

The Timsbury Letter



Have a Green Christmas!

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11th December	Star Trail For details see p.25	3.30pm-7.30pm St Mary's Church
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Madeleine Potts, newsletter@timsbury.org.uk 07834 859291

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Village News

Author Visit to Hub Library Celebration

Your Hub and Community Library has been open for a year! 130 residents have joined the Library and 3000 books have been borrowed. Come and join in with our big ‘Celebration Morning’ on Saturday 30th November 9:30am - 12:30pm.

There will be homemade cakes and children’s activities with a Library Hunt with prizes. At 10.30am there is a special visit and Q&A with bestselling author and novelist Katherine Webb who lives locally, in Corston. This will be at the Hub in North Road by the Coop.

Have a Green Christmas

The green Letter cover is a reminder about all the worrying news about our climate and other environmental

concerns. See page 11 for ideas for action from the Timsbury Green Action Group.

Post Office Service Update

With the news that McColls is closing in March the Radstock Cooperative Society has unfortunately confirmed that they will not be taking on the post office service due to lack of space and because

of the conditions required by the Post Office business. The Parish Council is still seeking some sort of service for the village.

Open Air Carols Monday 23rd December

Join in with the carols and have a mulled wine and mince pie outside the Miners

Garden in Rectory Lane on Monday 23rd December at 6.00pm. See Page 5.

179 and 768 Bus Times Linked Up

A new bus timetable from 10th November which combines the 179 and 768 services between MSN and Bath is shown on page 12. Buses still visit Greenvale Drive. Your ticket can be used on both services as it is now run by CT Coaches, but not on First Bus. Congratulations to all those who have campaigned to keep this service going

for at least another year. See page 12 for details.

Meanwhile, news from working with B&NES on rural transport has not yet shown any new plans to improve how buses are governed in the area, especially by the West of England Mayor.

Youth Services

The Parish Council has taken over funding of another service from B&NES Council.

It is now run by the new Youth Connect South West charity which has been formed by staff from B&NES.

In addition to street sweeping, library service, pavement and path upgrades the Parish Council has signed a five month contract with a cluster of other Parish Councils in the area for the Youth Van service to carry on visiting Timsbury on Tuesday evenings to support mainly older young people.

The Parish Council, as part of the Young People Working Group, has researched the effectiveness of the service. This will be discussed with young people and adults in workshops in January to help the Parish Council to decide whether it should continue funding the services in future. Publicity for this is to follow.

News Sports to Join In

Congratulations are due to an active resident, Kevin Wright, for setting up Walking Football which anyone can join in on Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm on the tennis court area which now has

flood lighting – see page 22. He has also set up a Table Tennis open group on Wednesdays at 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Contact Kevin on 07792 805349 or via Timsbury Rocks Facebook group.

Planning Applications

Comments by the Parish Council on these can be seen on the B&NES website, in the Parish Council Minutes.

[timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil/](https://www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil/) meetings and on noticeboards in the Congre Hall and outside Our Plaice chip

shop. Other applications Letter editions.

Decisions by B&NES Council

19/03964/FUL Old Lime Kiln Farm, Radford Hill, Timsbury. Erection of single storey link between house and annexe and first floor extension with conversion of stable block into playroom and store. PERMITTED

19/04045/FUL Bezant, North Road, Timsbury BA2 0JN. Creation of loft conversion. PERMITTED

Applications which the Parish Council considered

None at time of going to print.

Chris Gittins

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Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 2nd December
7.30pm

In the Conygre Hall
Tyning Room

Timsbury Village Carols

Monday 23rd December at the Miner's Garden, The Square, Timsbury. 6.30-7.30 pm



With **The Midsomer Norton and Radstock Silver Band**

Bring all the family to enjoy a traditional Christmas Celebration!

**Mince Pies and Mulled Wine. Please bring Lanterns and Torche
Dress up in Nativity Costume!**

Organised by Timsbury Churches Together and Timsbury Parish Council. If wet, in St Mary's Chu

Details 472448

Parish Councillors

The first meeting of Timsbury Parish Council was held in December 1894. The Council raises funds via a precept which is included in the B&NES Council Tax. For 2019/20 the precept was set at £56,000 resulting in a charge of £60 for a Band D property. The present 13 parish councillors include:

Mary-Anne Ansell

Mary-Anne moved back to the West Country from Oxford almost five years ago. She had previously lived in Bath, where her children went to school. Her career specialised in applied linguistics and she managed language centres at Oxford Brookes and Leeds Universities.

She now lives with her two daughters, son-in law and grandchildren in Timsbury and has been a Parish Councillor since April 2016. She is a keen gardener and has been leading the Planting and Spaces group.



Derek Wheeler

Derek arrived in Timsbury in 1948 when he came to Hook Hill and the house his grandfather had purchased in 1913. Apart from a 15-year spell in Farmborough, after marrying Hilary, he has lived there ever since, now with one of his two daughters and three of his five grandchildren living next door.

Having retired from running his haulage business Derek joined the Parish Council in 2012 and served as vice-chairman for several years. He is presently a member of the Finance Committee.

Timsbury Remembers

By Chris Fiddes



On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning a large crowd attended our first Remembrance Service at our newly remodelled Memorial in Timsbury.

A short service was conducted at the Memorial by the Reverend Martin Blewitt, Barry Sewell, Chairman of Timsbury Branch of the Royal British Legion, Chris Fiddes Standard Bearer and John Hare Bugler played the Last Post, after the Two Minutes Silence!

Wreaths were led by representatives of the three services, Brownies, Lions and Parish Council. Following the service at the Memorial we made our way to St Mary's Church for the Timsbury combined church service, which again had a large crowd filling the church. During his sermon Martin read out accounts of some local men who were involved in 'D' Day! including our own Bert Matthews from Timsbury! who was a Lance/Sgt in the Royal Engineers, Bert

led his section of the landing craft while saving one of his men from drowning and getting all his section of the beach safely.

Bert was our VIP at the 75th Anniversary in June this year a very proud day for Bert and his family, sadly Bert passed away a few weeks after the event aged 99. Another very poignant moment during the Service was a poem: 'A Thousand Men are Walking' written by Joshua Dyer aged 14: which was read out by four members from Timsbury Brownies, who did an excellent job. After the service tea and biscuits was available in the church for all those attending.

Thank you to all who attended and all those who have donated during the Poppy Appeal, I hope to have an initial total for this year's collection in the next issue.

" LEST WE FORGET "

Village Church Services

Congregational Church North Road (with full wheelchair access)

Secretary Maureen Cox - 01761 479656

Sunday 1st December 10.30am Pam Dix

Sunday 8th December 10.30am Paul Graham

Sunday 15th December 10.30am Lin and Len Wells

Sunday 22th December TBA

Sunday 29th December No Service

5th December & 19th December knit and natter 1.30pm - 3.30pm in our schoolroom. If transport is needed please call Maureen on 01761 479656

We look forward to seeing our regulars and welcoming new members too!

St Mary's Church, Timsbury

Sunday 1st December 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Christingle Service

Sunday 8th December 8.00am Holy Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 15th December 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Praise

Wednesday 18th December 7.00pm Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December 8.00am Holy Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Monday 23rd December 6.30pm Open Air Carols, Miner's Garden

Christmas Eve 24th December 3.00pm Crib Service, St Mary's Church 11.30pm Midnight Service

Christmas Day 25th December 7.45am Holy Communion (CW) 10.30am Christmas Service

Sunday 29th December 10.00am Benefice Service. St Peter's Camerton

Parish News

Saturday 14th December 10.00am– 12 noon Festive Coffee Morning with Christmas Gifts

Friday 16th December 6.00-7.00pm Crazy Kid's Club at the YMCA Hall, North Road.

Every Friday 7.15-9.00pm Youth Club at 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 Tot's Group at St Mary's Church. Games, crafts, toys and biscuits. Everyone welcome.

Revd Martin Blewett

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Tabor Free Methodist Church

Sunday 1st December 11.00am Mr E Barge (Communion) Flowers: Mrs F Button

Sunday 8th December 11.00am Mr T Moxham Flowers: Mrs M Buckwell. Service in the schoolroom followed by coffee. Foodbank donations morning

Sunday 15th December 10.00am Timsbury Childcare Group with Mrs R Blewett (n.b. early start) Flowers: All

Sunday 22nd December 6pm Mrs J Auckland Flowers: All

Christmas Day 25th December 10.30am Mr and Mrs G Shute (United service) Flowers: All

Sunday 29th December No Service

www.taborfreemethodist.org

Pastoral matters: Eric Barge 01761 420234

Secretary Geoff Shute 568524

Methodist Church South Road

Sunday 1st December 10.30am Dr Edmund Marshall

Sunday 8th December 10.30am Holy Communion Rev David Winstanley

Sunday 15th December 10.30am Mrs Margaret West

Sunday 22nd December 10.30am Carol Service Rev David Winstanley

Christmas Day 25th December 10.00am Tabor Church

Sunday 29th December 10.30am Mr Greville Mills

Sunday 5th January 10.30am Mrs Kathy Dymond

Sunday 12th January 10.30am Covenant Service Rev David Winstanley

Sunday 19th January 10.30am Ecumenical Service Rev Martin Blewett

Sunday 26th January 10.30am Local Arrangement

Frances Nicholson (Secretary) 01761 470841

OPEN DOORS coffee/tea & cake every Wednesday from 9.15 until 12 noon.

Everyone welcome.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Wednesday 29th January 2020. 12 noon until 1.30pm Bring your picnic lunch for an informal chat over current affairs, with reference to the Bible.

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Minister's Letter

By David Winstanley

Dear Friends,

Let me be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!

How many of you read that and screamed (silently or out loud) NO! not yet, it's too soon? Of course in some ways it is too soon, unless you stop to think about what it actually means.

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

For a child has been born to us, a son given to us;

Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor,

Might God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace'.

Isaiah 9:2,6

God with us, is the message of Christmas, so from that point of view it is something to celebrate each and every day. It's also something that we should wish for other people (all people!) and, of course, it is what we have been commissioned to do by Jesus himself, to bring the good news of the message that God is here with us, now, to all people.

As usual, the churches in the village will

be hosting carol services and Christmas Day services and helping us all to mark the birth of the Saviour, Christ Jesus and we extend an invitation to everyone to come and join the celebration at any of the services in the churches. In particular we look forward to seeing you at the carol service in the Miner's Garden on the evening of 23rd of December.

So I do wish you a Merry Christmas and pray that you will once again search for the child who is born to be king this Christmas. Make Jesus the King of your life every day.

DEADLINE

Thursday 9th January

Please send your articles and adverts before this date to:

Madeleine Potts

newsletter@timsbury.org.uk

07834859291

47 Southlands Drive

Please send images and adverts in JPG format.

How To Make Your Christmas Greener

By Mary-Anne Ansell



The UK aims to reduce our carbon footprint by 50% by 2030 and all of us can contribute to this target.

Our shopping habits are a big contributor to our carbon footprint so Christmas is a time when we can make a big difference by trying to buy less, reducing food and other waste and ditching the plastic.

One question is, is it better to buy a real Christmas tree? Overall the answer is yes but unfortunately a lot of trees nowadays are grown on an industrial scale, sprayed with pesticides and glyphosate and harvested by zero-hours workers. Ideally this should not be supported by our purchasing choices so if possible, buy local.

After Christmas, if your tree is not pot grown, make sure it is left out to be collected and chipped by Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES). Those of you with children probably like to make

some of your own decorations from things collected from nature and even make your own wrapping paper. For people with no time for this, remember glitter and shiny papers contain plastic and need to be avoided. You can recycle or compost the “white-based” wrapping paper in the recycling bin or green bin and cards can also be recycled.

Buying presents is another area which needs more thought, with avoidance of plastic high on the list of things but let’s not imagine this is easy especially when it comes to children’s toys! Where possible, look for sustainably produced gifts to cut the environmental impact. Also look out for crackers which don’t contain plastic toys. If you receive new electronic items, B&NES encourages you to use your green box for recycling unwanted or broken smaller electrical items which have a plug or battery, such as electronic toys, kitchen goods, toothbrushes, power tools, etc.

One huge area of waste at Christmas is food. The UK wastes 5.3 tonnes of food a year and with £182 million spent just on the Christmas meal, the potential for waste is huge. This waste often comes from the pressure selling and buying 'special' things we then don't eat. We just need to be aware of the traps set by the food retailers to entice us to buy more stuff. Buying locally sourced food is of course always better and not just because it reduces carbon footprint

from transport costs. You can also freeze leftovers suitably and enjoy them in the months ahead.

Bath and North East Somerset Council has declared a Climate Emergency and have provided some suggestions for what we can do as individuals (see bathnes.gov.uk/climate-emergency).

Have a lovely (green) Christmas.

The Timsbury Green Action group.

Save the 179 Bus Campaign

By Clive Turner

Every passenger journey helps save our bus services. If we can increase passenger numbers then we will have a strong case to get those "lost" evening and weekend services reinstated.

Bus services are vital to our communities as much as the local shop or the pub. If you're not currently a bus user, please become one, even if it's only now and then. If you are a current bus user, try and use it more if you can.

Not having a bus service affects us all. If you depend on a bus to get to work or school it could mean that you have to change your job, your school or even where you live. For many a bus is a lifeline, being the difference between isolation or being able to shop and have something of a social life.

A lack of a bus service increases private car journeys, resulting in more traffic, frustration, pollution and pressure on

the emergency services. A lack of a bus services reduces the sale value your home.

Having saved the 179 service, albeit in its basic format, we now need to build on that success to get a bus service fit for purpose. If we don't increase usage we could lose it next August.

We need to make sure that this new bus service meets our expectations so, if you have a bad experience don't just moan about it, let us know. Conversely we'd like to hear about your good experiences as well.

Please contact: Damien Valentine on: darth.angelus@gmail.com

We fought hard to keep this service and its future is now in our hands, so don't let this opportunity pass us by. The campaign continues, but we need to do it together.

MIDSOMER NORTON - BATH via Paulton & Timsbury**179**

ALSO SHOWS BUSES ON SERVICE 768 BETWEEN TIMSBURY AND BATH

179 from **MIDSOMER NORTON** via Beauchamp Avenue, Fosseyway, Charlton Road, Silver Street, Church Lane, North Road, Station Road, **WELTON**, West Road, Tesco (turn and return), West Road, Phyllis Hill, Winterfield Road, **PAULTON**, Ham Lane, Brittens Hill, Church Street, Hallatrow Road, **HALLATROW**, A39, **HIGH LITTLETON**, **FARMBOROUGH**, The Street, Timsbury Road, **TIMSBURY**, Bloomfield Road, North Road, Hook Hill, Meadgate, Weeksley Lane, Tunley Hill, **TUNLEY**, B3115, Tunley Road, A367, **ODD DOWN**, Wellsway, Wells Road, **BATH CITY CENTRE**, Churchill Bridge (FORWARD: Broad Quay, Ambury, Corn Street, St James's Parade, Southgate; RETURN: Dorchester Street, Broad Quay), Bus Station.

Mondays to Fridays (not Public Holidays)**Saturdays**

Service number	179	768	768	179	179	768	179	179	179
MIDSOMER NORTON, Beauchamp Avenue	0646	....	....	0925	1155	....	1425	1700	....
Midsomer Norton, Town Hall	0651	....	....	0930	1200	....	1430	1705	....
Welton, Long Barnaby	0655	....	....	0934	1204	....	1434	1709	....
Midsomer Norton, Old Mills, Tesco	....	....	....	0938	1208	1253	1438	1713	....
Paulton, Ham Lane, Central Garage	0701	....	....	0944	1214	....	1444	1719	....
Paulton, Hallatrow Road, Paper Lane	0706	....	....	0949	1219	D	1449	1724	....
High Littleton, Church	0710	....	....	0953	1223	....	1453	1728	....
Farmborough, Butchers Arms	0718	....	....	1001	1231	....	1501	1736	....
Timsbury, British Legion	0723	0743*	0941*	1006	1236	1325*	1506	1741	0745
Tunley, King William Inn	0733	0751	0949	1014	1244	1333	1514	1749	0753
Wellsway, Midford Road	0745	C	C	1024	1254	1339*	1524	1759	0803
BATH, Bus Station	0800	0821	1018	1033	1303	1347	1533	1810	0812

Service number	179	768	179	179	768	179	768	179	179
BATH, Bus Station, bay 3	0810	1023	1040	1310	1352	1540	1740	1815	1740
Wellsway, Midford Road	0819	1030*	1049	1319	C	1550	C	1825	1749
Tunley, King William Inn	0828	1037	1058	1328	1414	1601	1802	1836	1758
Timsbury, British Legion	0835	1041*	1105	1335	1418*	1610	1806*	1845	1805
Farmborough, Butchers Arms	0840	....	1110	1340	....	1615	A	1850	....
High Littleton, Church	0848	B	1118	1348	....	1623	....	1858	....
Paulton, Hallatrow Road, Paper Lane	0852	....	1122	1352	....	1627	....	1902	....
Paulton, Ham Lane, Central Garage	0857	....	1127	1357	....	1632	....	1907	....
Midsomer Norton, Old Mills, Tesco	0903	1114	1133	1403	....	1638	....	....	....
Welton, Long Barnaby	0907	....	1137	1407	....	1642	....	1913	....
Midsomer Norton, Town Hall	0911	....	1141	1411	....	1646	....	1917	....
MIDSOMER NORTON, Beauchamp Avenue	0916	....	1146	1416	....	1651	....	1922	....

NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- Notes: * - approximate time
A - continues via South Road and Camerton to Radstock
B - runs via Camerton, Radstock and Midsomer Norton town centre
C - runs via Priston and Englishcombe
D - runs via Midsomer Norton town centre, Radstock and Camerton

Services 179 and 768 are operated by CT Coaches – telephone 01761 431643 or email enquiries@ctcoaches.co.uk. Please contact the operator for information on fares or lost property.

For timetables for all local bus services, please check Traveline at www.travelinesw.com or telephone 0871 200 2233 (calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge). Special timetables may be operated between Christmas and New Year, please refer to Traveline for full information.

English National Concessionary Travel Scheme passes are valid for travel on services 179 and 768 – except before 0900 on Mondays to Fridays.

'Step Out' Health Walks to Enjoy More of Timsbury

By David Collett



at the instigation of Dr. Lucy Mackenzie and Dr Barbara Barton from St Mary's Surgery. They valued the health benefits of gentle exercise and were keen to encourage more people to get out and enjoy their surroundings.

The Doctors recruited several villagers prepared to act as leaders and develop a series of walking routes around Timsbury. The routes were chosen to be mostly on the level and to avoid narrow or uneven pavements and difficult road crossings.

"Our Step Out sessions are ideally suited to those who do not usually walk much. The aim is to get people out and about and we walk at a gentle pace to suit those who are with us on the day." Walk leader Maggie Horrill is clear that while exercise is an essential part of a Step Out walk there is also a good social element.

"We have time to stop and enjoy the view and occasionally we have the chance to discuss village history and the prospects for its future," she explained. "It all makes for an interesting 30 or 40-minute outing."

The Step Out walks set out, rain or shine, from the Conygre Hall meeting at 9.45am (for a 10am start) on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month. All walks always end at the Hall.

Step Out began nearly three years ago

Routes are mostly within the village but can include the Ha Ha and convenient local footpaths when there are suitable conditions under foot.

"We have two leaders on each walk to make sure everyone is comfortable with the pace and the group usually includes both regulars and those who join us occasionally," said Maggie. "Some come over from surrounding villages and we are pleased to welcome them just as we should be pleased to welcome more Timsbury residents.

"The Step Out routes offer a great opportunity for those who would like to walk a little more but who are reluctant to do so on their own. I invite them to come and give it a try."

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1919 2019

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FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH

ST MARYS CHURCH, TIMSBURY

10.00AM - 12 NOON

**WITH CHRISTMAS
GIFTS ON SALE**

Timsbury Natural History Group

By Rod Bruce

Natural History Group Secretary



Our pre-Christmas Indoor meeting in the Conygre Hall on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm sees a visit from a Speaker new to Timsbury Natural History Group. Joshua Harris will relate his knowledge on photography with an emphasis on Natural History topics. I feel sure he will be impressed by the quality of the members entry to the Natural History version of the 2020 Calendars still available, if you haven't yet got yours.

We will again be enjoying the popular American Supper, that we have feasted on over the past few years, and again ask for members to contribute something edible.

Our December Field Trip is planned to be a visit to Chew Valley Lake to see the waterfowl wintering there. Many of you will have viewed the residents from the layby overlooking the Old Herriots Bridge but are not aware that there are

hides giving views from different perspectives.

We plan to visit at least one on our expedition on Saturday 14th meeting in the same layby at 10.30am. This precedes our indoor meeting but has been brought forward because of the nearness to the impending festivities. This will give us a chance to review our sightings at the Indoor Meeting.

November will have seen us entertained by Helena Crouch revealing some of the "Botanical Treasurers of the Mendips" Living locally Helen has given presentations for us previously so we knew we were on safe ground re-engaging her for our indoor evening.

We will have visited the RSPB Site at Ham Wall to see mainly waterfowl and waders for our field trip expedition.

Timsbury Natural History Group

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Timsbury Theatre Group

By Peter Buchanan

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ALL PANTO PERFORMANCES

It's almost time for the group's busiest week of the year – panto week! Everyone in the group has been working their socks off to make this another great show in the true Timsbury tradition. We've recently recruited some talented newcomers, many of whom will be on stage in "The Good, the Bad and the Panto" by Paul Barron.

Set in a Wild West town where the saloon is the centre of social life, Neil Moon leads the cast as cash-strapped Dame Shirley, the saloon's owner, assisted by intellectually-challenged barman Bud (Paige-Alex Lee-Edmonds).

Rosalie Reed, a Timsbury debutante with lots of previous experience, takes the principal boy role as Shirley's son Will, who's sweet on the sheriff's daughter Alice (Bessie Eschle). Alice's dad (Peter Buchanan) wants Alice to marry someone with money, but this is a non-starter until Will has a chance encounter with an old cowboy (John Plucknett) who tells Will about a gold mine! The only problem is that the mine is run by the villain of the piece, the insane Mexican bandit El Loco (Ian Clark).

Jo Whittock and Michelle Jenner (another Timsbury newcomer) play the comedy duo Jim Beam and Jack Daniels!

"The Good the Bad and the Panto" is on stage at the Conygre Hall on Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December at 7.30pm and on Saturday 14th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Tickets are available for all performances and are priced at £10 adult, £6 child and £28 for a family of four. Buy online at www.thettg.org, call or text **07542 152595** or email timsburytheatre@gmail.com. You can also come to the hall on a Tuesday or Thursday night to order or collect tickets.

Although this show is upon us, we are still keen to recruit backstage helpers for future productions. There's a tremendous buzz from getting involved in a live show! If you'd like to know more, please contact Jo Whittock on **01761 472745**, Peter Buchanan **471818** or Pete Crooke **434479** or come along on a rehearsal night – Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Conygre Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Find out more on our website www.thettg.org and Facebook page.

Dog Mess, A Smelly Problem!

By Victoria Ansell



It is every owner's duty and legal responsibility to clean up after their dog. We appreciate most dog owners are responsible owners however the behaviour of a significant minority gives all dog owners a bad name.

In addition to being disgusting to clean up —especially for those with pushchairs and young children—dog mess can carry infectious parasites which are harmful to humans, other dogs, sheep and cattle. And the RSCPA reports that grazing animals such as horses, cattle and deer can choke on discarded poo bags.

Infectious Poo

Dog mess can contain a number of things which can make people ill; the best known is a roundworm called

Toxocara Canis. If the eggs of this worm are swallowed it can result in a range of problems from aches and pains to breathing difficulties and, in the worst case, blindness.

People, particularly children, are susceptible to becoming ill with *Toxocara*. A single dog mess can contain approximately 1 million microscopic *Toxocara* eggs. These eggs are not immediately infectious after they have been deposited, so you can safely clear up after your dog

Dog Owners REMEMBER

- Teach your dog to foul in the garden
- Always carry a poo bag - Dog poo bags can be deposited in any bin, not just dog bins!

- Always clean up after your dog— bagging it is not enough, you must bin it too
- It is an offence not to remove & dispose of your dog's mess on footpaths, parks, grass verges and amenity areas in Timsbury
- Remember to worm your dog as wormed dogs cannot pass on these devastating infections.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can help stamp out dog fouling in Timsbury by reporting offences to the Dog Warden. Information provided by members of the public can help secure a prosecution. When reporting an offence of dog fouling, think about the following:

- Do you know the dog owner?
- Do they usually walk the dog at a certain time?
- Where are they allowing the dog to foul?
- What does the dog & its owner look like?
- If the dog owner is using a vehicle, what's the registration number?

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RNLI Chew Valley Fundraising Branch

Organised by Age UK Bath & North East Somerset

Once again this year, our annual fundraising Curry Lunch has been a great success. On the 8th November we welcomed over 120 supporters to a lunch at the Ubley Village Hall where they were served by committee members, partners and friends.

Our Chair person, Gillie Slater, outlined the importance of supporting the RNLI and its valuable work in SAVING LIVES AT SEA and stressed the continuing need of essential public support to ensure viability of this charity.

We are very grateful to all who contributed to the success of this event by attending as supporters, supplying raffle prizes and working hard on the day. Thanks very much for all your valued contributions which have helped raise the magnificent sum of £2,258 from this event.

We are always ready to welcome interested folk to join our ranks whether as supporters or as committee members to get a more 'hands-on' experience of the work of the RNLI supporters. Committee work is not

onerous with only 3/4 meetings a year. If you would like more information on our local activities please contact our

Secretary, Tim Gracey. Tel:- **01275 854623** or mobile **07464 963435** or email tandbgracey@gmail.com

Conygre Trust—Tennis Court Update

By Peter Buchanan



As many residents will have seen over the past few weeks, the tennis court at the Recreation Field is now equipped with a new set of lights, making it usable after dark. In accordance with the Conygre Trust’s policy of reducing energy use wherever possible, the new lights are highly efficient LED units.

The new rust-proof aluminium poles were installed by members of the Trust, with John D Hill Electrical Ltd carrying out the electrical installation. The court is already in use by a “boot camp” group on Tuesdays and Timsbury Walking Football on Wednesdays (see picture).

If there are other organised groups who would like to make use of this facility, please contact Peter Buchanan on 07808 724241. The court is marked out for netball, and the Trust is intending to purchase netball goals, so there will soon be an opportunity for players of that sport to make use of this new facility.



Gadget Busters



Gadget Busters is based at the Timsbury Hub Library and takes place every two weeks on alternate Mondays 2.30pm-4.30pm, £3 per Gadget Busters session.

Get help with your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or camera. Drop into our friendly and informal group to talk to one of our volunteers. You don't need to book, just turn up.

If you would like more details, please call **AgeUK B&NES** on **01225 484510**.

Monday 9th December 2019, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Monday 6th January & Monday 20th January 2020, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Monday 3rd February & Monday 17th February 2020, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Gadget Busters is held at the Timsbury Hub Library, YMCA by the Coop in North Road, Timsbury BA2 0JH.

Thank You

We would like to say thank you to everyone who donated money towards The Childrens Hospice South West, in return you had flowers, fruit and vegetables during the summer. Hope you enjoyed them, through your kind donations we raised £565.

Ann and Mike Saunders

Taste of Timsbury

Taste of Timsbury have come together with Timsbury-based artisan baker Wild Flour Cake Company to provide delicious mince pies at the annual carol singing evening, which will take place in the Miners' Garden on

23rd December.

Timsbury Art Group

By Lesley Mannion



Some of the original postcard size pictures which were won for a £2 raffle ticket.

A very big THANK YOU to all those who attended our Annual Art Exhibition in The Conygre Hall last month. It was a huge success and I hope you all enjoyed looking at the many original paintings on display as well as enjoying the homemade cakes. There was a very relaxed homely atmosphere in the hall and people stayed and ate cake and chatted for longer than expected I'm told!

We sold 21 paintings in total plus some postcards and cards and our raffles and tea and cake sales made £161.60 for Dorothy House Hospice Care which we were delighted to achieve.

Congratulations goes to Bernard Sims for winning the original watercolour

painting by the late Terry Harrison. Thank you all so much for being so generous for such a worthy cause. If you missed the event this year, please do put it in your diaries for next year in October 2020. You will not be disappointed by the quality of work shown.

Our next Demonstration will be on Thursday 6th February 2020, 2.00pm-4.00pm in the Conygre Hall. Paul Weaver will use watercolours to achieve a "Market Scene with Figures". A charge of £4.50 will include refreshments so do come along and see a great artist show you his skills.

We have had four new members join recently and it is such a bonus to be able to chat about our pictures and ask other people's opinions when we break for tea at 3.00pm. If you would like to join us on a Thursday 2.00pm-4.00pm in The Conygre Hall you will be most welcome. If you would like an informal chat about what we do, please call Diana Walker **01761-433688**.

And finally, we at Timsbury Art Group wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020, and also, "Keep painting...."

Christingle Service

Sunday 1st December

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Timsbury Gardening Club

By Graham Nicholls

Julie Henderson came along to our October meeting and gave us an inspiring talk on 'Attracting Pollinators to your Garden'. She showed us beautiful slides of the wide range of plants and shrubs we can plant in our gardens and how important it is to do this. It isn't just butterflies and bees that we have to coax into our gardens but all the insects that help keep the balance of nature. As Julie said 'insect activity is great for the whole garden ecosystem. If you help them, they will help you!'

Just a few of the plants to grow in your garden to attract pollinators are Lavender, Foxgloves, Cosmos, Scabias, Verbena and Dahlias. All these attract bees and butterflies.

Insects are extremely valuable to help break down the dead foliage and also (not for the squeamish) to feed the birds.

Julie demonstrated how to build an 'insect hotel' with an empty plastic bottle and bamboo canes. An empty plastic bottle with the bottom cut off and stuffed with corrugated cardboard will also make a lovely home for lacewings. You can make a ladybird hotel with a pile of pine cones in some chicken wire.

If making one of these is too difficult for you there are plenty ready made ones

in garden centres for you to buy. In case you are still a bit puzzled just go on line, there are lots of suggestions for you to make these 'hotels'.

We have several of these 'hotels' in our garden and grow plenty of plants to attract insects. It was wonderful this summer to sit on the garden swing and watch dozens of bees flying in and out of the flowers of *Abelia grandiflora*, a lovely white/pink flowering shrub just a few feet from us. And then to find a family of around 15 house sparrows flying in and out of the shrub every day this autumn feeding on the seed thrown around. Nature is so wonderful.

Our November speaker is Stephanie Hafferty who will be talking on 'No Dig Gardening', something most of us would like to do. In December the Tabor handbell Ringers will be entertaining us and the evening includes a pot luck supper. Come along and join us we meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday in the month in the Myra Hayward room in Conygre Hall.

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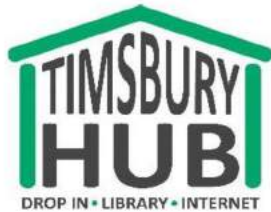
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Current Hub Sessions - Come and join in:

Mondays

Gadget Busters/IT Surgery. Fortnightly 2:30-4:30pm £3. Next sessions are 9th December 2019 and 6th January 2020.

Baby Hour. Free. Weekly, 2-3pm.

Tuesdays

Carer's Cafe with Bath Mind - Wellness Cafe. Fortnightly 2-4pm Next session Tuesday 10th December, 7th January 2020.

Thursdays

Preschoolers Christmas Storytime. Free, December 5th, 12th and 19th 2.30-3pm.

'Cabinet of Curiosities' Cuppa and chat session. Monthly. Next session Thursday 5th December 2-3pm.

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Discover the attraction of pressed flowers in Timsbury

By David Collett



A busy session making cards in November

“Pressed flowers” the phrase brings back childhood memories. Thoughts of a primrose, daisy or a small leaf placed between the pages of a book where it may still lie, faded and long forgotten, on a shelf.

Modern flower pressing is nothing like that. Today’s flower pressers use a specially-designed press, probably one made in Japan and costing around £14 from the Pressed Flower Guild. Heat-sealed film keeps the air out and the original colours in when greetings cards are made.

The pressed flowers and leaves are used to create attractive decoration - for cards, framed pictures, paperweights, Christmas baubles, candles – and for the joy of working with beautiful things.

Six times a year pressed flowers are brought to the Conygre Hall by members of the South West Group of the Pressed Flower Guild. The members meet between 10.15am and around 3.00pm and come from as far away as Swindon, Marlborough and North Devon to work with flowers, to chat, socialise and enjoy a bite of lunch.

Potential members are welcome to attend two meetings to try their hand. If they opt to continue, membership of the Guild is £25 a year (with an initial fee of £3) and includes a quarterly magazine.

Denise Stirrup, from Bishop Sutton, revived the South West Group 18 years ago and it has met at the Conygre Hall for about 10, when homes were too



Pressed flowers on card, on canvas and under glass

small to accommodate the growing numbers. The group welcomes up to 18 members to the bi-monthly meetings. “We like getting together to discuss techniques and share expertise,” she said.

“I am totally addicted and love using natural plant material to create beautiful things that will be preserved. We enjoy each others company and are always happy to share material with newcomers.”

The next meeting at the Conygre Hall is on Tuesday, January 14th. More details via Denise at denise@stirrup.org.uk.

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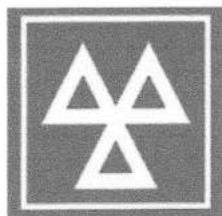
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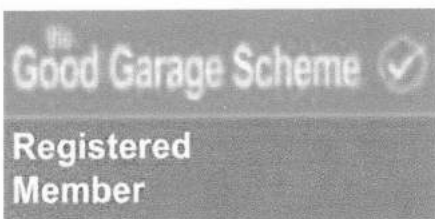


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Short Mat Bowls 7pm tel 472741

Theatre Group 7.30pm tel 471818

Wednesdays

Flexercise (term time)10am tel 414163

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Thursdays

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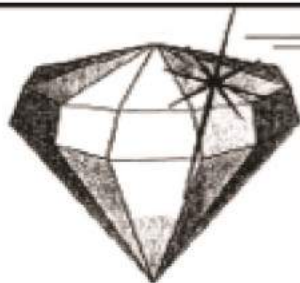
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