwinked' at Sheldon school. Below; Toby Jennings showing off his well-deserved medal after an amazing performance in the British triathlon South West event..



Bottom Row, left: Budding entrepreneurs taking part in their enterprise challenge.

Bottom Row, right: Land ahoy! Setting sail for the Year 5 and 6 visit to the Isle of Wight.





## Going Wild in Little Badminton



The churchyard in Little Badminton is managed by the Badminton Parochial Church Council who always put a lot of effort in to ensure it looks its best throughout the year. This year they've tried something a little bit different, as Jake Olver from the Parochial Council explains. "We were inspired by Yvette Boonwaat, who lives nearby, to transform an area that would normally be neatly mowed grass into a bright and vibrant wild flower garden. Conventional wisdom holds that a wild flower garden will take more than one year to show its best colours, but just a few months since seeding the new garden at Little Badminton is already a billowing drift of plant growth and colour that is attracting insects and birds"

"The churchyard is always open at Little Badminton and members of the community as well as the wider public are always welcome to sit on the benches provided near the wild flower garden'.





# Church Matters

## September 2024 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

As schools start and uniforms get taken out of the trunks and drawers where they have lain for the last month or so, and new shirts, jackets and sports equipment purchased, parents gear themselves up for another year of supporting their children's education, driving them up and down certain roads, plotting the diary for the months ahead and in some cases paying school fees.

We all do the best we can for our children, that is part of the package of being a parent and we place a great deal of trust in the schools which look after them and do such a huge amount to give them the grounding and culture in which they can thrive and grow.

Most of us can remember our teachers, and one or two with particular affection. I looked up the name of a favourite teacher of mine only to discover that sadly he had passed away over forty years ago. It led me to think that maybe I should have made more of an effort to keep in touch with those who helped me on my way as a child and made sure that they knew how much they were appreciated.

Thankfully, I do not believe that this world is all there is, and I will one day we will have an opportunity to say thank you in person. In the meantime, I believe that God knows our thankfulness as we also thank Him, and God will pass on our thanks to those He now cares for, in heaven. But for those of you with less time since your school years, how about letting those special teachers know, while they are still with us, how grateful you are.

With my best wishes

Richard

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### Church Services for September 2024

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
1 <sup>st</sup> September Trinity 14	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Churchwarden Led
	11.00am	Hawkesbury	Songs of Praise, in the Showground	Lay Led
	11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
8 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
	9.30am	Leighterton	Holy Communion 1928	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
15 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16	9.00am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	TBC
	10.00am	Hawkesbury	Family Service with Baptism	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Sopworth	Matins	TBC
	6.00pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev M Butler
22 <sup>nd</sup> September Trinity 17	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion CW	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6.00pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
29 <sup>th</sup> September Michael and All Angels	11.15am	Benefice Service, Great Badminton	Matins with Guest Preacher Rt Rev Christopher Hill	Rev R Thomson

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

# Sudoku

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

## NOT SO EASY !!

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

Answers to the August quizzes:

### 'Easy'

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

### 'Not so Easy'

4	5	7	6	9	8	3	2	1
2	3	8	1	7	5	9	4	6
1	9	6	4	3	2	7	8	5
8	6	9	7	5	3	2	1	4
7	1	5	8	2	4	6	9	3
3	4	2	9	6	1	8	5	7
5	7	1	3	8	9	4	6	2
9	2	3	5	4	6	1	7	8
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## Grab a Crabapple for a Jelly Good Cause!

This September, Tricklements, an award-winning condiment maker based near Malmesbury, Wiltshire, is encouraging the local community to don their wellies, take a walk in the countryside and start collecting crabapples for a terrific cause!

Tricklements are partnering with Sherston Primary School to collect crabapples to make English Crabapple Jelly. 50p for every kilogram of crabapples donated is given to the school, as well as a further 25p from the sale of every jar sold nationwide. Running for over 20 years, the project has raised over £13,500!

Not only does the project raise money for the local school, it's also a great way to teach Sherston's young people about the provenance of their food by showing them the process from tree to jar, as well as using fruit which may otherwise go to waste. A forager's delight, crabapples are small, "wild" apples which, whilst hard and inedible raw, make an exquisite, jewel-coloured jelly. Associated with love and marriage, crabapple trees can often be found in British Hedgerows, nestled amongst other trees.

If you would like to support the children of Sherston and are planning a country walk this September, why not take a bag along and see if you pass any wild crabapple windfalls? Tricklements would love them!

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