

# The Timsbury Letter



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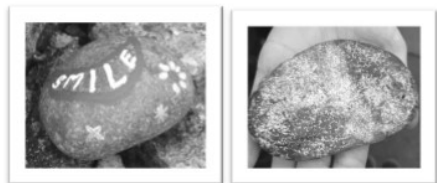
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PHOTOGRAPH IT



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TimsburyPaintedRocks/>



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# FIND IT

# Welcome to the September Timsbury Letter

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## **Village News**

### **Major House Building Plan**

The owner of the derelict site at the junction with Bloomfield and North roads has applied for permission to build 26 houses including eight 'affordable'. This old 'Wheelers site' will be named 'Upper Conygre' after the old coal mine there. The plans have been consulted on in detail with the Parish Council over the last

year and at two public meetings in the Conygre Hall. The owner has included most of our demands. The PC is in discussion with B&NES about important questions about roads and pavements outside the actual site and funding of local facilities. Details of our response will be published soon.

### **New People Wanted for the Village Fun Day**

The coordinator, Peter Buchanan, is standing down with some of the committee after 8 years of running this great village day. Many thanks to him and the others for a sterling job. And so now some fresh energy is needed for volunteers to come forward to organise

and bring new ideas about how you want this important annual community event to be held. See page thirteen for further details.



## **Better 768 Bus Service**

Anyone who lives at the Greenvale Drive end of the village will be pleased to hear that from 3<sup>rd</sup> September the 768 bus will run

twice a day direct to Bath and trips to Radstock are doubled. The timetable is on our website under services.

## **New Editor and Hub Coordinator**

The Parish Council has appointed Madeleine Potts as the new Editor of the Timsbury Letter, taking over from Felicity from the November edition, using the same email address. Also, Liz Cusson will

be starting as the Community Hub Coordinator part-time from mid-September. These two skilled residents will make a great contribution to the village.

## **Boundary of Timsbury Ward**

The Independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published its recommendations for new ward boundaries across B&NES. They propose that they

should be represented by six fewer councillors than at present. Twenty-eight current wards will change with nine, including Timsbury, staying the same.

## **Noise and Neighbours**

A request is made by residents for the rest of the summer to be aware and thoughtful of your neighbours if

you are having a party outside your house or playing music loudly.

## **North Road Improvements**

We hope that residents feel that the disruption in North Road at the end of August was worth it to create a wider pavement outside the pub safer for pedestrians to get across the village, to the school etc. This will occasionally mean that drivers will have to give way with some hold ups. This design was what B&NES and the Parish Council felt

was the best compromise after years of debate. The PC is paying £8,000 towards the scheme. It is also conveniently in time for the Tour of Britain cycle race coming down North Road about 12.30 on 4<sup>th</sup> September – there will be no parking and short road closures for this.

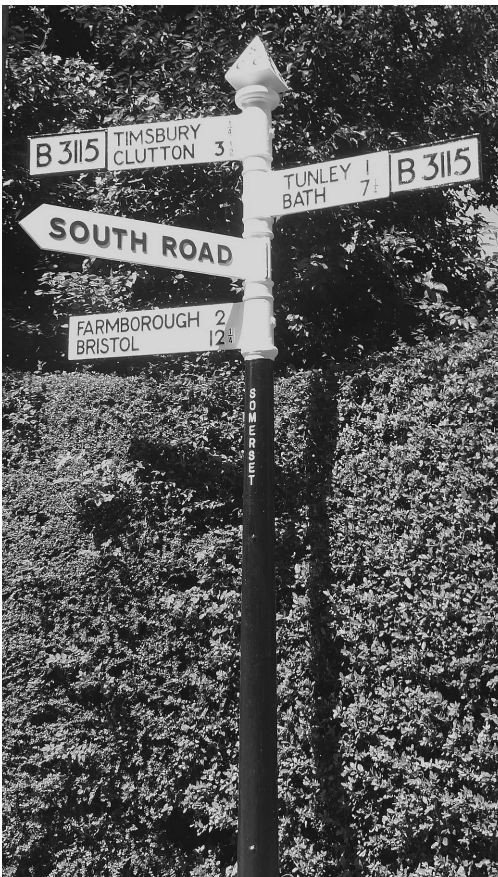
## War Memorial Upgrade

Planning permission has been granted for the proposed upgrading of the War Memorial at the Royal British Legion on Newmans Lane. The work will involve erection of new stonework and walling including a carved wreath and wording on top of the existing roll name panel, a replacement

boundary wall including stair access from Newmans Lane and making good of the existing stonework.

The proposal was submitted by the Parish Council and it is hoped that work can be finished before Remembrance Day in November this year.

## More Finger Post Refurbishment!



Thanks to a volunteer resident, this 1930's Somerset County Council sign has been spruced up so we can all see where we are going at the North / South Road junction. It was a big job and so many thanks for all his efforts.



## Planning Applications

Comments by the Parish Council on these can be seen on the B&NES web-site, in the PC Minutes at: [timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil/meetings](http://timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil/meetings) and on noticeboards in the Conygre Hall and outside the chip shop. Other applications may have been considered between Newsletter editions.

### Received by B&NES Council for its Consideration and for comments by Timsbury Parish Council

18/03233/FUL Flower and Hayes Ltd, (Upper Conygre site / Old Wheelers site) North Road, Timsbury. Erection of 26 dwellings with 8 'affordable' and office space along with new vehicular and pedestrian access and associated works. This was considered at the PC August meeting and we are in discussions with B&NES about many details.

### Decisions Made by B&NES Council

18/02099/FUL Royal British Legion, Newmans Lane, Timsbury, BA2 0JA. Erection of new stonework and walling on the village War Memorial, including a carved wreath and wording on top of the existing roll name panel, a replacement boundary wall including stair access and making good of the existing stonework. PERMITTED

18/02061/FUL Mount Lavinia, South Road, Timsbury, BA2 0NA. Erection of a single storey front and rear extension following the demolition of a rear conservatory. Replace pebbledash with coloured render. PERMITTED

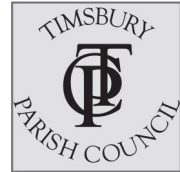
## Mobile Library Dates

Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
September



**Next Parish Council Meeting  
7.30 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
In the Conygre Hall, Tying Room**

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# Village Church Services for September

Congregational Church North Road (with full wheelchair access)

**Secretary:** Maureen Cox 01761 479656.

**Sunday 2nd September** 10 30am: Lina and Len Wills

**Sunday 9th September:** 10 30am : Paul Graham

**Sunday 16th September** 10 30 am : To be announced

**Sunday 23rd September** 6pm Harvest Service with Alan and Linda Jenners

Knit and natter: 6th & 20th September from 1 30pm-3 30pm in our school rooms. If transport is needed then please call Maureen. We look forward to seeing regulars and welcome newcomers too.

## St Mary's Parish Church

**Sunday 2nd September** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

11am: Learning Together **Sunday 9th September:** 8 am Holy Communion (CW) 11am: Holy Communion **Sunday 16th September:** 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am: Morning Praise **Sunday 23rd September** 8am Holy Communion (CW) 11am: Holy Communion. **Sunday 30th September:** Benefice Service at St Peter's Camerton 9 30am.

All 11am services followed by coffee

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

**Friday 28th September 6-7pm:** Crazy Kids Club at YMCA Hall North Road.

**Thursday 27th Septmber:** 12 30pm: Luncheon Club .

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## Methodist Church South Road

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Bath BA2 8PS. Tel: 01761 439934

Email: - dwin64@hotmail.com

**Sunday 2nd September** 10.30am Ms Julie Stiddard

**Sunday 9th September** 10.30am Rev David Winstanley (Holy Comunion).

**Sunday 16th September:** 10.30am Miss Marjorie Cross

**Sunday 23rd September** 10 30am: Mr Steve Beck

**Sunday 30th September** 10 30am: Rev David Winstanley

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**Secretary:** Geoff Shute 01761 568524

**Sunday 2nd September** 11am Mrs T Moxham.  
Flowers: Mrs C Maundrill

**Sunday 9th September (in the school room)** 11am To be confirmed.  
Coffee and foodbank donations to follow .Flowers: Mrs C Isaac

**Sunday 16th September** 11am: Mrs M West (Communion)  
Flowers: Mrs M Buckwell.

**Sunday 23rd September** 11am Mrs I Brailey. Flowers: Mrs F Button

**Sunday 30th September** 11am Mrs J Auckland. Flowers: Mrs M West.

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## Timsbury Art Group

After the summer break the art group will be restarting again for the Autumn Term on Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Conygre Hall from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

During August the group has held an exhibition and sale of paintings in the South Cloisters of Wells Cathedral.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a demonstration of watercolour painting by Tim Wilmot at the Conygre Hall 2.00pm – 4.00pm. All are welcome to attend with non-members paying a small entrance fee which will include tea/coffee and a biscuit during the interval.

Timsbury Art Group currently has work displayed at Elmhayes Surgery, Paulton and on the internet at [www.timsbury.net](http://www.timsbury.net)

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



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# Timsbury Natural History Society

by Rod Bruce

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, ten of us ventured to Enford Village Hall on the Salisbury Plain. We were met by two Members of the Great Bustard Group who conveyed us in 2 Land Rovers on Ministry of Defence land to a Hide they had set up to view what was around. The weather was kind and smoke from a heath fire on the horizon didn't affect us. From the hide where viewing is exclusive to Group Visitors we saw several of the Great Bustard families with one or two chicks from about 50 yards away.

The largest birds in Britain seem to be thriving. They are free flying but seem to be happy with their surroundings and only see pens when they are being hatched and reared as chicks where care is taken in order that they do not become human imprinted. We returned to the village hall after approximately two hours and, using the picnic tables, we were entertained by low flying (approx 30 feet) Red Kites. Ken deserves credit for arranging this trip.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July saw 12 of us congregate at Herriots Bridge where the Lake level was not too low as, we believe, it been topped up by water from the Sharpness Canal.

We adjourned to the Bird Ringing Station where we were invited in by the Ringers and then were conducted to the Mist Nets. Watching the care the volunteers took emphasized their dedication. Some twenty-eight birds were weighed, measured and ringed of which seventeen were Reed Warblers. This was an added bonus for we were really here to see the results of an overnight Moth Trap.

As a complete contrast, two days later we congregated at Stockhill Woods in the early evening. Robin Nash led our group of thirteen across the Marsh, past Priddy Pool to the far end observing Butterflies, Moths, Birds and Flora on the way. Quite a few Swallows were catching flies above the stagnant pool. Dusk was a long time coming and it wasn't until 10.03 pm that we saw and heard our first Nightjar. Other sightings of the object of our venture were observed and Robin as our leader for the first time (Not the last) as a solo kept us well informed.

Indoor Meetings will resume on Monday September 17th when we shall be hearing all about Badgers. Membership Fees will be due on that night.



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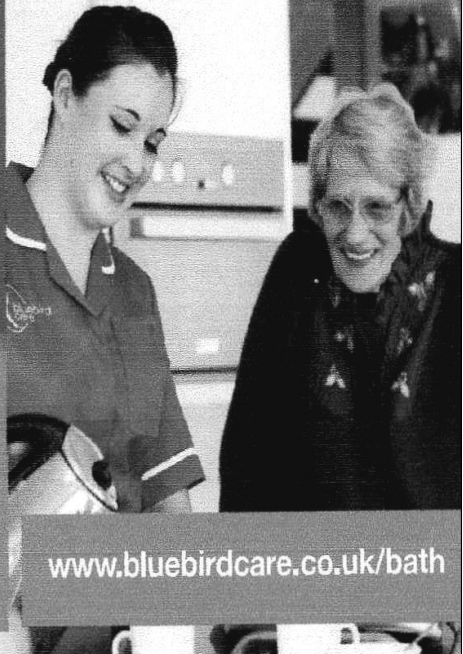
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# Fun Day

## New People



Every June the Fun Day is our village community get-together & fete. As the coordinator, Peter Buchanan, and some others on the committee are standing down after many years doing a great job, some new volunteers are now needed with fresh energy to make it happen.

### **What do you want next year?**

How about new games, sports, robot wars  
kites, skittles, fancy dress,  
art games, music, shows  
parrot races (just kidding), wood skills,  
bunting making, competitions  
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As always most of the gigs are free - but there are a few in the church and the village hall stages which require a ticket. *Full details online*

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# Timsbury Horts Flower Show



Timsbury Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show was held on Saturday, August 18th. 'Wedding Day', the winner of Class 300S was entered by Margaret Ruddick.

# Taste of Timsbury

by the ToT team



The organisers behind Taste of Timsbury are counting down the days to this year's festival, which takes place on Saturday 22nd September at Timsbury's Conygre Hall, from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free.

While many stallholders are returning to this year's event, there are plenty of new producers who will be sampling and selling their products. These include Greenhill House Cheshire Home, Bath Botanics, Tunley Smokehouse, Gluten Free Somerset, Chew Moo ice cream, Bohemian Blooms, Holly Made Cakes, Bee Wax Wrap and The Incredible Brewing Company. New street food sellers this year include Mr Roast Potato and the Colombian Coffee Company.

A full list of the participating stallholders is on the website [www.tasteoftimsbury.co.uk](http://www.tasteoftimsbury.co.uk)

This year's festival will include live music from two acts in the community tent, which is sponsored by Timsbury Parish Council – singer Laura Chapman and acoustic trio The Artful Badgers. There are cookery

demonstrations from Timsbury's Vale House Kitchen, Richard Buckley from Acorn Restaurant in Bath, and back by popular demand is the Cardiologist's Kitchen Cook-off. Balance Gym will be running yoga sessions and there will again be a foraging walk, a display from local beekeepers and some rescued ex-caged chickens.

Timsbury residents Chris and Brenda Selwyn will be hard at work with their apple press, so visitors can bring along their apples (and a clean, sealable container) to take home freshly-pressed apple juice. High Littleton WI are offering visitors the chance to "upcycle" their old T-shirts into shopping bags, and there will be activities for children provided by Sara Eashley from Live, Learn, Cook.

Tickets for the prize draw – with the top prize of dinner, bed and breakfast at The Pig near Bath - will be on sale on the day, but also at the following local outlets: Health and More, The Connies Tea Room, Meadgate Farm Shop, The Seven Stars, Choice Hair, and Bath Make up Artist. Tickets cost £1 each.

# *Taste*



*of Timsbury*

## *Festival of Local Food & Drink*

*Saturday 22nd September  
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# Green Pages

By Bridget Newbery

## ***Pavement widening***

In case you missed the exciting news, this year's OVO Energy Tour of Britain cycle race will hit Timsbury on September 4th. I'm also very happy about the news that the North Street pavement has been widened in preparation for the event. As a parent who walks North Street with my youngest in a pushchair, my eldest on a bike and my heart in my mouth, I'm delighted that this will make the walk safer. I'm sure I'm not alone, especially since it's the main route to the shops and to school. It should make it an easier journey from now on, and make the choice to walk instead of drive more appealing!

## ***British Food Fortnight***

The next Taste of Timsbury food and drink festival is on Saturday 22 September 2018. It marks the start of British Food Fortnight. Makes me think of stews and hotpots, cheeses and chutneys, crumpets, strawberry jam and apple crumble. Mmmm!

Love food hate waste  
And talking of food (again), did you know that every year we throw

away 6.7 million tonnes (£4 billion worth) of food because we cook or prepare too much? the Love Food Hate Waste website has loads of information about how to make the most of your food, including tips on using leftovers, storing food, and cooking and buying the right amount of food to make your purchases last longer.  
[www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)

## ***Mythbusting***

*Does it take more electricity to turn lights off and on again than to leave them on?*

This old chestnut is almost completely untrue, and is probably causing lots of people to waste money on lighting. It doesn't take any more electricity for a light bulb to turn itself back on. If it's on, it's using electricity, and if it's off, it isn't. Modern low-energy light bulbs do use a small amount of extra energy when you first turn them on, as do florescent strip lights. But with both of these, if you are leaving a room for more than a couple of minutes then turn the light off and you'll save money. (Thanks to CSE for this.)

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# Timsbury Horticultural Society

By Graham Nicholls

The show will be over for another year by the time you read this and I hope it was as successful as last year. There may be a few changes for next year but it will be up to the show committee to consider this.

As I reported last month, through no fault of our own we have had to move from the YMCA hall for our monthly meetings. As from September we will be meeting in the Myra Hayward Room on the second Tuesday in the month at the usual time of 7.30.

A great programme has been arranged by Liz starting off with Don Everitt talking on '*Autumn – the Forgotten Season.*' In the past Don has brought along a lovely range of plants as he caters for shade loving and late blooming species. Steve Mynard will be talking on 'Composts' in October, and how often have we wanted a good compost for the garden instead of paying through the nose at garden centres? In

November Chris Ireland Jones will be talking on 'Unusual Bulb's and our December meeting will feature Musical entertainment followed by an American Supper. Hopefully we will have a lot of new members after signing them up at the show.

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## **Timsbury Wives September Meetings**

**September 5th**

**Walking Sticks  
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**September 19th**

**What the 18c  
Season meant to  
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# Timsbury Theatre Group

by Peter Buchanan

Group members are now gearing up for our next production, the pantomime “Little Red Riding Hood” by Paul Reakes. Rehearsals start on 4<sup>th</sup> September and the show will be on stage from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Group actually performed the premiere of this production 20 years ago; the author has updated the script a little since then, but the fundamental elements are all still in place.

Jo Whittock will be directing an excellent cast led by John Ford as the impoverished dame, with Rachel Toone as her darling daughter (the title character) and Neil Moon as her intellectually-challenged son. Every panto has to have a villain, and this year John Plucknett will be attracting the boos and hisses as Count de Cash, an avaricious landowner with an eye for the ladies. Lauren Carver makes her second appearance with the group as the principal boy Prince Rupert, and Claire Bramley plays the granny who lives in the middle of the woods. Paige-Alex Lee-Edmunds, Ian

Clark, Sharon Wilkins and James Tottman complete the cast. Of course there’s a big bad wolf as well, but you’ll have to buy a ticket to find out more about him!

There are still opportunities for chorus members (adult and junior) and dancers to join the cast. Please call the director Jo Whittock on 01761 472745 for more information.

Tickets for “Little Red Riding Hood” will be available soon – check next month’s edition or our website for details.

TTG meets every Tuesday at the Conygre Hall from 7.45pm – anyone is welcome to join the group as performer or backstage helper. If you’d like to find out more, come along to a meeting or call Jo (472745), Pete Croke (434479) or Peter Buchanan (471818). You can also find us on Facebook and on the web at [www.thettg.org](http://www.thettg.org)





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A **Volunteers' Meeting** will be held on **Monday 24th September** at the **YMCA 10 to 11.30am**. If you are unable to attend due to work commitments but might wish to volunteer on a Saturday please get in touch with us or for any other information about volunteering at the Hub.

**Annette Kirby: Tel 471261 [annetekirby@btinternet.com](mailto:annetekirby@btinternet.com)**

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# New Pavement Completed



The improvements to the pavement alongside the Seven Stars and the crossing Chapel Walk were completed on Saturday 18th August. It is now a lot easier to navigate a buggy through this part of the village!

# Flu Vaccine Available at St Mary's Surgery

St Marys surgery would like to advise all patients over the age of 65 that we are receiving the first batch of flu vaccine on 3rd September. This year the Department of Health have organised a different vaccine for the over 65's and we are being allocated 3 deliveries- some in Early September, the next batch at the beginning of October and the remaining doses at the end of October. We are now taking appointment bookings for this flu vaccine, so please telephone the surgery and make your

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# Call for Volunteers!

By Ann Birtwistle

Disability charity Leonard Cheshire's Greenhill House is calling on eager volunteers to support its work with disabled people.

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- Helping in the Physiotherapy Department
- Gardening
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- Organizing local fundraising events
- Just spending time with people chatting playing board games or reading, perhaps cooking with them.

Greenhill House situated on South Road provides a range of activities and support to 37 disabled people in Timsbury Nr Bath.

*For further information on the induction scheme and volunteering opportunities at Leonard Cheshire's Greenhill House please contact Ann Birtwistle, Volunteer coordinator, on 01761 479900/479902 or email*

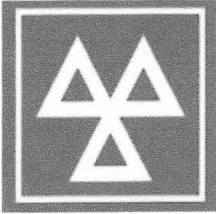
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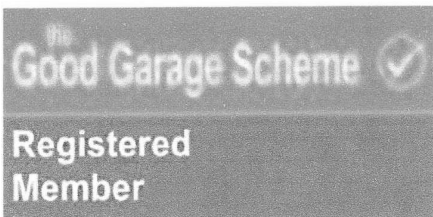


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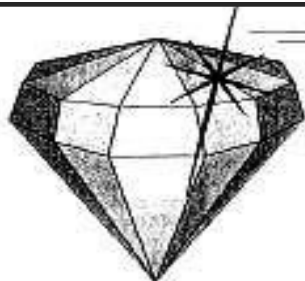
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