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Climate Change Edition

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Village News

Special Edition

The Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Climate Change (COP26) took place in October and the editor was contacted by several villagers interested in seeing it discussed in the

Timsbury Letter. We responded by creating this climate change edition of the *Timsbury Letter* to allow local people to talk about climate change on a worldwide and local level.

Parish Councillor

At the October meeting of the council, Nick Lewis, was co-opted and welcomed as a Parish Councillor. Nick moved to Timsbury a year ago and is already actively engaged in the community having become a member of the Speedwatch team.

We have a further vacancy for a Parish Councillor to be filled by co-option. If you are interested in making an added contribution to the village by becoming involved with the many diverse roles of the Parish Council visit the website to find out how to apply

www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil
Applications will need to be with the
Clerk at least five days before the Full

Council meeting.

£50,000 for Village Infrastructure

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 criteria regulating the ways in which this money can be spent can be seen at <http://www.timsbury.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CIL-regs-for-website.pdf>

Timsbury residents are invited to submit ideas and suggestions as to how

the money might be best used. Submissions, which should reach the parish clerk before the end of the year, can relate to improving any aspect of community infrastructure in the parish.

Please send submissions, before 31st December 2021, to Angela Wilson, Parish Clerk, c/o YMCA, North Road, Timsbury BA2 0JH or to timsbury.pariah.clerk@gmail.com

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 the Our Plaice chip shop.

Applications decided by B&NES Council
21/03750/FUL 1 Mill Lane, Timsbury, BA2 0EN Extension and alterations to replace existing single-storey rear lean-to: PERMITTED
21/03158/FUL 6 Hill View, Timsbury, Bath, BA2 0EL
Erection of detached garage: PERMITTED

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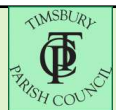
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Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 1st November 2021
7.30pm in the Conygre Hall

See timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil

Angela Wilson, Parish
Clerk



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COP26 and why 1.5 degrees matters

By Bridget Newbery



The most recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) shows that the world is warming even faster than scientists previously thought. In the words of the BBC, that means 'code red for humanity'.

That's why COP26 is so (deathly) important. COP is short for the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Climate Change. It takes place annually and this November in Glasgow will be the group's 26th meeting.

The focus will be on securing international agreement on actions to keep the temperature of the planet under control, and limiting the average

global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees. In order to do this, we need to be producing less carbon than we take out of the atmosphere by 2050 (at the latest). That is what reaching 'net zero' means.

An increase of 1.5 degrees may not sound like a big deal. In fact around here it could be quite nice - a 20 degree day becomes a 21.5 degree day. But that's not actually what we're talking about. The 1.5 degree change is in global average temperature. Through the 20th century the global average temperature was 14.8 degrees, so 1.5 degrees would equate to a 10% increase globally. Looking at the world, two thirds of it is water, which warms more

slowly than land. So an increase of 1.5 degrees in global average temperature means land surfaces warming far more than that, perhaps an average of 3 to 4 degrees. Added to that, the climate doesn't respond in a linear way to increased temperatures, and changes won't be equally distributed, so some places will become a lot colder or wetter than they are now, and some places will see temperatures peak at significantly more than that 3-4 degree average.

Based on that, you can start to see how extremes resulting from a 1.5 average rise in temperature will have huge impacts at the ecological level. Events like the 2020 bush fires in Australia, this year's heatwave in the USA, the recent flooding in Germany, and severe droughts currently affecting Brazil and Madagascar, will become increasingly common (here as well as abroad). So 1.5 degrees may not sound like much, but even that will create severe impacts that will affect all of our day to day lives, from the increased cost of food and excess winter and summer deaths, to reduced availability of resources, and local wildlife populations.

Unfortunately, capping the temperature rise at 1.5 degrees is the best we can hope for because of emissions that are already baked in.

Scientists say that any additional warming past 1.5 degrees will trigger even more intense and frequent climate

extremes and freak weather events. And 2 degrees is a critical threshold where extreme weather would turn some of the world's most densely populated areas into uninhabitable deserts or flood them with sea water. At the current rate of progress we are failing (in the UK, and internationally) to hit previously agreed targets to limit climate change to 1.5 degrees, and we're on track for a climate catastrophe.

Alok Sharma, the COP26 President, recognises that to adapt to the impacts of a 1.5 degree rise in temperature and to stop it from rising further we need to protect and restore nature, look after our land and seas and change how we grow our food. He will be pushing for solid commitments to policy decisions including ending coal power, phasing out polluting vehicles, making agriculture more sustainable, tackling deforestation and supporting developing countries with finance. He states:

“Whether future generations look back at this time with admiration or despair, depends entirely on our ability to seize this moment.”

Project Linus meeting

3rd December 2021

Conygre Hall, 10.00am-2.00pm

The Serious Challenge of the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP-26

By David Packham

We have always known that our survival depended upon the natural world's provision of food and sustenance. Wellbeing has ebbed and flowed over millennia. However, broadly since the industrial revolution, a belief system has arisen with the inevitability of "growth and progress" as a fundamental doctrine. While there may be temporary setbacks Science will always come up with a "technical-fix" to enable the march of growth to resume.

Of course, many economists pointed out that continuous growth in a finite system (i.e. the World) was impossible. By the 1970s the U.N. was warned of the danger of an "ecological catastrophe under the effective explosion of industrial civilization". By the 1980s the effects "greenhouse gases" (GHG) emitted as a consequence of the path that growth was taking, were recognised as a threat to global climate, and the U.N. set up the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to provide reliable scientific advice on how to prevent catastrophic global warming/heating.

This challenged powerful vested interests: those whose profits-making is intrinsically linked to GHG production, and those of us who enjoy "benefits"

such as cheap petrol, subsidised aviation and exotic foreign foods. When the interests of the tobacco industry were challenged by the science linking smoking to lung cancer, the tobacco industry reacted by secretly funding selected journalists and academics to write articles aimed at undermining the science, delaying effective action on lung cancer by decades. Similar tactics have been employed by parts of the fossil fuel industry, attempting to discredit the IPCC and scientists whose research threatened their interests. These will surely be used in an attempt to influence the outcomes of COP-26

Will our government be urging effective action at COP-26? The signs are not too good! In this country, emissions from private cars have been increasing, not decreasing during the last decade largely associated with a surge in SUV use. Addressing the serious problem aviation's GHG emissions has have been postponed for decades and is still not being addressed. Indeed the U.K. minister presiding over COP-26 has previously been an advocate of new runways! Globally farming is an enormous GHG generator: there is not much encouragement to adapt our diets to reduce this impact!

MPs. have a greater influence on COP-26 than mere electors. Our MP's. views, as explained to the Timsbury Environment Group, were far from encouraging; see the village website:

<http://www.timsbury.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/RM-summary-for-website-version2.pdf>

Perhaps he has since changed his mind but the website "They Work for You", which monitors the voting records of M.Ps., indicates that he generally voted against measures to prevent climate change, and against financial incentives for low carbon emission electricity

generation methods. Details can be found here:

https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mp/24926/jacob_rees-mogg/north_east_somerset/votes

In 2009 government's Sustainability Development Commission was warning that "every society clings to a myth by which it lives; ours is the myth of economic progress but a society that allows itself to be steered by a faulty myth risks foundering on the shores of harsh reality". COP-26 is very important indeed.

Timsbury was built on agriculture and coal

By Susan Walker

Timsbury was probably a bronze-age settlement, which has grown from the toil of generations of farming and mining folk. Our generation is in debt to those earlier villagers and, in the month of Remembrance, it seems fitting to not only remember the contribution of those who fought for our freedom but, also those who have laboured long and hard in field and mine. Their work over the generations has brought about our comfortable, lively village, with excellent health services and community resources which we enjoy today.

However, agriculture and coal, the two



foundation stones of our village's prosperity, are now amongst key issues under discussion at the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow this month (COP26).

Although Timsbury has long since ceased mining coal, the worldwide use

of this fossil fuel, as well as of oil, remains a major contributor to increasing atmospheric CO₂ and consequent global warming. But surely, you may say, agriculture is beneficial to our environment, or at the least benign. Sorry, but currently agriculture contributes at least 10% to global warming emissions, some of them, like methane, more potent than CO₂.

When seen from the perspective of our own lifespans, it is difficult to appreciate the immensity, diversity and potential irreversibility of the changes that are affecting our planet through global warming. CO₂ Levels have slowly increased from the beginning of the industrial revolution, but really began accelerating in 20th century, with the fastest increases occurring from mid-century onward.

Today the effects are regularly reported in the media, e.g. flooding, wildfires, and drought, leading to crop failures. The warming seas affect fish distribution and supplies (especially that nice piece of cod from Our Plaiçe). Just looking locally, unchecked global warming will disrupt our agriculture and environment: drought and heat-stress on cows, effecting the production of our 'Gorge-ous' cheeses, or can you imagine never seeing the carpets of bluebells in Greyfield Woods and loosing the great beech trees growing there? All will be adversely affected by global warming.

Please don't say to yourself, "it doesn't

matter, it won't really affect me", (especially if you are an 'oldie' like me). If it doesn't affect you much directly, it will be those you love, their children and children's children who will have to deal with the most devastating effects. So, if you want to be fondly remembered as a wise, enlightened and dynamic ancestor, whose actions contributed to limiting serious changes to our wonderful world and our village, lets get together as a community and begin to make change.

"HOW?" you may ask. Well to start with we can each make many small personal changes that cost little and may even save us money, e.g. Reduce our use of energy (turn the thermostat down 1o), not waste food (whiz up a soup or freeze leftover veg), buy fewer new clothes, repair, rather than replace goods, and don't forget to recycle when you can't reduce or reuse.

Secondly we can come together as a community and support local businesses or source local products - especially food, as we are blessed with many excellent producers. Could it be more than a pipedream to have a neighbourhood renewable energy scheme, or even a community farm on our doorstep (farm gate)? The choices should be yours if part of a local initiative.

At a third level i.e. local and national government we, both as individuals and a community, need to get our voices

heard by lobbying them to act on many higher level initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions – energy saving and renewable energy schemes, transport, planning, agriculture, etc.

So I'm calling on you all to get active in whichever way you can. We can't all be buying electric cars, installing heat pumps or waving banners outside Westminster, but each of us can do something. AND, we'll get more done by working together, so watch out for information on the return of the Green Action Group (formed in 2019), which

has had a long sleep during Covid but is stirring and soon to wake up. And let's make sure we never have a Remembrance Day when the losses and sacrifices remembered include those caused by global warming.

Whether you want to stop global warming, or anything else, the answer is in how meaning, and understanding of what needs to be done, emerges from conversation in community with people you love, people who care. Dave Pollard "Conversational Leadership

For Peats Sake?

By Mary– Anne Ansell

Parish Council Planting and Spaces Committee

Most people want to do something to help nature and stop climate change. Often this makes us feel rather guilty or uncomfortable, but we remain unclear about how we can do things in our own lives to make a difference. I want to talk about two things that you can do easily and will have an important effect.

The first is around restoring nature to cut pollution and increase the number of plants removing carbon from the air. Plants are amazing because, unlike us, they make their own food. They do this by absorbing carbon dioxide from the air all round us and use the energy of the sun together with water and

minerals absorbed through their roots, to photosynthesise plant material. They release oxygen back into the air as a by-product of the process, so it's a win-win.

As trees are big plants which take carbon from the air and make it into plant material, planting more trees is a very good way to remove carbon from the air. Some trees are better than others particularly fast-growing trees with wide crowns and big leaves, which maximise photosynthesis.

Trees store the most carbon during their first ten years of growth. Good trees to grow are Oak, Beech, Laurel,

Maple, Magnolia, Horse Chestnut. However, it's not just trees that will help. Any woody shrub or perennial will also remove carbon from the air and bamboo is especially good. All these plants store carbon in the long term as part of the permanent ecosystem and will also support biodiversity in their environment. So, get growing woody perennials such as Salvias!

The title of this article is about probably the thing all gardeners can do to cut carbon, which is to stop buying compost containing peat and buy peat-free.



You may not realise why this is important, but it is part of the same plant story. Peat comes from peat bogs which have been laid down over many, many years and are made up of dead plants. They are therefore keeping carbon in the ground not in the air, reducing Global Warming. BUT, when peat is dug out of the bogs, it releases carbon in large quantities back into the atmosphere.

At present the peat bogs over the Earth make up just 3% of the surface but hold an astonishing one-fifth of all stored carbon. Not only are peat bogs storing large amounts of carbon dioxide, but they are also brilliant habitats for wildlife and help in managing water flows. Please, if you do nothing else because of reading this, stop buying compost containing peat and encourage your garden centre to stop selling it.

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Ruminations of Radford Mill

By Richard Fox

The big event of the year is underway in Glasgow. All the most important people in the world, and quite a few others, are assembled this week to decide what's to be done with climate change. No doubt many of us will be listening to the news each day, and pouring over the speeches trying to understand how sincere each world leader is, and what they actually intend to do.

How will the events of this week affect all of us in Timsbury? We're not really worried about sea levels rising, flooding won't get us, not even those of us in the lowlands of Radford. We might find a few less birds and bees in our gardens, but hey, we've got red kites back in our skies, so wildlife here is not in that much trouble, right? And we don't have to worry too much about our food supply; surely our local Co-op, and Tesco just three miles away, will keep us well supplied. Those French beans from Kenya and the imported asparagus will continue to arrive so we'll be OK.



We'll have to pay more for our gas and electricity, but those are just uncomfortable facts of life; not really much of a "crisis".

Here's how I see the situation: world leaders are generally thinking about how to remain a world leader, and although they may have some concern about climate change they are very insulated from the urgency of the situation. They do not experience food shortages, flooding, inadequate medical care, poverty and loss of their homes in the way that many people around the world do and will do as the climate changes. They are usually able to promise this or that but deliver much less when it comes to practical actions. And that means that you and I, if we want anything significant to change, will have to do something about it ourselves. Sitting around waiting for the COP26 elite to save the world is a cop-out.

What to do? Back to the three R's - reduce, re-use, and recycle. The most important of these is to reduce all of our purchases. Stop buying "bags for life", get an empty cardboard box from the supermarket and help reduce their rubbish at the same time.

Use tap water, not bottled water which has a single-use plastic bottle. We need

to reduce almost everything we've become accustomed to buying and using - water, electricity, petrol, travel miles, food. FOOD? Yes, at least let's cut out that 30% wasted food that we throw away every week.

Two recent examples come to mind about this country's carbon commitments:

1. the National Grid uses coal-produced electricity generation whenever it is cheaper than gas. That's right, a small portion of your electricity comes from the dirtiest

environmental source because it is cheaper.

2. Freightliner, this country's biggest operator of freight trains, has stopped using electric train engines because the older model diesels cost less to operate. Think about it, we've paid to have those electric engines built, and we've paid to electrify the lines, and now some very big train operators are switching back to diesel, because it is cheaper. Does this sound like progress?

How will you reduce your emissions personally?

The editor asked Timsbury residents how they would personally reduce their emissions, what they are most worried about in a 1.5 degree (or higher) future and what their vision would be for a net zero village? Here are some of their responses:

" I've gone to an electric vehicle and have tried to minimise waste and landfill. I am also trying to limit my use of gas, but it's hard" Dan Hilton.

" I burn my rubbish and recycling so the lorry doesn't have to come and stop by ours" Tommy George

"I'm in High Littleton. I'm pretty concerned about the climate. I'm sure the government doesn't care. My vision would be for villages like Timsbury and High Littleton would be to have community wind turbines as they take

very little space and are quite quick to install.

Personally, after the first lockdown, I installed a solar panel system in a small space in the vegetable garden, then spent a large amount of time recycling old laptop and ebike batteries to make a DIY 'powerwall' with off grid power for the house. Then built a large silo compost from recycled concrete blocks on a section of land reclaimed from our car park. I've now installed another three solar panels over this to have a total of 1.5kw capacity. Upgraded to grid tie inverter and extra recycled power packs coming online soon. I go everywhere I can on electric bike (obviously solar recharged). I'm now looking at setting up a small wind turbine for the winter months". Peter Green

Village Church Services

St Mary's Church, Timsbury

Sunday 7th November 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th November 8.00am Holy Communion (CW) 11.15am Annual Remembrance Service.

Sunday 21th November 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th November 8.00am Holy Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th November Remembrance Sunday. Act of Remembrance at the Royal British Legion at 11.00am followed by Remembrance Sunday Service at St Mary's Church at 11.15am.

Saturday 27th November: Gifts and More. 10.00 am to 3.30pm

Every Wednesday, weekly 9.30 am Holy Communion Service.

Revd Martin Blewett

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Tabor Free Methodist Church

Tabor have decided to hold fortnightly services for the foreseeable future. The November services will be on November 7th and 21st. The preacher for November 7th is Tim Moxham. Carol Maundrill will lead a short service on November 21st with a members' meeting to follow. A warm welcome is extended to all.

Sadly Tabor lost two of its most loyal members within four days of each other. Christine Isaac and Annette Rhymes both passed away and will be badly missed at the church. Christine's funeral at Weston-Super-Mare and Annette's at Withyditche were both led by Eric Barge. All at Tabor send their heartfelt condolences to both families.

Pastoral Matters- Eric Barge 01761 420234

Secretary- Geoff Shute 01761 568524

www.taborfreemethodist.org

Methodist Church South Road

Sunday 7th November 10.30am Mr Steve Beck

Sunday 14th November 10.30am Rev David Winstanley

Sunday 21st November 10.30am Rev Jane Wilson

Sunday 28th November 10.30am Mr Mark Robinson

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

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Conygre Hall Saturday 20th November 11.30am until 3.00pm. Further details can be found in the Newsletter.

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We look forward to welcoming you soon!



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Timsbury Brownies

By Amber Nolan

Since starting back after summer in September, we have done lots of fun activities including making a fairy village, making slime, inventing our own sports, and making keychains. We went on a walk to Greyfield Wood with the Guides and they taught us how to make a campfire! We've also learnt lots about tents and camping to get our Camp Stage 2 Badge.

As well as all of this, we've been working very hard on designing our Christmas cards which we will be selling to raise money for the unit and all the fun activities and life experiences we offer. They will be sold in packs of 5 for £2.50. If you would like to purchase

some email arjnolan1@gmail.com or text 07580191611 with your name, address, and the number of packs you would like buy.

Timsbury Brownies offers lots of fun activities and learning experiences for girls aged 7-10. We meet every Tuesday evening; come along and make new friends! If you're interested and would like more information, please email arjnolan1@gmail.com or text 07580191611.

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Swan Advice Network

By Colin Allen

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their independence by taking them to medical and social appointments, to go shopping or to the hairdressers, to attend activities or to meet with friends.

Now that we are emerging from the Covid crisis, demand for Swan's transport services is increasing rapidly. The number of volunteer drivers in the team has reduced as a result of the covid situation over the past 18 months. Consequently, Swan is now desperate to get more volunteer drivers to join the team, so that all the requests for journeys can be satisfied.


If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer driver for Swan, please get in touch with Sarah or Ann on 01761 439548, email: swan.transport@btconnect.com.

Or me, Colin Allen on 07889 363018, email: colin.allen2@talktalk.net.

TIMSBURY NATURAL HISTORY GROUP



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Youth Work in Timsbury

By Jane Van-Haaps

Youth and Community Worker in Timsbury



In October it really felt as if we were getting back to pre-pandemic normality – however, as we all know, we can't take these things for granted. Yet as I write things are looking positive. We started back indoors at the YMCA on a Friday night for Youth Club. In order not to exclude some of the children whom we were meeting in the park, we have started a new club for those in School Year 6. This is running from 6.30 -7.15pm. Then the older club runs directly after from 7.15-8.15pm for those in School Years 7-10. Activities include indoor sports, table tennis, pool, craft activities, x-box. Cost £1 which includes a drink and snack.

We still need more volunteers and a paid member of staff for a Friday evening (see Bath YFC website for details). Last week we had 29 young people so you can see we are busy. However, a big thank you to Archie & Ben our young leaders, who have been such an asset, and also our adult

helpers who have stepped up to the mark: Rosanna, Martin and Tony.

Wednesdays we have started a new project for potential young leaders (age 13-17), 'Chat & Create'. We are working with an artist to give us some focus for the first 5 weeks.

The youth sessions, Pizza@StPete's, at St Peter's Church, Camerton, aimed at 9 -13 year olds, will continue the first Tuesday of the month, 4.30-6pm, in November and December.

As you know, charitable organisations often run on a shoe string so many thanks to Tony Cook who has not only been our main volunteer doing face to face work, but has also tirelessly been applying for grants so that we can continue to run the projects for the benefit of young people in Timsbury, as well as ensuring we can pay rent for the YMCA to maintain this facility in the village. Thanks Tony!

If you would like to find out more about Bath YFC, who's strapline is "Building Hope in Young People's Lives", do visit www.bathyfc.co.uk or come to our AGM Wednesday 17th November at St Lukes Church, Bath.

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Timsbury Theatre Group

By Peter Buchanan

Pantomime Tickets now on sale!

Rehearsals are now well under way for our Christmas pantomime "Aladdin" by Sam Allen. Subtitled "A lad in a lot of trouble!" this script has plenty of time-honoured pantomime business with some clever modern twists.

Aladdin will be on stage at the Conygre Hall from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th December. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.30pm; Saturday at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Ticket prices - £10 adults, £6 children, £28 family of four. Tickets can be bought via our website www.thettg.org, or alternatively you can contact the box office on timsburytheatre@gmail.com and by phone or text to 07542 152595.

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 will be going 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 ticket-holders who would like a refund, this can be arranged by emailing timsburytheatre@gmail.com.

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100th Anniversary 2021 Poppy Appeal



By Chris Fiddes

The History of the poppy

Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community.



During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The Flanders fields was blasted, bombed, and fought over repeatedly and turned to mud. Nothing could grow except the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands. Shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

The poem then inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She campaigned to get it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States and worked with

others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK. Also involved with those efforts was a French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921 where she planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, our founder, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as our emblem in the UK. The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. The poppies sold out almost immediately and raised over £106,000; a considerable amount at the time and the poppy has been adopted as a symbol of Remembrance for the past 100 years.

Timsbury/Camerton & Tunley

Like so many things in 2020, last year's Poppy Appeal was cancelled due to Covid-19, but we at Timsbury Royal British Legion Branch would like to thank you for getting involved and helping us raise to date: £2200 supporting the 2020 Poppy Appeal.

The RBL 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. 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 minimum donation of £18 - email me please at cfiddes@btinternet.com or phone: 01761471691 mod: 07923436950

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

- National Poppy Appeal launch - Thursday 28th October
- Poppy Appeal collecting period runs from Saturday 30th October - Saturday 13th November
- Bristol Poppy Day with Military involvement Tuesday 9th November
- Armistice Day - Thursday 11th November
- Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance (Albert Hall) - Saturday 13th November
- Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 14th November

Timsbury Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 14th November at 11.00am at the war memorial next to

Royal British Legion Club. After the Service at the war memorial there will be a service in St Mary's Church for all those who wish to attend. After the Service everyone is invited back to the RBL Club where the bar will be open for refreshments.

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 its formation in 1929.

In Flanders Fields

The poem by John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place: and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high,

If ye break faith with us who die

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In Flanders' Fields.



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The Gardening Club

By Graham Nicholls

The large turnout for our October meeting showed the interest in carnivorous plants, that members have, and Dennis Balsdon didn't disappoint. Using a digital presentation he ran through the various types of these unusual plants from the tiny sundew to the large pitcher plants in the U.S.A and Far East. He passed around several of the smaller forms and the so called 'pitchers' from the North American forms.



The show contained several short videos (not for the squeamish) showing insects being trapped in the plants either by leaves quickly closing or slipping on the surface and falling to their death. Dennis explained that although many people think the plants eat their victims they actually gradually dissolve them using the juices as food. A pitcher plant (Darlingtonia or Sarracenia) can attract and make use of hundreds of flies a day if in the right place.

The Venus Fly traps have leaves that close once the trigger part is touched and many a child can be seen at Garden Centres touching the trigger point and seeing the two leaves snap shut but the Droseras have sticky leaves that catch and hold the insect.

Dennis explained that although most grow in boggy or moist areas in the wild they don't like their feet in water all the year and a sunny spot is also best. Although they can be grown indoors or in a greenhouse they must not be given a lot of artificial feed or they will rot. Their normal feed of insects is usually enough. Most of the pitcher plants, although from warmer climates, are hardy and he showed a slide of his cold frame covered with snow and said all the plants survived.

He brought along a large number of exhibition plants from the tiny flytraps to the larger Pitcher plants demonstrating the wide range that exists. His sales table also was a favourite place.

The evening ended with tea and biscuits and we look forward to the November meeting with Christopher Bond talking on 'Satisfying all the Five Senses in Your Garden'



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Tabor Ringers

By Diane Carter

There was an exciting restart for the Tabor Ringers, after a long time apart the first rehearsal of 2021 was a great success. Everyone was happy to be together again although subsequently we have sadly lost one of our long term ringers who is still in our hearts as we play.

It was very pleasing to welcome the arrival of five new people wishing to join. Work is now in progress teaching our new recruits the method of ringing and revisiting some of the easier tunes for the seasoned members.

We are still very aware of staying safe and well, and have revised our seating plan to limit very close contact. This may make it difficult to undertake

engagements at the present time but the situation will be reviewed periodically taking into consideration any Government Guidelines or the Covid situation in our area.

The Ringers are based at Tabor Independent Methodist Church North Road Timsbury who recently had a very successful Harvest.

For any further information on The Tabor Ringers please contact our Secretary Mrs Barb Spalding on (01761) 752177.

Church information can be accessed by contacting Mr and Mrs G Shute on (01761) 568524.

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At some venues you will also be able to grab a cup of tea and a slice of cake, while catching up with friends. Also, some exhibitors offer cards and prints in addition to their original artworks. Remember to bring cash and cheque book since not all artists are able to take credit cards.

Entry is FREE so do be sure to drop in. Brochures with locations of all sites will be at all venues. Find out about all the artists and our venues on our website www.camvalleyartstrail.co.uk

2021 Cricket Club Presentation

By Malcolm Tucker

Camerton Village Hall was packed for the annual Presentation evening of Timsbury Cricket Club with all three teams well represented.

The evening began with applause for all those associated with the club who had been lost over the last couple of years.

The Club Chairman Ben Hosford who was celebrating his first year at the helm said he was delighted at the way the club had developed over the last year. Over 50 members had paid up, the All Stars and Dynamos had attracted loads of children, the new kit had been very popular, new sight screens had been purchased and the coaching sessions led by Lloyd Davies had been very well attended. He added that coaching master classes with Marcus Trescothick and Richard Dawson had been arranged for next season.

First team captain Jon Strand reviewed a season that had seen the side eventually achieve a creditable third place in the Senior Division of the Bristol and District League. He described it as a fun filled campaign with every player giving one hundred percent. The emergence of young

players such as Oli Hulbert and Joe Kinnear had been a real boost.

Will Rawlings gave an excellent speech as captain of the under 19s. Although there had been five losses it had been a very young group and he said that they had been very close to beating some strong teams. He felt the positives far outweighed the negatives and that it was great to see so many under 19s featuring prominently in the senior sides. He said that Timsbury was a club where young players felt wanted and where they wanted to play.

Laurie Jones, captain of the third eleven, said that his aim had been to make the team more competitive and to encourage the youth. The team had finished fourth in Division 14 but had been frustrated by a number of cancellations often through teams being unable to field a side. Enjoyment had been the main team ethos and he was confident the team could challenge for promotion next season.

The Chairman then turned to his role as second team captain and celebrated another excellent season which had seen the seconds win Division Six and achieve promotion for the fourth

successive season. There had been a real influence by the young players but the effect of senior players such as Neil Hucker and Steve Clothier had been highly significant. Dan Hill had been outstanding scoring 576 runs and taking 18 wickets while one of the highlights of the season had been Sol Thompson's maiden century at Almondsbury.

The annual awards were as follows:

Youth section

Most improved Junior (Eddie Strong Trophy) Oscar Mallon

Best performance by a Junior (Graham Bryant Trophy) Liam Hosford (See Photo below)



Liam Hosford and Ben Hosford

Outstanding teenager (S G Taylor Memorial Cup) Oli Hulbert

Biggest six by a junior (Steve Nowell Cup) Henry Webb

Best young all-rounder (Jer Thompson Memorial Trophy) Joe Kinnear

Senior section

Club caps George Webb, Ben Smith,

Joe Kinnear, Oli Hulbert, and Josh Bond-Kendall

Centurion ties Sol Thompson

Fastest 50 (John Newth Cup) Paul Cracknell

Best individual performance (S G Taylor Cup) Sol Thompson

First team Player of the Year (Sage Family Trophy) Graeme Webb

Second team Player of the Year (Malcolm Tucker Cup) Dan Hill

Third team Player of the Year (Colin Weaver Cup) Neil Hulford



Team players of the year

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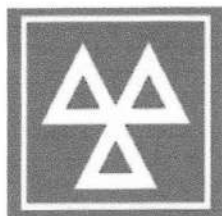
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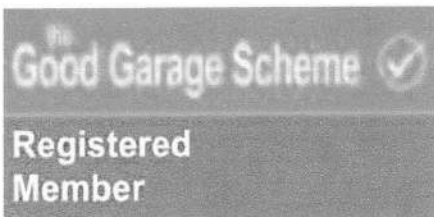


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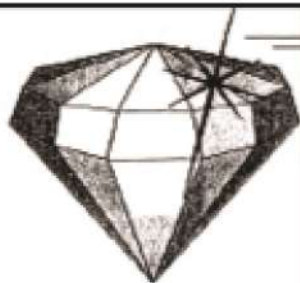


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