

The Timsbury Letter



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Community Library

The Library is open through
lockdown

Please return books and collect
books - ordered from Libraries
West - from the back door of the
YMCA during this period.

Open Hours:

Mondays 2-4pm
Thursdays 2-4pm
Saturdays 10-12noon

The YMCA
Building,
North Road,
Timsbury.

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March Letter Deadline: Thursday 11th February

Please send articles and adverts EARLY to:

Madeleine Potts, newsletter@timsbury.org.uk 07834 859291
47 Southlands Drive. Images & adverts in JPG format.

Village News

Food Pantry Plans

Some volunteers in the village are actively trialling the set up a food system to provide easy access to food for residents who need it and are struggling at the moment. A Village Larder successfully running in Paulton.

This follows on from the efforts by St Mary's Church (see page 26) who are still coordinating volunteer shopping for residents who are shielding from Covid19.

Support Local Takeaways

Please support our lovely locals offering takeaway during lockdown – The Seven Stars on 01761 471 700, The Connies on

568 451 and 'Our Plaice' Fish & Chips 470 418 or see their Facebook and website for details.

Allotment Plots to Rent

If you want to have a go at growing your own lovely veg and fruit, try taking on an allotment in the village at the end of Lippiatt Lane.

Plots to rent at £20 a year become free from time and you can get on the waiting list. Contact the Secretary Allotments Management Committee

Hub Library Still Open

Our Community Library based in the YMCA is still offering books booked through the Click & Collect B&NES library service and returns, operating out from the back door.

Open Monday and Thursdays 2.00pm-4.00pm and Saturday 10.00am-12noon. See pages 2 and 21

Planning Applications

Comments by the Parish Council can be seen on the B&NES planning website, in the Parish Council Minutes at: timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil/meetings and on noticeboards in the Conygre Hall and outside Our Plaice chip shop.

20/02605/FUL Bloomfield Nurseries, Bloomfield Road, Timsbury BA2 0LJ
Erection of a storage building.
PERMITTED

Application decided by B&NES Council

20/03788/FUL 7 Northfield, Crocombe Lane, Timsbury BA2 0JT. Erection of single storey rear extension.
PERMITTED

20/03809/FUL 3 Lansdown Crescent, Timsbury BA2 0JX. Erection of double storey rear extension to semidetached dwelling with single storey lean to garage port. PERMITTED

Applications to be Considered by Timsbury Parish Council

20/04969/FUL Shop Unit (Ex McColls), Rono Place, North Road, BA2 0JJ
Part Change of Use from A1 to Sui Generis Takeaway with provision for extractor flue to side elevation (Resubmission).

Other applications may arise before publication. Others are commented on in Meetings between newsletter publication dates.

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Next Parish Council Meeting

Meetings are held remotely on the internet until further notice and the public can still join in. **Next Meetings 1st February and 1st March at 7.30pm**
See timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil

Chris Gittins

Clerk to Timsbury Parish Council

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timsbury.parish.clerk@gmail.com

www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil



Coronavirus Update

See: timsbury.org.uk/coronavirus

Need shopping or medications when Self-Isolating for the Coronavirus? Local volunteers in the village are offering:

- shopping and medications pick-up service
- to drive residents to have a Covid vaccination

If you need help Phone 01761 472 448

or email TimsburyCR@gmail.com

This scheme of amazing volunteers is organised by St Marys Church in cooperation with local Medical Practitioners

Food shops, the pharmacy and the doctors will always remain open.

The **Library Hub** is open for a 'take away' book service at the back door only – see page 2 and 21

The **Play Area** in the recreation field is OPEN with safety rules to avoid infection through the equipment and by avoiding close contact and infection.

The **tennis court** is Closed. The **Conygre Hall** is Closed except for important uses. These are run by The Conygre Trust.

The B&NES Council Services

COMMUNITY WELLBEING HUB

0300 247 0050 **EMAIL:** BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk
WEBSITE: www.communitywellbeinghub.co.uk

Housing	Feeling isolated, lonely or anxious	Money advice & benefits support
Stopping smoking	Accessing food, transport or medication	Achieving a healthy weight
 Bath & North East Somerset Council Improving People's Lives	Keeping active	Employment issues & advice

Beware of the Covid scammers

Sadly, whatever the calamity someone, somewhere, will set out to exploit it. This has proved true for the Covid-19 outbreak, especially since the vaccination programme has begun.

To book an appointment for the vaccine you may be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or a local pharmacy. At no point will payment be requested, the vaccine is always free of charge.

Beware of any text message claiming to be from the NHS offering the opportunity to click on a link to an online form that asks for personal and financial details. The online form may

look very similar to the real NHS website. It is always a scam.

Please remember:

- The NHS will never ask you for your bank or card details.
- The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking password.
- The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to provide the vaccine.
- The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

Increase in Covid cases in our area

From Dr Bruce Laurence - Director of Public Health, B&NES on 14th January

We've seen a rapid rise in the number of Covid cases across Bath and North East Somerset. The Clutton, Pensford, and Temple Cloud areas are particularly high, with a rate of over 800 new cases per 100,000 in the week ending 6th January. This is mostly in people aged between 20-59 – those of working age. We are asking you to work with us urgently to contain this worrying rise in cases.

We urgently need to amplify the message that residents in these areas, as elsewhere, must stay at home and

leave only for essential purposes such as:

- Work – where it is unreasonable for you to do your job from home
- Absolutely necessary shopping
- Exercise
- Health care

It is against the law to meet socially with family and friends, unless they are part of your household or support bubble. People cannot leave home for recreational or leisure purposes such as sitting in a park or a social meeting.

Please contact us if you have any further suggestions for this or wish to

feedback your local knowledge on how we can support residents in driving cases down. More information can be found at www.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus.

The Community Wellbeing Hub can also help with food, medicines and other support. It can be contacted on **0300 247 0050**.

Poppy Appeal 2020

By Chris Fiddes



On behalf of Timsbury Royal British Legion I would like to thank all those who donated in many different ways this year.

Due to Covid it was not possible to go round door to door collecting. However we were able to put our collecting boxes in the usual businesses around the village and we had a fantastic response! In particular the Co-Op - collecting £617.50 and St Mary's School - £216.15 all the other businesses' collections were up! an amazing achievement by everyone under the current restrictions. At our Remembrance Service which was held at the Village War Memorial we raised - £64.90.

I would also like to thank Sharon Mallon one of our volunteer Poppy Appeal

collectors for raising over - £100 - by making and selling cloth Poppies, a great effort Sharon.

Adding up all donations which includes Wreaths and personal donations etc., this year's total to date is - £ 2154.03.

It is with deep sadness I have to announce the sudden death a few months ago of one of our longest serving Poppy Appeal volunteers, Gay Fear from Tunley. Gay collected door to door around Tunley for over 50 years, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her, our deepest sympathy goes out to all her family.

Hopefully all our fantastic volunteers will be out collecting in our local areas where possible again this year over the Poppy Appeal period in October-November, Covid permitting!!

Without your support we would not be able to help the thousands of ex service men, women and their families. You can donate to the Poppy Appeal at any time throughout the year by logging onto their website.

www.britishlegion.org.uk

Village Church Services

St Mary's Church, Timsbury

During the present Covid pandemic St Mary's Church is closed for Sunday and Wednesday worship. If the situation should change in February, information will appear online. Online services are made available each week and you can keep in touch by viewing and 'liking' the St Mary's Church, Timsbury Facebook page if you use social media. If you would like a weekly link to our services on YouTube, please contact the Rector on martinblewett@gmail.com.

St Mary's church remains open for an hour of private prayer on Sunday afternoons between 3.00 and 4.00 pm

If you would like to speak to the Rector to share matters for prayer or help, please ring Revd Martin Blewett on **01761 472448**.

Congregational Church North Road (with full wheelchair access)

Secretary: Maureen Cox 01761 479656

Methodist Church South Road

We are pleased to say that we hope to be open for services. All Covid-19 practices have been put in place to ensure we worship in a safe and happy church.

All are welcome

Sunday 7th February 10.30am Mrs Margaret West

Sunday 14th February 10.30am Rev David Winstanley Holy Communion

Sunday 21st February 10.30am Dr Edmund Marshall

Sunday 28th February 10.30am Mr Greville Mills

Revd David Winstanley

40 North Medows, Peasedown St John, Bath , BA2 8PS

01761 439934

dwin64@hotmail.com

Secretary Frances Nicholson 01761 470841

Tabor Free Methodist Church

No services at present.

Pastoral matters: Eric Barge 01761 420234, Secretary: Geoff Shute 568524

Tabor Report

By Dianne Carter

Tabor Independent Methodist Church in North Road Timsbury held a Carol Service on 20th December. Margaret West, who led the Service, predicted this would be a Carol Service with a difference. This prediction turned out to be very accurate.

On Tuesday 15th December new technology involving screens on which to project images was installed, adding to the existing sound equipment. This left only five days to learn the new system, proving a challenge for Tabor members – Carol Maundrill and David Carter. After considerable hours spent at Tabor and at home, the system was mastered and a successful Carol Service ensued. This was enhanced by Alec Shute, newly returned from working in Vienna and therefore in isolation, playing his flute via Skype.

Due to social distancing rules the Tabor Ringers were unable to play at the Carol Service as usual. In December 2019 they took part in a programme which was broadcast on Somer Valley Radio FM who kindly gave their permission for this to be used in the Church Service; therefore a couple of items from this performance were included along with photographs of present day and past players.

The Church was adapted to fulfil Covid

regulations regarding the limited numbers of people who could be present and this majority was reached whilst still encompassing social distancing.

A Christmas Day Service, led by Margaret, proved challenging as the new system decided not to co-operate as well as it did at the Carol Service. However in usual inimitable Tabor fashion, this problem was overcome and the Service continued.

Mr Eric Barge led the Service on 3rd January and it was proposed to hold Services fortnightly while Covid regulations and restrictions are in place. However in view of the Governments announcement of a new lockdown the Trustees of Tabor decided the scheduled Service for 17th January would not take place. Future Services will be suspended for the time being and the situation will be under constant review.

The Tabor Ringers are still unable to rehearse due to Covid regulations but all members are looking forward to meeting up again sometime in the near future when work will start in earnest in readiness for future performances.

Contact for Tabor is Mr & Mrs G Shute on **(01761) 568524**

St Mary's CE Primary School

By Chris Daniels

Last year, children, staff, governors and parents at St Mary's CE Primary School worked together to write a new vision for the school.

We would like to take this opportunity to share it with the wider community:

 <i>Living Together Learning Forever Loving God's Creation</i> 	
	Like St Mary we are a warm, nurturing safe place for the children who attend our school.
	We are an inclusive school that welcomes children of all faiths and none. We celebrate difference and diversity, and all individuals are valued.
	We seek to inspire a lifelong love of learning, through nurturing all abilities, enabling every student to prosper and fulfil their potential.
	We are at the heart of Timsbury village, serving local families, but we also reach out to collaborate with our partners in the wider educational community.
	We are proud to share our patron saint with our parish church and we have an excellent relationship with our church.
	This is a school that cares passionately about our environment, protecting God's creation, and all decisions we make are made with that in mind.

The Census is coming in 2021

Sunday, March 21 2021 will be Census Day. A census has been carried out every 10 years since 1801, with the exception of 1941. All households in the UK will receive a letter with a unique access code allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Information from the census will help decide how services are planned and funded. More information is available from: www.census.gov.uk

The Census as it was in 1871

In April 1871 the census recorded 307 households in Timsbury with 1,400 people, 705 males and 695 females. Seventeen of these were visitors.

More than a third (518) were aged less than 15 and there were 62 residents aged more than 70. The villagers aged between 15 and 39 totalled 437 and there were 351 aged between 40 and 70.

Most (882) were born in the village but 440 of these were children. Surrounding villages were well represented and 65 village residents had been born in Camerton, 49 in Farmborough, 20 in Midsomer Norton and 19 in Farmborough. A further 21 were born in and around Bath.

Not all were locals, three ladies had been born in Wales, a footman had started life in Southampton and an

apprentice blacksmith was born in South Africa. The list included a lady visiting from Manchester and butler Edward Spencer and his wife had arrived from Loughborough and Mansfield. Probably the most travelled were 24-year old Alice and 16-year-old Charles Mundy, both born in India.

Most parishioners lived in Timsbury (947). Bloomfield accounted for a further 192, Crocombe 69, Northfield 40 and Meadgate 35. There now appears to be no sign of Upper Road with 66 residents, nor of Upper Road Farm with seven. Little Hirns, with 26 residents has also disappeared, apparently without trace.

Work in the village was based on coal and there were 205 miners and a further 16 doing ancillary jobs at the collieries. The second largest group were 'in service' with 41 described as servant or housemaid, four as parlour maid and two as lady's maid.

The eight farmers provided jobs for only 19 workers and a further 13 villagers were recorded as blacksmiths. There were 12 carpenters, 10 gardeners, nine shoemakers and six coachmen. Seven men were listed as butchers, three were bakers and there were three grocers and one innkeeper.

Two schoolmasters apparently coped with 205 scholars and 17 women and

with 205 scholars and 17 women and eight men were described as paupers. There was one lunatic, a lady aged 70.

The most numerous surname was Bridges (51) followed by James (47) Flower (46) and Evans (33). The list continued with Ashley and Fear (both

31), Lewis and Sims (both 27), Holbrook (26) Box (23) and Newth (20).

Detailed lists from the census in Timsbury can be found at <http://www.timsbury.org.uk/census/>

Youth Work in Timsbury

By Jane van Haaps

Timsbury Youth and Community Worker
Bath Youth for Christ

Once again, in this challenging period, plans have changed. In the last newsletter, I reported that we were aiming to reopen Friday Youth Club after Lockdown 2.0. Those plans are on hold again. Detached Youth Work is still allowed in this current lockdown, so we are continuing to have valuable conversations on a Monday evening meeting with young people who are out and about anyway, without encouraging anyone to come out specially.

We are, however, looking ahead and planning for formalising a Young Leader's programme with young people age 15/16 who would be interested in having a leading role in the Friday Youth Club at the YMCA, the Cooking Club or the new group planned for Camerton.

Covid has had a huge effect on all of us, so, once restrictions are lifted, Youth Work will be more important than ever in processing the individual journeys

which Young People have been on. Even now, 1:1 work is allowed, obviously within safeguarding restrictions, so if you know a young person (12+) who is particularly struggling at this time and would benefit from some support (which would most likely be virtual at present), do get in touch. [The National Youth Agencies' webpage is particularly helpful at this time, regarding how we can work.]

Do feel free to get in touch with me (details below), with any comments, suggestions or offers of help. I am back on part time furlough, so it may take slightly longer than usual for me to respond.

Jane van Haaps tel 07483156995,
jane@bathyfc.co.uk



In Memoriam: Jeff Sluggett

By Peter Buchanan



Jeff Sluggett, who died suddenly on 16th December at his home in Farmborough, aged 80, will be hugely missed by many people in Timsbury, Farmborough and beyond.

Jeff was born and raised in Exeter, and after leaving grammar school worked for 3 years at Barclays Bank in Exeter, during which time he joined Exeter Amateur Operatic Society. In 1960 he gained a place at the prestigious Bristol Old Vic Theatre School to study stage management. He then spent 3 years working at professional theatres in Coventry, Worthing and London before joining the BBC in 1964. He worked in London as a floor manager on news before moving to Bristol. His work there

encompassed the full range of regional programming together with nationally shown productions like Antiques Roadshow and Songs of Praise.

The floor manager is the link between the director in a studio gallery or outside broadcast truck and the (sometimes awkward) talent in front of the camera, so as a natural “people person” this must have suited Jeff down to the ground. He joined the Bristol Musical Comedy Club and stage managed many musicals including My Fair Lady, Hello Dolly and Carousel.

Jeff moved to Farmborough in 1971 and became part of the now defunct Farmborough Amateur Dramatic Society. His talents helped FADS to win the Rose Bowl award for Best Design and Presentation in 1980 with a play called “Claws”. In 1987 FADS entered a one act play for a festival held at the Conygre Hall – coincidentally (or maybe not) it’s about that time that Jeff first became involved with Timsbury Theatre Group (TTG).

Once he joined TTG, his professional experience soon made him invaluable. His roles included stage management, designing and constructing scenery, making props and, on occasions, directing. He even appeared on stage from time to time, perhaps most memorably as the Giant in “Jack and

the Beanstalk". Small in stature, but big of voice! Jeff always liked a joke, including the legendary rubber chicken which mysteriously appeared in several productions! The backs of many stage flats were decorated with humorous messages in Jeff's distinctive writing, for instance an advertisement for dancing lessons from one of TTG's notoriously two-left-footed male members.

Over the years with TTG, Jeff became increasingly familiar with the Conygre Hall, its facilities and management. When the Conygre Trust was formed in 2005 to combine management of the Hall and Rec, Jeff became one of the trustees, a post he held until his death.

Jeff took an increasingly active part in looking after the hall's facilities, putting in a huge amount of work on a wide range of improvements with a little help from contractors and volunteers. He also took responsibility for many of the routine maintenance tasks required in a large well-used hall.

In December 2013, when the Trust decided to terminate the contract of the hall's then caretaker, Jeff volunteered to take on the new role of hall manager. He was aware that his position as a Trustee precluded him from being paid, but he decided to remain as a Trustee and manage the hall on a voluntary basis, receiving only expenses for this very important task. Over those seven years, he transformed the public image of the hall, becoming

its smiling face for most hirers. He would take enormous care to ensure that they had the facilities they needed and made their visits as pleasant as possible. He was genuinely interested in the hirers as people and made time to chat with them and listen to their experiences.

Particularly fond of children, he very often managed to find them a biscuit or sweet! He always went the extra mile and will be an extremely hard act to follow. Jeff was everybody's friend and his death will leave a large hole in many people's lives.

As well as putting in all those hours at the hall, Jeff found time to be one of the main organisers of the Timsbury Fun Days which ran from 2010 to 2018, Organising car parking, putting up notices, litter picking, erecting stalls, clearing up - you name it, he did it.

Jeff was separated from his wife Linda and lived on his own for many years. She survives him, as do his children Simon and Catherine, and his grandchildren Hannah, Russell and Leela.

Jeff's funeral was held on 12th January and due to Covid rules, only 30 people were able to attend in person. Donations in his memory can be made to charities he supported – visit <https://ajbfunerals.co.uk/notices>, type Sluggett in the search box and you will reach the donation page.

A-Z For Jeff

By Lydia Brimble

A tribute to our mutual friend Jeff Sluggett is being created by gathering together all our memories, initially in scrapbook form. More ambitious plans will likely follow.

For now we are looking for your favourite stories and anecdotes, photographs, special memories of Jeff and his kindly acts, maybe get the kids involved with little drawings, write some poetry, prose, limericks even !!

He was a stalwart of our community with a wicked sense of humour and touched so many lives. He was a local

hero and he will be greatly missed.

Whether you have a big story or just a snippet of fun, everything relevant will be included. It will all be fitted together like a jigsaw puzzle to make the bigger picture.

So think of a word that sums up Jeff for you, for example, G for Generosity. You can contribute as many letters of the alphabet as you wish.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Tel: 01761 472570

brimble.121@btinternet.com



Timsbury Theatre Group

By Peter Buchanan

With the latest lockdown measures currently forcing the Conygre Hall to close for nearly all users, the Group has decided to delay mounting any production until December 2021.

We have already chosen a very entertaining version of "Aladdin" which will be staged then, provided that we are able to get back to the hall for rehearsals in September.

This means that our production of "The Vicar of Dibley" will now be staged in Spring 2022 (dates to be confirmed). 2020 tickets will be valid for the same day of the week in 2022, but if anyone does want a refund, they should email

timsburytheatre@gmail.com.

We are very sad to report the sudden death in December of Jeff Sluggett, a life member of the group. Although Jeff had not been actively involved in productions recently, he made a massive contribution to the group for over 25 years as stage manager, set designer, prop maker, technical director and occasional actor. He will be much missed by many people. There is a full obituary elsewhere in this magazine.

For more information about the Group, please visit our website **www.thettg.org**

We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

The Connies Lockdown 3.0 Takeaway Breakfast Menu

Wednesday to Friday 9am to 11.45pm Saturday 9.30 to 1pm

Call or email to pre-order, or order at the door (you may have to wait a while)

The Connies Breakfast Box £7.00

Sausage, thick cut bacon, fried free range egg, mushrooms, baked tomato, beans, hash brown and toast, plus black pudding on request

The Gluten Free Breakfast Box £7.00

Two rashers of thick cut bacon, fried free range egg, mushrooms, baked tomato, beans, hash brown and Gluten Free toast

The Connies Vegetarian Breakfast Box £7.00

Two vegetarian sausages, fried free range egg, mushrooms, baked tomato, beans, hash brown, toast

The Connies Vegan Breakfast Box £7.00

Two Vegan Sausages, avocado, mushrooms, baked tomato, hash brown, beans and toast

The Connies Big Breakfast Bap £6.00

Sausage, bacon, fried egg, sliced tomato, hash brown and black pudding in a Hobbs House Bap

Children's Breakfast Box £4.50

Sausage, fried free range egg, beans, toast

Breakfast Sandwich £5.00

Any two of the following: sausage, thick cut bacon, fried egg, black pudding, vegetarian sausage, mushrooms, avocado, hash brown, or sliced tomato and lettuce.

All bread is from Hobbs House Bakery

Low Fat Greek yoghurt, granola and maple syrup or honey £4.00

Freshly baked croissant or pain au chocolate £1.40

Fruit Smoothies, Protein Smoothies, Cereal Bars and Protein Bars also available

Cakes and Slices, dairy free, gluten free and vegan available

Round cake slices £3.00

Cake Bars £2.50

PLEASE INSTRUCT US OF ANY ALLERGIES WHEN ORDERING

01761 568 451

theconniestearoom@live.co.uk

The Connies Lockdown 3.0 Takeaway Lunch Menu

Tuesday to Friday Midday to 2pm

Call or email to pre order, or order at the door (you may have to wait)

Soup of the day with bread (vegan) £4.00

Homemade Rye Crust Quiche of the day (v) £4.00

add today's salads £6.50

Sandwiches £4.00

Chicken, Crispy Bacon, Tomato, Lettuce and Garlic Mayonnaise

Conies Cure Salt Beef, Gherkins and Sweet Mustard (add 1.50)

Mature Cheddar, Lettuce, Tomato and Red Onion Chutney (v)

Tuna Mayonnaise, Cucumber and Lettuce

Hummus, Grilled Aubergine, Red Onion and Rocket (vegan)

Baked Potato, topped with either: £6.00

Cheddar and Beans | Goats Cheese and Chutney | Cheddar and Crispy Bacon | Hummus and Roasted Veg | Beans and Vegan Cheese | Mozzarella, Pesto and Tomato | Beef and Chorizo Chilli with Cheddar (+£1.50)

Chorizo and Beef chilli with Fries and Salad £7.50

Ham, Eggs and Fries with side salad £7.50

Burger in a Hobbs House bun, skin on fries and salad £9.00

- Connies Beef and chorizo Burger; *lettuce, tomato, gherkin and smokey bbq sauce*
- Spicy Chicken Burger; *lettuce, tomato, sweet chilli and mayonnaise*
- Falafel Burger; *lettuce, tomato, gherkin and yoghurt and mint dressing (v)*

Extra fillings:

Melted cheddar and bacon	£1.50
Avocado	£1.00
Onion rings	£1.50

Salad Bowl £5.50

Rocket and a mix of the daily salads (all vegan)

Add one of the following £3

Baked goats cheese **Somerset ham** **Chicken** **Falafel** **Crispy spiced chicken**

Panini's £4.50

New Yorker; *Chicken, Bacon, Cheddar, Barbeque Sauce*

The Forrester; Mozzarella, Garlic Mushrooms, Somerset Ham & Mascarpone

Mediterranean; Mozzarella, Tomato, Pesto and Spinach (v)

Parisian; Brie, Crispy Bacon and Cranberry Sauce

Tuna Melt; Tuna, Mozzarella and Tomato

The vegan New Yorker; Vegan Cheese, Spinach, Garlic Mushrooms & Barbeque Sauce (vegan)

Ham and Cheddar; £4.00

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The Connies Tea Room

Party and Treat Menu

Wednesday to Saturday

Cream Tea £5.00

Scone, Clotted Cream, Strawberry Jam, Tea Leaf of choice, or Coffee to go
(24 hrs notice)

Afternoon Tea £13.50

Sandwich Selection, Quiche, Homemade Cakes, Scone, Clotted cream, Strawberry Jam, Tea Leaf of choice or Coffee to go (48 hrs notice needed)

Sweet Breakfast Platter £13.50 pp

Greek yoghurt, Granola, Maple syrup, Selection of Fresh Fruit, Dried Fruit, Pastry Selection, Belgian Waffle, Sourdough Slices, Butter, Strawberry Jam, Nutella (48 hrs notice)

Continental Breakfast Platter £15.00 pp

Bircher Muesli made with Jersey Milk, Croissants, Strawberry Jam, Butter, Cold Sliced Charcuterie, Crispy Bacon, Sliced Emmental, Smoked Cheese, Boiled Egg, Fruit Salad, Sourdough and Crispbreads

Mediterranean Platter

Sliced Charcuterie, Filo Parcel, Cheeses, Dips, Mozzarella and Beef Tomato with Basil, Marinated Olives, Diced Oregano Feta, Vegetable Crudités, Crisps, Smoked Nuts,, Flat Breads, Crackers, Cut Fresh Fruit and Berries, Chocolate Brownie Bites, Clotted Cream (48 hrs notice)

Items may vary according to availability

We can cater for various diets, please call or email to discuss

Call 01761 568 451 or email theconniestearoom@live.co.uk to order

The Connies Takeaway Drinks Menu

Espresso	£1.80
Macchiato	£2.00
Americano	£2.20
Cappuccino	£2.30
Latte	£2.30
Flat White	£2.30
Chai Latte	£2.30
Dirty Chai	£2.70
Mocha	£2.50
Dark Hot Chocolate	£2.20
White Hot Chocolate	£2.20
Connies Hot Chocolate	£3.00
With marshmallows and cream	
Babyccino	£1.00
Iced Frappe	£3.50

Syrups 40p

Hazelnut, Vanilla, Toffee Apple,
Biscoff, Toasted Marshmallow,
Pumpkin Spice, chai, orange, salted
caramel

Milk alternatives 40p

Soya, Oat, Almond

Extra coffee shot 40p

Loose Leaf Teas

Breakfast Tea	£1.80	Light & Late (decaff)	£2.00
Earl Grey	£1.80	Green Keenum	£2.00
Organic Rooibos	£2.35	Golden Milk Tea (spiced)	£2.80
Oolong Fig	£2.30	Strawberry & Basil	£2.00
Sweet Sage	£2.00	Mint & Fresh	£1.80
Granny's Garden	£2.60	Organic Tulsi Mango and Ginger	£2.60

Fruit Shoot	90p	Pineapple Sunset Smoothie	£3.50
Cawston Carton	£1.20	Acai Kick Smoothie	£3.50
Cans	£1.50	Super Green Smoothie	£3.50
Fentimans Presse	£2.50	Cookies n Cream Shake	£3.50
Strawberry Milkshake	£2.50	Raspberry Pavlova Shake	£3.50
Chocolate Milkshake	£2.50	Salted Caramel Shake	£3.50

Timsbury Community Library

By Liz Casson, Hub Coordinator



Our Library is run by a team of amazing Volunteers. They have all adapted to these challenging and unprecedented circumstances to keep the Library open and continue to provide this valuable resource to our Community.

Their dedication, enthusiasm and support is invaluable and I would like to say a very big thank you to all.

We have all the necessary PPE for the team and our customers must adhere to all the Covid safety measures in place, when using the service. Thank you to all for your cooperation with this.

During the full Lockdowns, access for our customers to the YMCA Building is not permitted, therefore the Volunteers have been operating from the back door of the building - in order to maintain the service!

Becoming a Library member

If you have not yet joined the Library, you can fill out the online membership form on the Libraries West website or request a paper form from the Volunteers - during one of our open sessions.

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During the pandemic, if you don't have access to the Libraries West site, Library members can call Council Connect on **01225 39 40 41** (select option 5) and order the books that you wish to reserve that way.

Ruminations from Radford

By Richard Fox

Here we are with a new year, a new U.S. president, new awareness of the environment, new vaccines for millions of people every week, and new trade relationships with our near neighbours.

Can we all breathe a sigh of relief as we get back to the new normal? No, that doesn't seem to be happening yet; the pandemic continues to structure our lives in such bizarre ways. We're told we must look at every other person outside our immediate household as potentially contagious. From a social and psychological perspective this is a plague of biblical proportions.

There's an important question here: what will the next generation actually believe? How do each of us come to believe in this or that - after all, there's a "yes" and a "no" opinion on the internet about almost any subject you can name. Is the world round or flat? Are vaccines safe or are they a plot to subdue the masses? Are supermarkets bad or good? Is advertising a force for progress or is it brainwashing? Do the atheists have a better understanding than all the Christians, Muslims, Jews and Buddhists? Is meat healthy to eat? Does the world's environment gain or lose if we wear cotton clothes and avoid synthetic fibres?

Think about it. Focus on one particular belief you have - vaccines, eating meat, saving the environment, religion, whatever. How do you really know anything about that? How can you be certain your belief is justified? How do we get those good, strong beliefs, and how do other people end up with really strong "bad" beliefs?

We're not born with "beliefs". We absorb them from day one, from all of the people, events and objects around us. We accept as "true" the things we observe every day, the ideas and thoughts and values that our parents and other influencers repeatedly give



us, and for tens of thousands of years humans have been absorbing these "truths", and only very rarely have we all experienced a paradigm shift in beliefs, such as the sun being the centre of our solar system, not the Earth. How did it happen, that when we see the sun come up every day and travel across the sky and go down at sunset, we all know that -despite our own daily observations - it is the turning of the Earth that is moving, not the sun.



Today almost every idea you and I might have in our heads is both supported and de-bunked by forceful opinions on the internet. Are vaccines good? I have no way of testing or verifying that belief; I just have to take the word of the "experts" and the politicians. What about meat: humans have been eating meat for many thousands of years and we have "canine" teeth and digestive

enzymes that break down animal fat. Is eating meat bad? Do cows produce more environmental damage than supertankers and container ships that bring all the goodies to me from all over the world? How can I be sure about any of those notions?



So I'm asking the question, how do we come to believe this or that idea is really true?

While I'm thinking about that very deep question, I will be inspecting my acorns. Already about 200 of them have started to sprout. Despite all the other uncertainties and contradictions and difficult things to think about, the acorns always sprout, just like the sun travelling across the sky every day.



The Green Pages

By Bridget Newbery

Ten tips for keeping warm this winter

- Draw your curtains at dusk to help keep the heat in.
- Use draught excluders under external doors and windows to keep the cold out. Home made draughtproofing snakes are cheap and just as effective as the shop bought variety.
- Don't cover or obstruct your radiators or storage heaters. You want to keep your house and yourself warm, your furniture doesn't need it!
- Try and heat your home to a comfortable temperature if you can. The World Health Organization's standard for warmth recommends 18 degrees centigrade for healthy people, a minimum of 16 degrees if you have respiratory problems, and at least 20 degrees for the sick, disabled, very old or very young.
- Make sure you have enough to eat and drink. Food gives you energy and helps to keep your body warm, so have at least one hot meal a day (and say yes to that cuppa).
- If possible, try to move around at least once every hour.



- Wear lots of thin layers – clothes made from cotton, wool or fleecy fibres are good at keeping in the heat.
- Use a hot water bottle or electric blanket to keep warm in bed and get your blanket tested every three years.
- Find out whether you can get any financial or practical help with heating your home, such as the winter fuel payment or warm homes discount.
- If you have vulnerable neighbours or relatives, check on them in a Covid-safe way.

These tips are adapted from the council's Energy at Home web pages which also have information about grants, loans, support and the different energy saving improvements you can make to your home.

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Timsbury Community Speedwatch

By Stan Martin

The November issue of the Timsbury Letter announced the formation of a Community Speedwatch team following concerns, raised by residents, regarding the speed of traffic travelling through the village. The limit is 20 mph. Regardless of opinions and views expressed on this subject, this is the legal limit.

We thought it would be useful to update you on the Team's progress over the three months up to December 2020.

- 3330 vehicles have been logged passing through the village during the Team's sessions (a total period of 23 hrs)
- 408 reported travelling over the speed threshold.
- 142 (35%) over 30 mph, some as high as 40 mph!
- An informal survey on The Avenue recorded 254 vehicles in a 40 min period, only 22 of which observed the speed limit.
- Between 500 and 600 vehicles pass along North Road at both ends of the school day.

The Team can now operate from North Road and South Road as well as Radford Hill. It is hoped to add The Avenue in the near future.

- Drivers noticeably slow down when the Team is visible on the street.
- Residents have generally been enthusiastic and supportive of this initiative.
- Avon & Somerset Police can prosecute excessive speeders and repeat offenders.

It is clear that speeding is still a major obstacle to road safety in Timsbury and, regrettably, additional traffic calming measures are unlikely in the foreseeable future.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to work with the CSW Team please contact:

parishvicechairman@timsbury.org.uk

Additional information on: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/csw



The Gardening Club

By Graham Nicholls

The Gardening Club welcomed in the New Year with a Zoom meeting accompanied with a fun quiz organised by Liz. Phil won it but there was no physical prize just a virtual one handed over by our President.

The evening was a chance to meet up again in spite of the anti virus regulations we must abide by. A discussion about holding the AGM this year resulted in everyone agreeing that another Zoom meeting should be held to encourage all members to take part

and then hold a further one for the actual AGM evening. The future of this year's shows was also discussed and agreed that as things stood it was impossible to forecast what could happen. There was a suggestion that we could hold a virtual Spring show with members putting their plants on show either on 'Timsbury Rocks' or at a future Zoom meeting. The committee discuss this later.

Another meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February.



Many thanks to all who contributed to the church pop-up food bank in October and January.

Several local families were helped and the surplus was donated to St Mary's School to help with lunches.

Some sweets, chocolates and biscuits were donated to front-line staff at the RUH.

Many thanks once again.
Revd Martin

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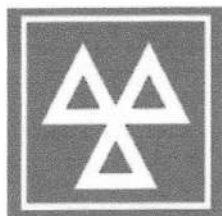
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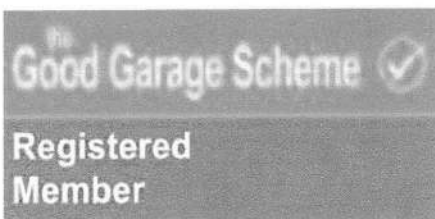


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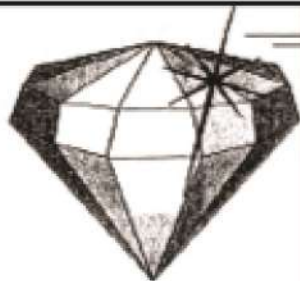


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