

# The Timsbury Letter



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# Welcome to the October Timsbury Letter

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**November Letter Deadline:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October

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## Village News

### Windfall from Wheelers Yard

The Parish Council has received the sum of £50,216 to be spent within the next five years on village infrastructure for the benefit of the community.

The money comes from a levy imposed by B&NES Council on the new Upper

Conygre housing development which is situated at the crossroads on the old mining site (formerly known as Wheeler's Yard). More details page 5.

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### Parish Clerk

Angela Wilson began work as Parish Clerk on 1<sup>st</sup> September . She will work from an office in the YMCA building in North Road and will be there most mornings, Monday to Thursday, between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

She can be contacted by telephone on 07594 651366 or via email at [timsbury.parish.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:timsbury.parish.clerk@gmail.com). More details page 6.

## 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](http://timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil/meetings) and on noticeboards in the Conygre Hall and outside the Our Plaice chip shop.

### Applications decided by B&NES Council

**21/02782/TPO** Parish's House, Hook, Timsbury, BA2 OND. Fell 13 trees and prune 11 trees. CONSENT

**21/02896/FUL** 33 The Glebe, Timsbury BA2 OLT. Erection of front single storey infill and single storey rear extension with garage conversion. PERMITTED

**21/03074/FUL** 3 Homefield, Timsbury BA2 OLU. Alteration and increase in height of boundary wall and associated works. PERMITTED

**21/03203/FUL** Bailey Cottage, 3 Pitfour Terrace, High Street, Timsbury Erection of garage to replace existing garage. PERMITTED

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## DISCLAIMER:

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### Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
7.30pm in the Conygre Hall

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

### Angela Wilson, Parish Clerk

[timsbury.parish.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:timsbury.parish.clerk@gmail.com)

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c/o YMCA, North Road, Timsbury  
BA2 0JH



# Important Parish Council Notice

## Community Infrastructure Levy

The Parish Council has received the sum of **£50,216**. The money must be spent within the next five years on village infrastructure for the benefit of the community.

The money comes from a levy imposed by B&NES Council on the new Upper Conygre development which is situated at the crossroads on the old mining site (formerly known as Wheelers Yard).

The Parish Council is responsible for decisions on how to allocate the monies. However, to ensure that a wide range of options are considered Timsbury residents are invited to submit ideas and suggestions as to how it might best be used. Submissions, which should reach the Parish Clerk before the end of the year, will relate to improving the community infrastructure in the Parish. Requests are to be supported by:

- 1/. A fully detailed explanation of the suggestion.
- 2/. The estimated cost.
- 3/. What other funding may be available to supplement the cost.
- 4/. Who will benefit
- 5/. The number of people who will benefit.
- 6/. How long the benefit is expected to last.

All ideas and suggestions will be considered by the Parish Council alongside its ongoing projects and aspirations providing they meet the qualifying criteria.

The criteria are shown on the Parish Council website.

Please send submissions, before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to: Angela Wilson, Parish Clerk, c/o YMCA, North Road, Timsbury. BA2 OJH.

### Timsbury Wives

#### Dates

13<sup>th</sup> October

27<sup>th</sup> October - Woodford Lodge,  
Chew Valley. Lunch time meal.

10<sup>th</sup> November

8<sup>th</sup> December.

All meetings at the Short Mat  
bowling alley at the Conygre  
Hall at 2.00pm

# Parish Clerk



Angela Wilson was appointed to the position of Parish Clerk on 1<sup>st</sup> September . She brings to the job a wealth of experience in administration and organisation.

Her previous jobs include a long spell with the Ministry of Defence at Foxhill, Bath, and five years with Norton Radstock College where she taught business studies and administered the highway engineering courses. She served as parish clerk for Peasedown St John for three years and was a director of Radstock Co-operative Society for 28 years, 10 of them as chairman.

Angela was born in Radstock and has lived in the town all her life. She presently shares her home with two

much-loved dogs, an elderly cocker spaniel and a more active Yorkshire terrier.

In addition to the dogs her hobbies include genealogy; craft work- mostly with paper; quiz nights and gardening. At home she tends flowers and a wildlife pond and, on her allotment plot, she grows vegetables.

“Coming to Timsbury as clerk is an exciting opportunity for me,” Angela confirmed. “I’ve been assured that it is a welcoming community with a strong sense of identity and I very much look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know more about the activities and interests in the village.

“We have established an office in the YMCA building in North Road and I expect to be there most mornings, Monday to Thursday, between 10.00am and 1.00pm. As I shall also work from home and be out and about in the village it would be helpful if anyone wishing to meet me for a chat could make an appointment on 07594 651366 or via email at:

**[timsbury.parish.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:timsbury.parish.clerk@gmail.com)**.

## **Project Linus meeting**

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> October

Conygre Hall, 10.00am-2.00pm

# Postal Attraction

By David Collett



Woodland Creatures, a set of crocheted animals, made a surprise visit to Timsbury at the start of August and took up residence on the post box outside Health and More in High Street.

They were brought to the village by Amy Shaw who created them especially for that position while confined to working from home during the recent lockdown.

Amy, who lives and works from the southern outskirts of London, appointed her mother Heather Shaw as the Creatures' local guardian. Heather and husband Tony are much closer in Bloomfield.

"The Creatures have no purpose other than to bring a smile to your face"

Heather explained. "That must be a positive thing right now and both Amy and I are delighted that so many people have said just how marvellous the Creatures are. Apart from an overnight disappearance by Mr Fox the animals have survived well and hopefully they will be there to provide a smile well into the autumn."

The Woodland Creatures are only the latest of Amy's crochet work to be seen in the village. Her previous efforts included a selection of Brussels sprouts at Christmas time and Easter chicks, all sold to raise funds for St Mary's Church.

# RNLI

## Tea and cakes by the lake

By Adrian Dodd



As a tentative first event after lockdown, Chew Valley RNLI Fundraising Branch held its 'Tea & Cakes by the Lake' on Friday afternoon, 3rd September. Considering the preceding lengthy spell of overcast and cool conditions, we were preparing for a continuation of the same! It was a great relief when the afternoon turned out to be one of those perfect days with plenty of sunshine to show off the lake in the best possible light and, of course, all activity could be held outside. It was idyllic.

A capacity gathering of no less than 120 loyal supporters turned out and enjoyed tea with a great variety of donated cakes to choose from. A bar and raffle helped swell the income and we eventually cleared around £1000. Musical interludes were expertly provided by Ruth Kenyon a professional harpist from Bath, which added to the enjoyment of the event.

Our grateful thanks are due to Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club and Bristol Water for accommodating us and to

those who provided cakes and worked hard on the day. We also thank our supporters and the public generally for making our event a great success and continuing to provide the RNLI with vital funds needed to continue its essential work. The new series of “Saving Lives at Sea” shows the wide range of rescues and help which the RNLI can bring to all who venture into the sea, and it is worth watching on BBC 2.

We had hoped to run our annual “Curry Lunch” in November but we feel that, as this will be an indoor event, the time is not yet appropriate until Covid incidence is much lower and further immunisations may have been done. We will keep the matter under review

and hopefully we may be able to run the event safely in February or March next year. We will let you know the situation nearer then.

If you are interested in getting further information about RNLI, there is a wealth of detail on their website:- [rnli.org](http://rnli.org) , and if you would like to be added to our list of supporters for direct communication, please contact our Secretary, Tim Gracey at **tandbgracey@gmail.com**. Any information supplied is entirely kept for communication purposes only and shared with no other group or organisation (not even RNLI).

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A poster for an Autumn Planting Masterclass. The background is a collage of yellow and orange autumn leaves. The text is centered and reads: "Autumn Planting Masterclass with Martin Chalkley at the YMCA hall, North Road, Timsbury On Saturday 9th October 2021 10am." Below this, it says "Homemade Cakes and a Cuppa available! Plant Sale and Raffle". At the bottom, there is a small image of a bookshelf and the text "Timsbury Community Library".

**Autumn Planting Masterclass**  
with  
**Martin Chalkley**  
at the YMCA hall, North Road,  
**Timsbury**  
On  
**Saturday 9th October 2021**  
**10am.**

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# Timsbury Boccia Club

By Colin Allen



The Conygre Hall in Timsbury is unique in the fact that it has a marked out Boccia court in the main hall. There are only a handful of permanent Boccia Courts in the South West of England and most of them are in sports centres. There is one in Bath and one in Yate. The only Boccia club that uses the court in Timsbury is the Greenhill House club, who play in the Bath League and Boccia England national tournaments.

The game of Boccia is played indoors, using leather balls, on a BOCCIA court, which is about the same size as a badminton court. The game can be played as a singles or as a pairs or as two teams of three. In each case, each side has six balls, one set of red balls and one set of blue balls. The 13<sup>th</sup> ball is the jack which is white. The players must be seated within their own throwing box when they throw the ball.

As in Petanque, the idea is to get your

ball closer to the Jack than the balls of the opposing team. The number of ends played depends on the number of players. For teams of three, six ends are played and each player in turn throws the jack once. For pairs, four ends are played, so each player throws the jack once. For singles, four ends are played and each player throws the jack twice. At the end of a game if the score is a draw, one more tie break end is played.

A set of Boccia balls cost from £280.00 so individual players would not be expected to have their own. When a club is formed, then a set would be purchased by the club. At the moment I have a set available for anyone who wants to “have a go”.

The cost of hiring the Boccia court at the Conygre Hall, Monday to Thursday evenings from 6.00pm to 10.30pm is £28.50. So for a team of 6 players it would be £4.75 each. (About the same as a decent pint).

If you would like to play during the colder months, indoors in the warm and sitting down, or you would like more information, please contact me, Colin Allen (BOCCIA England referee) at: **colin.allen2@talktalk.net**  
**07889363018.**

# South Road Methodist Church



**Rent A Craft Table** for £15 and sell your goods at our **Christmas Bazaar**.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The Conygre Hall, Timsbury.

Contact Karen on 01761 470788 for more information

# 100th Anniversary 2021 Poppy Appeal



By Chris Fiddes

## Timsbury/Camerton & Tunley 2020 Poppy Appeal

Like so many things in 2020, last year's Poppy Appeal was forced to adapt to the threat of Covid-19. With millions of people across the UK unable to leave their homes to find a poppy and collectors unable to carry out house to house collections, we called on the everyone to show their support from home.

Whether you donated for poppies in the post, displayed a poppy in your window, fundraised for the Poppy Appeal or getting your Poppy in the Village shops and businesses, we want to thank you for getting involved and helping us raise to date: £2200 supporting the 2020 Poppy Appeal.

The Royal British Legion National Poppy Appeal raised an amazing £24 million from October 2020 to February 2021, a remarkable sum during full lock-down restrictions for the second week of the appeal.

## Poppy Appeal 2021

We are hoping that this year's Poppy Appeal will see our fantastic volunteer collectors out and about in force collecting door to door once again,

subject to any future Covid-19 restrictions. Could I ask if any of my regular volunteers are reading this can you email me to confirm you are available this year please. Also if their is anyone who would like to volunteer, as I need someone to cover an area of Camerton. Wreaths are also available for any organisation, business or family who would like to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service or privately for a donation of £18, again email me please, [cfiddes@btinternet.com](mailto:cfiddes@btinternet.com)

Here are some key dates for this year's Poppy Appeal and Remembrance period:

- National Poppy Appeal launch - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- Poppy Appeal collecting period runs from Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Bristol Poppy Day with Military involvement Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Armistice Day - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Festival of Remembrance - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Just a reminder Timsbury Royal British Legion Club is the only one still open locally with very competitive prices at the Bar. It is open Friday evenings 5.00pm-11.00pm, Saturday lunchtime 11.30am-3.30pm, Saturday evening Live Music 7.00pm - midnight and Sunday lunchtime 11.30am-3.30pm, Sunday evening Bingo 8.30pm-11.00pm.

There is a large screen with Sky and BT Sport. The Club will be opening more regularly with the Skittle season due to start in a few weeks time. So now winter is nearly here come along and meet the friendly and excellent bar staff and enjoy a drink at very competitive prices. Dance, bingo, skittles or watch your favourite sports in a nice friendly

atmosphere at Timsbury RBL Club, everyone is welcome and you don't have to be ex- forces to come in or join the Club.

Also after many months of research I have put on a display in the Club, the history of Timsbury Royal British Legion. There are many photographs from the past to the present day and information about the history of Timsbury Legion since it's formation in 1929.

Contact: Chris Fiddes  
cfiddes@btinternet.com

Hope to see you all soon!

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## Lunch Club starting again

By Mary Dolman

If you live in Timsbury or the surrounding villages, and LIVE ALONE, the popular lunch is starting again on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in the Conygre Hall 12.30-2.00pm. There are no age limits and anyone living alone is welcome. You will need to book, so numbers do not exceed our safe dining under covid guidelines.

We understand many people are still anxious about mixing indoors but all necessary risks assessment will be in place. For this initial get together we ask

you to make your own transport arrangements.

Next year we begin the bi-monthly lunches in February but details will be available nearer the time as will menu for the month and prices. For further information please call me on **01761 472635** and I hope to see all the "regulars" back again.

Mary Dolman

St Mary's Church Timsbury

# Village Church Services

## St Mary's Church, Timsbury

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October** 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October** 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving 6.30pm Harvest Supper (Bring and share)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October** 8.00am Holy Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October** 10.00am Benefice Service. All Saint's Dunkerton **3.00pm** Annual Memorial Service for the Departed

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## Tabor Free Methodist Church

Tabor have decided to hold fortnightly services for the foreseeable future. The October services will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The preacher for October 10th is yet to be confirmed but October 24<sup>th</sup> will see the return visit of David Parker. A warm welcome is extended to all.

Tabor will continue to operate the two large monitors fitted at the front of the church to enhance worship. It will stream hymns direct into the building via the internet projecting them on the monitors.

**Pastoral Matters-** Eric Barge 01761 420234

**Secretary-** Geoff Shute 01761 568524

[www.taborfreemethodist.org](http://www.taborfreemethodist.org)

## Methodist Church South Road

Once all Covid restrictions have been removed and it is safe to do so Open Doors will be returning. In the meantime everyone is welcome to join us at our Sunday services where a warm and friendly welcome awaits.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** 10.30am Harvest Festival -Mrs Margaret West

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October** 10.30am Mr Michael Lowe

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October** 10.30am Holy Communion- Rev David Winstanley

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October** 10.30am Mr Mike Honey

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October** Mrs Anna Durkin-Auty

### Revd David Winstanley

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Secretary Frances Nicholson 01761 470841

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### Gadget Busters

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# Flower Festival

By David Collett

Photos by Graham Nicholls



## *Art*

For the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Church became the setting for a splendid display of floral art. The window sills, the font, the choir pews and the Lady Chapel were all transformed by a host of beautifully arranged flowers. The members of Farmborough Floral Art Group created around 20 exhibits on the theme of "Village Life".

"This is a tremendous display," commented Rev. Martin Blewett. "And the flowers show all the imagination

and creativity that we have come to expect from the Farmborough group. We at St Mary's are delighted to host the exhibition and are very grateful both to flower arrangers and to all those who worked so hard to provide catering and refreshments for the event. The Flower Festival is an important element in our calendar".

Farmborough Floral Art Group meet monthly. Details from Ann Bevan on **01761 414045**.



*Mining*



*Cricket*



*Church*



*Seven Stars*

# A Fond Farewell

By Lydia Brimble



*Painting by Leela Sluggett*

My grateful thanks to everyone who sent in their stories for Jeff's A-Z scrapbooks and for the handwritten messages for Leela's memory book.

My heartfelt thanks goes to Jos Blake, Jan Bailey, Jacqui Grainger and Peter Buchanan for their continued support over the last nine months and also to Sue Padfield of Fosse Farm Flowers (07792520902) who donated the beautiful multicoloured fresh flower posies that nestled amongst the vast array of memorabilia that I was able to display on Sunday 29th August. Our thanks for the memorabilia, of course, goes to Jeff himself for being such a squirrel and never throwing anything

away !

It was really wonderful to see so many people turn up at the Conygre hall to celebrate Jeff's life. An amazing afternoon where Jeff's family, friends and colleagues enjoyed meeting old friends, sharing memories and feeling the love that filled the rooms.

A finale that brought us all together to bid a very fond farewell to this remarkable man, who packed so much into his life, helped so many people and made a multitude of friends from all over.

He left a Jeff size hole in many people's lives but, as suggested by David his

brother in law, he is most probably busy filling them in with off cuts of 2 x 2, plasterboard and 4 inch nails !! Our hearts will mend and his memory will live on.

Jeff, we thank you. God Bless and May you Rest in Peace.

Anyone wishing to view the A-Z please contact me on 07890637201

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## A letter of thanks from Gerald Sluggett



Hello Peter.

May I take this opportunity to thank you and your fellow members of the Conygre Trust for all the dedication and love you all showed remembering my

dear brother at the Conygre Hall last Sunday.

I found it very emotional to see his name over the door which is now known as The Jeff Sluggett Room. A wonderful fitting gesture not forgetting the bench, suitably inscribed. I know from conversations with him over the years he thought so very much of the enjoyment he got from engaging with all aspects within your community especially the theatrical group which you could say was his forte.

I am still finding it very hard to accept I will never hear or see Jeff again. We will always have treasured memories of a man with so many talents but above all a man who loved helping others in his own unique way.

May he rest in peace.

With all good wishes for the continued success of the Conygre Hall.

Gerald Sluggett

# Youth Work in Timsbury

By Jane Van-Haaps

## Youth and Community Worker in Timsbury



### We are recruiting!

Do you have a heart for young people or a skill you would like to share? Ideally we are looking for a regular paid worker for Friday night youth club as well as volunteers.

We are also looking for people prepared to help run an activity or share a skill with young people age 11-16. We have funding to pay for this work on a self-employed basis. Examples could be: art, craft, sculpture, cooking, baking, make-up, holistic treatments, first aid, dance, drama etc.

Sessions could be during Friday youth club or Wednesday evening during the small group session. [Regular staff, need to go through the usual recruitment checks.] If you are aged 18+ and interested in joining our team, do get in touch – it's great work, for the right person, with never a dull moment.

From Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7.00-8.30pm

(all being well) we will have resumed our Youth Club in the YMCA -aimed at those in School Year 7-10, cost £1 per session. New people are always welcome, do get in touch if you need any support in accessing the club in anyway. We will be sorry to leave the freedom of the park, but as the weather is bound to deteriorate, it will also be a welcome return.

The Young Leader's Project should already have started on a Wednesday 6.30-8.00pm at the YMCA. As I'm not quite sure what this is going to look like, I will let you know more next month.

The youth sessions at St Peter's Church and aimed at 9-13 year old's living in Camerton continue the first Tuesday of the month 4.30-6pm: 5<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Finally, as I'm writing this during the first week of children returning to school following the summer holidays, can I say a big THANK YOU to all those who work in our schools/ colleges/ pre-schools who have helped them to settle in, especially those starting a new school, and who often go the extra mile. Covid has helped us not to take these places and people for granted.

**Jane van Haaps 07483156995**  
**jane@bathyfc.co.uk**

# The Natural History Group



By Rod Bruce

Secretary

After two years the re-opening of our group was an eagerly awaited occasion. Unfortunately to meet publishing schedules I'm writing this before the event. However, knowing Brian Plant, his knowledge, photographic abilities, and his residential qualifications in South Africa I'm sure we will have had an interesting evening.

October sees a new topic that I don't remember us covering before, namely

the re-introduction of Beavers. Joshua Harris will enlighten us on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Conygre

**Chairman Ken Blake**

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**Secretary Rod Bruce**

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# Timsbury Theatre Group

By Peter Buchanan

## **Pantomime rehearsals are under way!**

Rehearsals have now started for our Christmas pantomime “Aladdin (a lot of trouble)”. This very entertaining script by Sam Allen has all the traditional pantomime business (oh yes it has!) but includes some innovative ideas referencing up-to-date technology.

Principal boy Aladdin (Rosalie Hodges) is the usual work-shy layabout son of the laundry proprietor Widow Twankey (John Ford), whose other son Wishee Washee (Neil Moon) fills the conventional pantomime role of linkman.

Aladdin falls in love with principal girl Princess Yasmin (Bessie Eschle) but the course of true love doesn't run smooth (does it ever in a panto?) – he gets chased by the comedy policemen (Claire Bramley and Sharon Wilkins), falls foul of Yasmin's royal parents who order his execution (spoiler alert – he is saved)! Things get complicated when Abanazar (John Plucknett) turns up to offer the impoverished Twankey family riches beyond their wildest dreams. Is he to be trusted? Of course not, he's the villain, boo hiss!

Directors Jo Whittock and Jon Hickeys will be in charge of a large cast with a nice mixture of youth and experience – we welcome a handful of newcomers

making their Timsbury debuts.

Aladdin will be on stage at the Conygre Hall for five performances from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets will go on sale soon – visit our website **[www.thettg.org](http://www.thettg.org)**

## **HELP WANTED!**

We are really keen to recruit willing volunteers to assist our stage management team with scene changes and the many other backstage tasks which ensure the smooth running of a show. If you're interested, please contact Peter Crooke on **01761 434479**. We would also appreciate help with the very important front-of-house tasks such as selling programmes and sweets. Please contact Jo Whittock (**472745**) or Peter Buchanan (**471818**) to find out more.

We expect to go ahead with our much-delayed production of “The Vicar of Dibley” at the end of March 2022. Further details will be published nearer the time. All 2020 tickets will be valid for the same night of the week, but if there are any ticket-holders who would like to be refunded, this can be arranged by emailing **[timsburytheatre@gmail.com](mailto:timsburytheatre@gmail.com)**.

More information about the group is on our website [www.thettg.org](http://www.thettg.org) and you can find us on Facebook and Twitter.



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# Ruminations of Radford Mill

By Richard Fox

We're three weeks away from the most important political event this year - - the Climate Change conference in Glasgow. All the most important people in the world will be there to discuss how to solve the climate "emergency".

Who are the "most important people" in this "emergency? All those folks who show up in Glasgow next month will sleep in a room heated to about 20 degrees, just like you and me and all our neighbours.

As soon as they get up they'll start using water, just like you and me and all our neighbours. They will flush the toilet, use quite a lot of hot water for their shower and coffee, wash all those breakfast dishes in hot water. They will spend most of the day in a well-heated building and they will use more and more water, electricity, and fossil fuel throughout the day, just like you and me.

EVERY day, each of those important people will consume 4, 5, or 6 Kwh of electricity, water, fossil fuel, plastics, imported foodstuffs laced with chemicals, and so on

Our rivers, particularly chalk streams, are running out of water, and our sewage systems almost everywhere are at capacity or beyond capacity whenever there's heavy rainfall.

Our management of the countryside has killed off most of the flying insects that we used to have for pollinating crops and feeding birds, and we've reduced our capacity to feed ourselves. It is very clear that we all need to make some very significant changes in our lifestyles, not just turning off the light switch now and then or putting a brick in the toilet cistern.

So, is it hopeless? Is it just too big a job, too difficult to think about? I don't think so. I think it requires a fundamental change in perception and attention, for all of us, every day.

The most significant is to reduce our consumption. You've heard about the 30% waste of food that we buy? Well, just buy less. Don't be so quick to throw things in the bin. Look at your electricity bill -not the money part of it, rather the number of kilowatt hours you've consumed. Set yourself a target to use 10% less during the next year, and that means using less today than you did yesterday. And do the same for water - use less of it every day.

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# Fun day at Balance Gym

By Vicky Rees – Davies



Balance The Countryside Gym wanted to bring some fun and fitness to Timsbury and did so in the form of a fun day last Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The sun shone and the village was treated to a selection of taster classes including a 'Bounce' session on mini trampolines to wake everyone up, a relaxing yoga class and an introduction to Qigong. There were a selection of small local business owners selling and educating us on jewellery, clothes, well-being and nutrition and not forgetting time out for parents with a kids area with free entertainment. A big shout out to Michelle and Ash Mogg, James Murphy and Mark Howard who all won prizes in the rowing competition.

For more information on all of the exercise classes available at Balance and new courses starting including Kids and Teen Yoga, Mum & Baby Yoga please head over to our website [www.balancethecountrysidegym.co.uk](http://www.balancethecountrysidegym.co.uk)



# Tabor Ringers

By Diane Carter

By the time you are reading this it is hoped that, after over a year apart, The Tabor Ringers, based at Tabor Church Timsbury, will have commenced rehearsals again. It is planned these should resume on 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the Church. Leader, Angie Poole, has sorted some of the easier music to get us back into the swing of playing, although she has admitted she may have a fight on her hands for the first meeting as she thinks all we will want to do is chat. Well... we haven't seen each other for over a year!


We are a very easy-going, fun loving, chatty group who would really love

some new faces to join us. There is no need to be able to read music, it is all done by numbers.


Our engagements include; Care Homes, Social groups, Fund raising concerts, as well as performing at Tabor on special occasions. There is no charge for services, although a donation is welcome which helps us support local charities as need arises.

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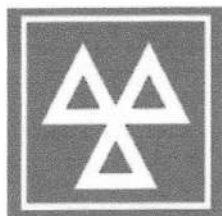
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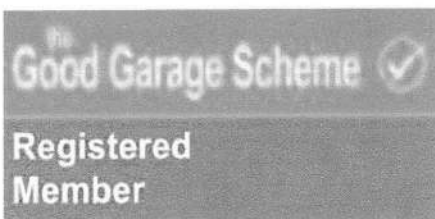


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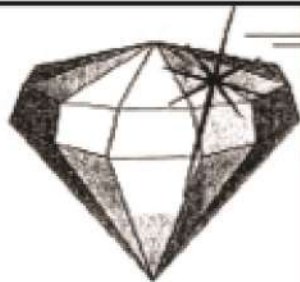


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