

Welcome to the April Timsbury Letter

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Village News

Our Own Street Sweeper

The picture is of Les Robbins who has been doing a sterling job in all weathers for many years picking up litter and sweeping Timsbury's streets. He now has a sign to warn drivers when he is at the road side.

He is employed part time by the Parish Council and this role is mainly funded by a grant from B&NES Council, though this is being reviewed next year.

Although it is his job, he and everyone else would prefer that there was less litter.



Draft Plans for Development of the Upper Conygre site

Come to the Annual Parish Council Meeting and see the recent draft plans of the 'Whealers' site for housing and offices. The plans are the response of the developer to comments by 100+ residents at the recent consultation event and input from the Parish Council Working Party.



Cycle Storage at School

Parents are encouraged to think of ways for their children to cycle or scooter to school, at least where it is safe, now that the school has a brand new shiny cycle storage area.



Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 30th April 2018 at 7.30 in the Conygre Hall, North Road

All villagers are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting. There will be news of what has happened in the last year and you can ask any questions about the village. In addition to news from last year, a discussion and your involvement would be very welcome on new developments, particularly on the planned Hub library and house building / planning issues. There will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to mingle. Details of the Agenda are on page four.

Planning Application Decisions Made by B&NES Council

Comments by the Parish Council on these can be seen on the B&NES website, in the PC Minutes at: timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil/meetings and on the noticeboards outside the fish and chip shop.

17/04551/FUL Seven Stars pub, North Road, Timsbury.

Modification to existing kitchen extract duct and new mechanical air vent through existing window. PERMITTED

18/00016/FUL Kiln Cottage, Radford Hill, Timsbury.

Erection of a single storey side extension. PERMITTED

Next Parish Council Meetings

7.30pm on Monday 9th April

**Tyning Room, Conygre Hall,
North Road.**

**[www.timsbury.org.uk/
parishcouncil](http://www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil)**

The public can attend though need permission in advance to speak.

Mobile Library in Timsbury

Thursdays 5th and 19th April

Greenvale Drive 1.15pm - 1.45pm

Lansdown View 1.50pm - 2.20pm

Conygre Hall 2.25pm - 4.30pm

Southlands Drive 4.35pm - 4.55pm



TO ALL ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF TIMSBURY

You are entitled and invited to attend your

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on Monday 30th April 2018 at 7.30

in the Conygre Hall, North Road

The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all Parish
affairs

and pass resolutions on them.

Agenda

- 1) Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2017, available on Noticeboards and www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil/meetings
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes
- 5) Chairman's Report
- 6) Financial Statement by the Clerk
- 7) Conygre Trust Report and election of two Trustees
- 8) Items of interest and concern raised by Parishioners
- 9) Discussion about the planned Hub Library, planning developments, transport and health
- 10) Closing statement by the Chairman

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Village Church Services for April

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Secretary: Maureen Cox 01761 479656.

Sunday 1st April: 10 30am Lin and Len Wills

Sunday 8th April: 10 30am Mr and Mrs Fry (Mothering Sunday)

Sunday 15th April: 10 30 am Paul Graham

Sunday 22nd April: 10 30am Alan and Linda Jenner

Sunday 29th April: 10 30 Paul Graham

Knit and natter: 12th and 26th April from 1 30pm-3 30pm. If transport is needed then please call Maureen. We look forward to seeing regulars and welcome newcomers too.

St Mary's Parish Church

Sunday 1st April: 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am: Easter Celebration Service

Sunday 8th April 8 am Holy Communion (CW) 11am: Holy Communion

Sunday 15th April 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am: Morning Praise 4-4 :30pm: Families @ Four– Craft, music, fun and tea!

Sunday 22nd April: 8am Holy Communion (CW) 11am: Holy Communion

Friday 29th April:8am Holy Communion (BCP) 9 30Benefice Service at Dunkerton Church

Saturday 14th April: 9-12 Church Gift Day

Sunday 15h April: 12 30 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Sunday 21st April: 10-12 Giant Jumble Sale at the Conygre Hall.

Friday 27th April 6-7.00pm Kids' Crazy Club at the YMCA Hall, North Road.

Every Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church.

Every Friday (Term-time) 9.00–11.00am St Mary's Tots Group at St Mary's Church. Games

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Sunday 1st April: 10.30am Mr Mike Evans

Sunday 8th April: 10.30am Rev Gregory Haynes

Sunday 15th April :10.30am Rev Ian Cramb

Sunday 22nd April: Rev Dr Anthony R Cross

Sunday 29th April : Rev Martin Slocombe United Service

Frances Nicholson (Secretary) 01761 470841

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Tabor Free Methodist Church

Pastoral Matters: Eric Barge 01761 420234

Secretary: David Carter: 01761 402539

Sunday 1st April 11am Mrs M West. Flowers: Mrs C Mandrill

Sunday 8th April: 11am Mr T Moxham. Coffee to follow and foodbank donations. Flowers: Mrs C Issac

Sunday 15th April: 11am: Mr D Jones. Flowers: Mrs M Buckwell

Sunday 22nd April 11am Mrs J Auckland. Flowers: Mrs F Button

Sunday 29th April: 11am Mrs M West (Church Anniversary)

6pm: Mr E Barge with Paulton Concert Band

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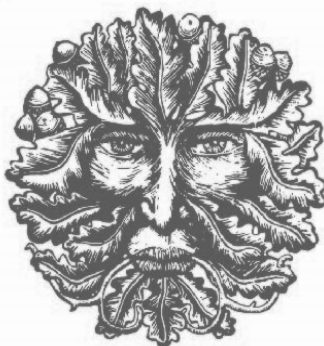
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Minister's Letter

By Margaret West

I hope as you read this that it is a lovely, sunny spring day. I am writing this a week after the very cold temperatures and the heavy snowfalls. Such times can, in my opinion, show us the worst and best in humanity.

One glance at any supermarket during the cold spell would tell immediately of panic buying. Many years ago and some of you will remember this, we had a petrol tankers' strike and it was difficult to get provisions to shops, people began to panic buy and soon the shelves were bare.

I witnessed someone who had heard that there could be another strike, pick up her phone, ring her partner and tell him to go straight to a supermarket and get as much bread as he could, then take it home and put it in the freezer. Actually, there was no strike and maybe they are still eating all the bread they selfishly acquired!

Thankfully, during the bad weather we heard far more selfless stories. People, especially NHS staff who walked miles to get to work to help and care for others. There were those who left the warmth and comfort of their own homes to dangle food and drink off a bridge

to stranded motorists below. Many individuals 'put others first' ,not thinking of the risks they might be taking.

All of the churches in the village have just celebrated the Christian festival of Easter. We have remembered the death of Jesus on the cross. As this was a selfless act of love, putting others before himself, the day of remembrance is called 'Good' Friday and not 'Bad' Friday. When reading the scripture account of that occasion we note that even though in great pain and agony Jesus found time to reassure a thief who was crucified alongside him and also to ensure the welfare of his mother Mary by entrusting her to the care of his beloved disciple John.

On Easter Day we celebrated the resurrection, the coming to life again of Jesus and the promise that death is not the end. Easter eggs were enjoyed as a sign of new life.

Easter, a time of new beginnings and hope....maybe a time to begin to think more of others than ourselves, to be prepared to 'go the extra mile' and to offer hope in times of darkness



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Timsbury WI

by Phillida Russell

We are looking forward to our Cam Dyke Group Meeting, this time being held in the Conygre Hall on March 22nd.

Our competition piece, a representation of our lovely village 'Timsbury' is just about complete and awaiting the finishing touches! Photos will be posted on our Facebook page after the event.

Our next monthly meeting is:

April 5th @7.30pm.

Speaker: Trevor Bailey

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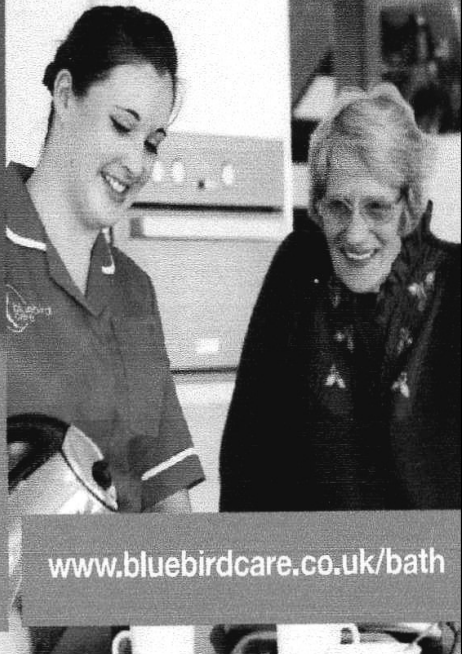
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News and Thank -Yous from Greenhill House

**Leonard
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Residents produced these amazing pottery designs (picture to the right) recently when a local arts practitioner led a workshop from fire to real in the Activity Centre. More sessions are planned in the coming months

The Centenary masquerade ball on 23rd September at Bath Assembly Rooms last year (see picture below) was a truly wonderful event that increased people's awareness of this amazing charity.

Thank you to all our supporters, prize donors, sponsors, guest speakers and lovely guests you are amazing!

We also want to extend our thanks to our local supporters who contribute by volunteering with us and anyone who has attended our fundraising events last year especially the Christmas Bazaar at the Conygre Hall in December.

Thank you all!



EcoWild

EcoWild are holding technical tree climbing days to encourage children to branch out and gain confidence outdoors.

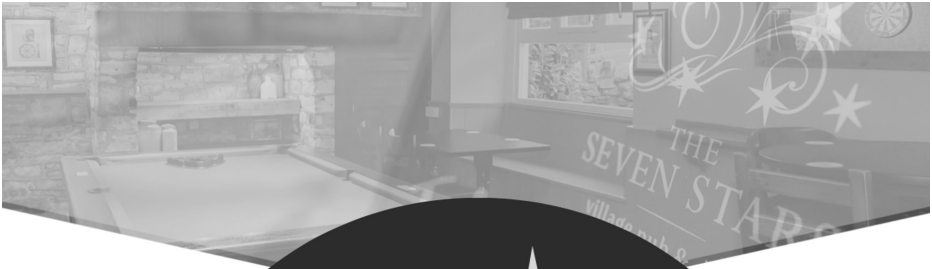
The sessions will give seven to sixteen year olds freedom on a whole new level. There are four technical tree climbing days on Saturdays in April, May, June and July. The day lasts five hours, is £45 and includes lunch. During the day, two qualified tree surgeons, Charlie and Ben, will use their expertise to enable children to enjoy safely ascending and descending a well-established Hornbeam and Oak tree. Whilst wearing a climbing harness and safety helmet, the children will see the views from the very top of Ash Break Woods in Priston.

EcoWild Directors Emily Malik and Lucy Holland's aims are to support children and adults to follow their innate curiosity in the diversity and complexity of the natural world. We are told, children these days suffer from helicopter parenting; It's not surprising that to combat 'stranger danger', kids are

encouraged to remain safely indoors. The knock-on effect is they choose to play on screens instead of being given the freedom and independence to understand how to become stewards of the land. EcoWild works with the Wellbeing College, B&NES to run mindfulness courses and retreats at Chew Valley Community Farm. Mindfulness, Tai Chi and Wellbeing Courses and Wild Babies & Toddler Sessions are held in Greyfield Woods, High Littleton.

If you are keen for your child to learn a new skill which will last a lifetime, please contact EcoWild on 07767325576 or www.ecowild.org.uk.





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The Seven Stars

Six Nations? More Like Five!

By Rich Sturgess

February seemed to arrive quite quickly this year and then felt like it was here for longer than the 28 days it gives us! The year is now slowly picking up for the pub and it's been great welcoming in new faces each and every week, and the old ones, obv!

People were asking if we were going to show the Six Nations in the pub and it was always a resounding YES! When we opened last year we only managed to catch the last day of the tournament and this year we've had the lot – we produced the watchers, England, why couldn't you produce the wins?! Luckily, we have representatives of all home nations and although there's only been one Welsh shirt present (thanks James!) we've enjoyed the spectacle, roll on next year 😊.

The pub has been properly used for all the right reasons over the last month or so playing host to a number of social community functions, Valentines night, Mother's Day and then we were able to keep our doors open and serving you all beer and food when the snow came! The start of it on the Thursday

showed us the capacity for alcohol people have when they have the opportunity and then the main fall on Friday made the pub fill up in minutes when we opened at 12pm! And it didn't stop! We had the most fun on a daytime we've ever had while being the focal point of the village and providing refuge from the cold.

Most recently, we played host to our lovely Petanque players for their annual meal. This was the biggest test for our kitchen and we executed it with military precision, even having to deal with Larry pottering around!

What next? Easter is coming and hopefully some warm weather so my gardener can make the pub look as pretty as it did last year – and you all can laze in the garden while we keep you fed and watered! Are you coming? We'd love to see you!



Seedy Saturday 2018

by Julia Edwards

Seedy Saturday on 10th March was again enjoyed by 100s of people planning their gardening for the following year, sharing and buying plants and seeds etc. It was also a general green fair about environmental interests.

There was a lot of close working with Farmborough residents in organising it.

Thanks to all who helped make it and here is to another successful years planting!



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Timsbury Art Group

by Maggy Pickard



The group currently has worked displayed at the ElmHayes Surgery, Paulton and on the Timsbury website.

the members have painted during the Thursday afternoon sessions.

Timsbury Art Group is looking forward to holding two exhibitions in the near future. All paintings will be for sale at both venues.

From 6th April, for two weeks the group will be exhibiting a wide variety of paintings, upstairs at Paperwork Plus, Midsomer Norton.

On **Saturday 12th May** the group will be holding an **exhibition at the Conygre Hall** from 10am – 4pm. It is an opportunity to come and talk to some of the artists to find out more about the group, whilst seeing the paintings that

A demonstration by Peter French will be held at the Conygre Hall on 26th April 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Peter will be painting a 'Townscape' in watercolour. Everyone is welcome to attend with non-members being charged a £4 entrance fee.

The photograph below shows artists hard at work at one of our recent workshops held at the Conygre Hall.

For more details about membership and future activities please contact *Sue Macey* on 01761 470951.



Timsbury Horticultural Society

By Graham Nicholls

A nearly full Conygre Hall welcomed the well known horticulturalist, speaker and larger than life character, Christine Walkden who gave a talk on **'Life and Times of a Gardener'**. She told us how it all started at the age of ten, after a long discussion with an allotment official who wouldn't believe that someone aged 10 and a girl at that could be a gardener! She got the allotment and started growing vegetables and flowers which she sold to her neighbours and school teachers.

Christine joined the local parks department and after some resistance managed to get a place at the Lancashire College of Agriculture. Moving on she worked for two horticultural experimental stations studying rhubarb and red beet much to her disgust and then went to Kew to take charge of the seed bank set up as a Millennium project.

From there she moved to Wales, as her childhood holiday memories brought back happy days there, and worked for several seed suppliers and then to a training workshop for the Manpower Services Commission teaching gardening to youngsters who were

going through a difficult time. After more time at college she became a lecturer.

A decision to go freelance as a plantswoman and horticulturist brought success and she lectured nationally and internationally. Throughout her talk her energy and refusal to take 'no' for an answer particularly when it was said to her 'A woman can't do that!' shone through.

Eventually she was picked up as having a wonderful personality as well as having an infinite knowledge of horticulture and appeared on TV in 'Gardeners World', 'Christine's Garden' and the award winning programme 'Glorious Gardens From Above'. She has gone on to become a favourite on TV especially on 'The One Show'. In spite of all the TV appearances she said it was extremely hard work .

All in all Christine is a wonderful example to everyone, especially to girls, that if you have the get up and go attitude and stickability you can succeed. "Don't let the so and so's grind you down" as Christine might say.

<http://timsburyhorts.webplus.net>



Christine Walkden with Committee Members . By Dennis Tout

Taste of Timsbury

The Taste of Timsbury team is delighted to confirm that the next Taste of Timsbury festival of local food and drink is taking place on **Saturday 22 September 2018** at the Conygre Hall, from 10am to 4pm.

There will be plenty to see, try, taste and buy, so keep an eye on our website www.tasteoftimsbury.co.uk for details of what will be happening on the day.

If you would like to be involved in some way, whether by volunteering to help out on the day, or by

booking a stall, do please get in touch.



We are delighted to have received donations from various local businesses and organisations, but if anyone would like to sponsor the festival to help cover the costs of putting on the event, we'd love to hear from you. Our email address is tasteoftimsbury@gmail.com.

Timsbury Theatre Group

by Peter Buchanan

BIG HAIR AND SHOULDER PADS! 1980s NOSTALGIA AT THE CONYGRE HALL

By the time this is published, the Group will have completed the four performances of the exciting thriller “Curtain Up on Murder” by Bettine Manktelow. We’d like to thank everyone who came to see the show and supported our charity of the year, the Great Western Air Ambulance.

Our next production, “I Love the 80s”, couldn’t be more different from a claustrophobic thriller staged in semi-darkness (see above!) Following the sellout success of our 2014 show “I Love the 70s”, we’re moving on ten years to the decade of privatisation, “Not the 9 O’clock News”, Pac-Man and Live Aid. The show will feature songs, sketches and dance numbers to set the 80s mood, so expect big hair and shoulder pads – and that’s just the men! On stage for two performances on 29th and 30th June, this will be a catered event at tables with a two-course meal. Tickets will be on sale soon – please visit our website for the latest details and prices. In the meantime, dig out those shell suits

and grow your mullets!

“I Love the 80s” is the ideal opportunity for anyone thinking about joining us as a performer to dip a toe into the theatrical water. In a “sketches and songs” show like this, there won’t be lots of script to learn and an individual’s commitment could be as little as one item! Please call Jo Whittock (director) on 01761 472745 for more details. We expect that the first rehearsal will be on Tuesday 3rd April.

We meet every Tuesday at the Conygre Hall from 7.45pm, with rehearsals on Thursdays as well in the run-up to a production. We are very keen to welcome new members to appear in productions or help with the vital backstage jobs such as stage management, costume, lighting and sound. If you’re interested in joining us, come along on a Tuesday evening or call Suzanne Morys (01761 300415), Pete Crooke (434479) or Peter Buchanan (471818).

Timsbury Natural History Society

by Rod Bruce

On Monday 18th April at 7.30pm in the Conygre Hall we shall be having a return visit from Peter Bright who you will remember previously spoke to us about Glow Worms (Not Worms at all) which was followed up by a successful night Field Meeting to Westbury-sub-Mendip where many Green lights were visualised in the hedgerows. This time Peter will be telling us about Swifts How do you tell them from Swallows and House Martins) Reports from other Nats Groups have told us we are in for a treat.

Our Field trip planned for April is to a site new to our Group at Langford Lakes near Steeple Ashton and Warminster. Comprising 4 Lakes if you look at the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust website you will see an impressive list of possible sightings. It looks like we might have a treat in store. We will meet in the Car Park at 10.30 on 21st Hides and Level Pathways are featured so why not join us.

At our March Meeting sightings reported included a Great White Egret seen in Midsomer Norton. Primroses and Cowslips

already seen supplementing the impressive array of Snowdrops this year and many different viewings of Catkins. Roadside Daffodills seemed to be the exception not being earlier than usual whereas several other species of Spring Flowers WERE early.

Take your Camera with you when out and about. It's not too early to let me have entries for the 2019 Calendar. Photos from Members are featured in one version the other being of Local Points of interest

Timsbury Wives

11th April 7:30pm

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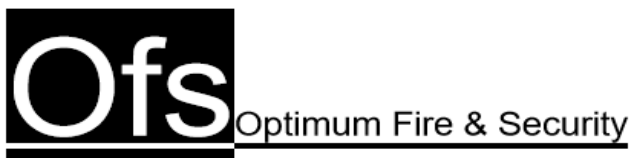
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Tabor Ringers

By Dianne Carter

At the recent A.G.M of the Tabor Ringers, based at Tabor Independent Methodist Church Timsbury, Ms Angie Poole and Mrs Ruth Bailey were re-elected as Leader and Secretary respectively. Our long-term Treasurer Mrs Valerie Latchem resigned, although staying as a playing member, and Mrs. Annette Rhymes volunteered to take her place.

In her hilarious report on a very successful year, Mrs Ruth Bailey highlighted the many humorous things which had taken place before/during and after Concerts. Twenty engagements had been carried out in Paulton, Midsomer Norton, Chilcompton, Ston Easton, Writhlington, Leigh on Mendip, Keynsham, Bath and, of course in Tabor Church itself.

The group played alongside Somer Valley Singers and Paulton Concert Band at a Charity Concert in the Town Hall, Midsomer Norton in May and all proceeds were donated to the Rock Hall Guide HQ in Midsomer Norton.

Our first Christmas engagement took place at the NHS retirement fellowship club held at the Royal United Hospital in Bath. This was

also a first visit for us, so a certain trepidation, but all went well and a lot of interest regarding the bells/chimes and music was shown at the end. The year culminated at Tabor Church with the Carols by Candlelight Service.

We welcomed Mrs Susanne Gervais into our group and are now back to full strength but new members are always welcome. No experience or knowledge of music is required, we play by numbers. If you can count to 4 you will be OK. Playing is not too strenuous; we have fun as we go along. If you are interested, just come along and visit us one rehearsal afternoon. Rehearsals are held on Monday afternoons from 2 – 3 at Tabor Church but you do not have to be a Church goer to join our group. If you would like to come and see how things go it is best to contact Ruth to ensure we are not out playing. As the majority of our engagements are in the afternoon, flexibility of work/home life would be advantageous.

For further information or bookings please contact Mrs Ruth Bailey (01761) 752049.

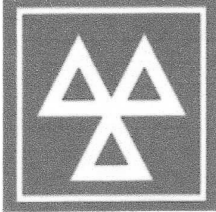


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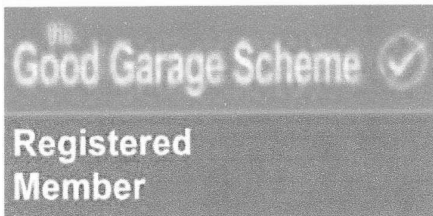


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Eric Brimble

Dear Editor ,

Freda and family would like to give sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy, love and support at this sad time.



Thank you to Pastor Eric Barge for his kind words and comforting service at Tabor Free Methodist Church in celebration of Eric's life.

The family are also very grateful for the generous donations in lieu of flowers to Diabetes UK.

Yours sincerely,

Freda and Family

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CREATIVE WELLBEING	Bowls Court	2nd & 16th	1pm
PARISH COUNCIL	Tynning Room	9th & 30th	7 30pm

TUESDAY

BALLETT	Main Hall	10th, 17th & 21st	4 15 pm
OVER 60S	Main Hall	3rd and 17th	1 30 pm
THEATRE GROUP	Main Hall	Every week	7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

GOLDEN OLDIES	Main Hall	4th	11am
EXERCISE CLASS	Main Hall	11th, 18th, 25th	9 45am
SLIMMING WORLD	MH Room	Every week	6.30pm
PILATES	Bowls Court	Every week	6.30pm
BADMINTON	Main Hall	Every week	7 30pm

THURSDAY

TIMSBURY ART GROUP	Bowls	12th, 19th & 26th	2pm
ART GROUP 2	Bowls Court	12th, 19th & 26th	10am
THEATRE GROUP	Main Hall	Every Week 12th, 19th and 26th	7 30pm

FRIDAY

PILATES	T Room	Every Week	9 30am
ART GROUP	Main Hall	13th, 20th & 27th	9 30am

SATURDAY

BALLET	Bowls	14th, 21st & 28th	9 45am
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