

THE TIMSBURY LETTER

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VILLAGE NEWS

Have your voice heard

There is still time to have your say and influence the future of Timsbury. Every household should have received a paper survey or it can also be completed online.

This survey is the first step to understand what is important to you about living here. Tell us what you think by Monday 5th October.



If you haven't received a survey please email haveyoursay@futuretimsbury.org.uk

Planning Applications

Applications considered by Timsbury Parish Council

25/04918/OUT – Parcel 4679, Hayeswood Road, Timsbury

Outline planning application for the erection of up to 170 dwellings (including affordable housing) (use class C3), an Early Years facility (use class E9f), associated parking, access roads, walking and cycling routes, public open space, drainage and other associated works. All matters are reserved, except for access (part).

26/00210/FUL – Parcel 3600, Lansdown Crescent, Timsbury

Erection of 54 no. dwellings; associated access, car parking, open space, landscaping and engineering works

26/02850/TPO – Parish's House, Hook, Timsbury BA2 0ND T1 Thuja – dismantle and removed before it falls down as the tree is dead. T2 cherry – to be removed due to being dead. Replanting can be put in place.

26/02901/TCA - Sunbeam Cottage, 3 High Street Timsbury BA2 0HT Old Apple – fell.

B&NES Decisions on planning applications

26/01970/FUL Tabor Chapel, North Road, Timsbury

Change of use of from place of worship (Use Class F1) to a children's day nursery (Use Class E(f), partially retrospective.

Decision- PERMIT

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NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 5th October 2026 7.30pm

Meetings are held in the Myra Hayward

Room, Conygre Hall

www.timsburyparish.gov.uk/parishcouncil

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

If you wish to speak please contact the

Clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL DETAILS

parishclerk@timsburyparish.gov.uk

Address: c/o YMCA, North Road, Timsbury

BA2 0JH



ST MARY'S CHURCH TIMSBURY SERVICES

Sunday 4th October 11.15am Holy communion

Sunday 11th October 11.15am Harvest Festival

Sunday 18th October 11.15am Morning Praise

Sunday 25th October 11.15am Holy communion

All are welcome at St Mary's Services.

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WHAT'S ON

By KC Bradley

This event supports the ongoing upkeep of our village hall.

Jazz Night with the Peter Finch Jazz Band
Saturday 3rd October
7.00pm

Book at conygre-hall-timsbury.co.uk or
pay at the door. £15 including supper.

Grow Timsbury Market
including Garden Club's Craft Fair
Saturday 31st October
9.30am – 12 noon.
info@growtimsbury.org.uk

Hearoic
8.30am – 4.30pm
Thursday 15th October.
Free hearing check.
For appointments: hearoic.co.uk. 0117
910 9079

Floral Art
Monday 12th October and Monday 26th
October.
7.00pm – 9.30pm.
lizzie.bence@gmail.com, 07733 047066

Natural History
Monday 19th October
7.30pm – 9.30pm
Contact: Andy Daw.
andydaw@btinternet.com

Timsbury Theatre Group
Tuesdays and Thursdays
6.30pm – 9.00pm
To join the cast or backstage crew.
Contact: Peter Buchanan.
peter49buchanan@btinternet.com
Telephone: 01761 724241.

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Contact: Kirsty on 07976 213226
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Slimming World
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Contact: Fiona on 07718 160680

Short Mat Bowls
Mondays 10.00am – 12.00pm.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.00pm –
9.00pm.
Contact: John Gardner. gardner.susan@live.co.uk. 07710 246362.

Golden Oldies Sing-a-long
Wednesday 14th October
11.00am – 12.00pm.
Why not join the group for friendship and
an uplifting sing-along?
It is NOT a choir. You don't have to be
able to hold a tune.
Listen, sing or just chat. Call 01761
470006.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mondays 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Bowls
Court.
Contact: Jayne. Telephone: 07712 449148

Curo Lunch
Wednesday 7th October.
Curo residents call Sheena on 07813
544605.

Linus Quilt Making

Friday 30th October

10.30am – 1.00pm.

Contact: Patricia Cross.

patriciacross2019@outlook.com

Telephone: 07579 069992

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01761 752337.

linda.somerset@gmail.com

www.projectlinus.org.uk

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Thursday 1st October

7.30pm – 9.00pm

Josie. timswijp@gmail.com

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Jill Warrenner. jill.warrenner@btinternet.com

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200 CLUB- SUPPORT THE CONYGRE HALL

🎉 **Support The Conygre Hall – Only 4 Numbers Left!** 🎉

The Conygre Trust's 200 Club is almost sold out — and we have just four numbers remaining.

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WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT

By Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall
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B&NES Local Plan: Please have you say and object to the draft Local Plan

On the 10th September Cllr KC Bradley, Chairman of the Parish Council, and I both spoke against B&NES Council's draft Local Plan and the Labour Governments doubling of local housing target to 27,324 by 2043!

Before the Labour Governments announcement B&NES Council was planning on allocating only around 50-60 houses for Timsbury for the period up until 2043. Now this flawed rigid top down system from Whitehall allocates a massive 410 houses to our rural village! This is totally irrational and unsustainable.

The Parish Council is due to meet on Monday 5th October to agree its response which, I assume given their response to the Local Plan Options document last autumn, will be one full of reasons why they object to the "soundness" of the plan. I'm confident that the Parish Council will outline why they believe the plan was NOT positively prepared, is unjustified, ineffective and is not consistent with national policy.

I have delivered a letter to every household in the village outlining my objection to this draft Local Plan, and I encourage those of you who have not yet responded, to please visit the B&NES Council website (www.bathnes.gov.uk/local-plan) and search for the consultation on the draft Local Plan, by the close of the six week consultation period which (as of time of writing) could

be either Wednesday 28th or Thursday 29th October 2026. Finally, if you would like a copy of my speech objecting to the plan for 410 new homes for Timsbury or a copy of my official objection response, please do email me, or see page 11.

Planning Applications

Related to the above, at the time of writing there is no decision yet on three very important planning applications in the Parish:

- 25/03014/FUL: An application for an 83 bed care home with some assisted living/extra care flats on South Road at Greenhill House.
- 25/04918/OUT: An outline planning application for up to 170 new houses on Emlett Field.
- 26/00210/FUL: A full planning application for 54 affordable homes by Curo north of Lansdown Crescent.

Both Emlett and Curo housing applications raise wide concerns about infrastructure capacity, from primary health care and education provision to the highway network and the less than ideal public transport provision, and ensuring that any design, if approved, reflects Timsbury's rural character.

Pedestrian Safety Highway Schemes

The delivery of the final few highways schemes aimed to improve pedestrian safety, reduce traffic speeds and to help deter through traffic, continued with new sections of pavement being constructed over the summer along South Road. In addition, since I last wrote two new speed

tables have been installed on Radford Hill, and at the end of August, a speed table was installed on North Road at Chapel Walk.

The reductions in the rural speed limits along Weekesley Lane, Radford Hill, Radford, and Bath Road were meant to have been implemented in August but problems with the supplier of the new street signs meant that they are now scheduled to be implemented in late September.

I'm frustrated that the remaining scheme on North Road still doesn't have a confirmed exact installation date. However, the work on this scheme has to be carried out during a school holiday period and the scheme aims to improve the safety of children as they walk to St. Mary's CoE Primary School and to improve the line of sight for drivers as they turn right out of Lansdown View. The speed table at Chapel Walk is now in, and a Priority Give Way and extended pavement at the junction with Lansdown View is scheduled for "half-term".

Together these two schemes will improve the safety of all vulnerable road users accessing the services and facilities along North Road including the school, the two convenience stores, the YMCA, the Library Hub and The Seven Stars public house.

Although I'm pleased to have secured funding for the pavements on St John's Road and Lippiatt Lane to be resurfaced this financial year, there are obviously other areas of the village in need of resurfaced pavements and roads too. Therefore, I'm continuing to lobby senior officers and Cabinet Members around what investment I can secure and bring to our village for the following financial year, 2027/28!

Public Transport: Successful campaign brings new and improved bus services to Timsbury

The collective campaigning of so many local residents, bus groups, our own Parish Council and the Lib Dem administration of B&NES has finally paid off with the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) funding enhancements to the 522 and 768 services AND the new 100 route which brings back direct hourly Mon to Sat services to Bath Bus Station.

Thank you to those of you who signed my "Back our Buses" petition. Our campaign has helped persuade WECA to listen to our community, the Parish Council, and B&NES as well as the local Cam Valley bus campaigners. I know there have been teething issues with the reliability of this new service which connects Bristol, the Chew Valley, Clutton, Farmborough and Timsbury to Bath and back. I therefore continue to liaise with B&NES Council Officers to bring these issues to the attention of the WECA Public Transport Team and add to the pressure on the bus operator, The Big Lemon, to resolve these issues and concerns asap.

Future Monthly Ward Surgeries

These are held at Conygre Hall on Monday evenings between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. (generally preceding the monthly Parish Council meetings). You don't need to make an appointment, just come along, and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Future dates are:

- 2nd November
- 7th December
- 11th January 2027
- 1st February
- 1st March

Speech at B&NES Cabinet Meeting - Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan 2025-2043 (E3695)

Chair, Cabinet Members,

I support having a Local Plan. Without one, we lose control over development, infrastructure delivery and affordable housing. But supporting a Local Plan does not mean supporting this Local Plan.

My concern tonight is whether the proposed allocations for Timsbury are actually sound.

The Draft Local Plan allocates approximately 410 homes across West Timsbury and East Timsbury. That represents around a 37% increase in the size of our village.

What makes this extraordinary is that previous planning policy treated Timsbury as a rural village where growth should be carefully constrained, with allocations of around 50 homes. Yet this Plan transforms Timsbury into one of the largest growth locations in the Rural Areas chapter.

I recognise that much of the responsibility for this situation does not lie solely with this Council. The Labour Government has dramatically increased housing targets nationally, and the Council's own report acknowledges that central government requirements have more than doubled and forced councils to consider sites many communities would not otherwise support.

However, whilst the Government may have imposed the numbers, it has not absolved the Council of its duty to demonstrate that individual allocations are sound, sustainable and evidence-based. That is the test before us tonight.

First, is the Plan positively prepared? Timsbury has a population of around 2,600 people, limited public transport, a

single GP practice and existing infrastructure pressures. Yet it is being expected to absorb growth on a scale closer to that of a market-town expansion.

Second, is it justified? The Department for Transport connectivity reassessment found that West Timsbury performs poorly against comparable locations and that East Timsbury falls within the bottom 20% of comparable settlements. East Timsbury is specifically identified as an infrastructure-first, later-phase site.

If growth is supposed to go to the most sustainable locations, how is a 410-home expansion of Timsbury justified?

Third, is it effective? The Plan promises new infrastructure, healthcare and transport improvements, but residents have not been shown clear delivery triggers guaranteeing that infrastructure comes before development.

And finally, is it consistent with national policy? National policy requires sustainable development based on proportionate evidence and justified choices. I am not convinced the evidence supports making Timsbury carry this level of growth.

Chair, residents understand the need for new homes and affordable housing. They also understand the pressures created by national housing targets.

But 410 homes is too much, too fast, for a village of Timsbury's size.

I therefore urge Cabinet to reconsider the scale and phasing of the Timsbury allocations before sending this Draft Local Plan forward. Thank you, Chair.



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GROW TIMSBURY

By The Grow Timsbury Team

Hello fellow villagers,

It's October and we are sure you have already begun thinking about Christmas; how many cards you need to buy and what imaginative gifts you can find for friends and family, etc. Well perhaps there is a perfect local solution for you this month as the Timsbury Market is teaming up with The Gardening Club to offer both the usual outdoor market of locally produced goodies, as well as an indoor Craft Fayre.

The monthly market will run for the usual time (9.30am – 12 midday) whilst the Gardening Club's Fayre will begin at 10am and continue until 2pm. Do try to make it, as there will definitely be an amazing array of unique, locally produced items for sale.

But that's not all! October is the month for

Apple Day, and to celebrate we have again organised an apple pressing session at the market. Just bring along some apples and a container for the resulting juice. There will be an experienced 'presser' on hand to ensure you get your fair share of the delicious juice. Of course it is also a lot of messy, wet fun - And, we mustn't forget that all this activity is happening on the 31st October, so it's also Halloween. There are sure to be some pumpkins, spiders and scary bats hanging around the recreation field.

Finally, can we remind you that the Festive Market is on the 28th November this year. As usual it will be held in the Conygre Hall and there will be a large number of stalls, which will offer delicious Christmas fare, last minute gifts and cards, and some seasonal music to help create a really festive atmosphere. Pop the date in your diaries today.



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KEEPING OUR STREETS CLEAR OF WEEDS

By Richard Thomas



Many of you may have seen people in yellow Hi-Viz vests on the streets over recent weekends, clearing weeds. You may ask why we are doing this rather than BANES – the reality is that BANES have limited resource and have other pressures and priorities on the public purse. Hence, we have kick started the current initiative.

This is a completely voluntary exercise. We now have 36 volunteers and normally muster 9 of these to go out each time.

Our focus to date has been on the heavily trafficked areas i.e. South Road, North Road, Chapel Walk, the Avenue, Landsdown Crescent (the school approach), High Street etc. The photographs show what a great job our volunteers are achieving.



Realistically we won't get to all of the residential streets before the weather breaks. However, if you are able to clean the area in front of your property that would be a great help. Alternatively, you could join our group.

For more information contact Richard Thomas on 07821 125729



ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF SOME HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN TIMSBURY

By Larry Cunningham

Parish's House is not just a good example of Regency architecture, it is a monument to the life of a naval officer whose adventures on the high seas helped shaped its existence. It was also the home of great benefactor to Timsbury who was involved in the Union Castle Shipping Line.

Parish's House was built in 1816 and was a massive extension of a smaller house called Honeylands. It was designated a Grade II listed building in 1960. It has been described as an exquisite miniature of regency design attributed to Thomas Baldwin, who designed the Guildhall in Bath.

Tradition has it that the original owner, Captain John Parish of the Royal Navy, extended the house in about 1816 from his share of the bounty money he acquired from participating in the capture of a Spanish treasure ship, the Pamona, in 1806 in the West Indies. He was Senior Lieutenant of the Arethusa which captured the Pamona. He was also involved in the conquest of Curacoa and fought with Nelson at the Battle of the Nile. However, an alternative is that Mary Crang, the only daughter of John Crang of Pitfour House, who Captain Parish married in 1815 used her inheritance to fund the new house. Captain Parish died in 1837, but Mary carried on living there with various cousins and at least five servants until her death in 1877.

There then followed a number of different owners including Francis R Philps, Montgomerie Boyle, Henry Newcomen Cooper, Captain Charles Sherref, Major Addington, Lady Ponsonby and Lady Mount Temple. After World War II, Major



Bernard Gilbert Stancomb Cayzer lived there until his death in 1981. Bernard Cayzer was a member of a wealthy shipping family who donated No. 1 Royal Crescent in Bath to the Bath Preservation Trust in 1968. He was also great benefactor to Timsbury and assisted in several major projects including the Conygre Hall, the Youth Club and the cricket clubroom. One of the rooms in Greenhill House was named Parish's in recognition of his donation towards the new East and West wings.



Major Cayzer built a covered heated swimming pool and laid out rose gardens. In the spring the grounds were a blaze of daffodils and he used to open the gardens to the public to raise money for his charities. He was also one of the instigators and a great supporter of the Timsbury Horse Show. There is a memorial to him at the end of the Ha-ha path. This photo shows him with his dogs at Parish's House.

TIMSBURY NATURAL HISTORY

By William Harrison

Back in 1976, then local Timsbury residents, John and Lynne Eley put forward the idea of a Timsbury Natural History Society. Thanks to their enthusiasm the first meeting took place at the end of that September in the still current venue, The Conygre Hall. Their commitment was followed by the late Martin Hunt and the late Rod Bruce who both did so much to ensure there remained a wildlife group in Timsbury.

On Monday 19th of October, in the main hall at the Conygre Hall, Timsbury Nats will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with a talk to be given by David Alexander of Eco Marine Consultants. David's talk is entitled "Protecting Marine Species of the UK – What it is to be a Marine Biologist".

David is an experienced marine ecology consultant with a broad range of skills and extensive experience of working in the machine industry. He graduated from Newcastle with an MSc in Tropical Coastal Management and from the University of Plymouth with a BSc in Ocean Science. David's role at the nearby Eco Marine Consultants involves managing ongoing projects, providing technical expertise, participating in fieldwork and liaising with clients and regulatory authorities.

On the following Saturday (24th the group will be travelling to Langford Lakes. The reserve is run by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and access is achieved by the aptly named Duck Street.



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Steeple Langford
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ST MARY'S CHURCH

Timsbury



MEND & P
MALE VOICE CHOIR

Monday 30 December
7.30pm

Mulled Wine Mince Pies
Retiring Collection
Raffle



THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO WATERED AND LOOKED AFTER OUR PLANTERS

By Mary-Anne Ansell
Timsbury Parish Councillor

We have quite a lot of planters round the village. We are really grateful to those people who have been looking after them and especially those who have watered during this long hot summer.

People who have done this include Judith Plucknett, Davina Edmunds, Lyn Pearce, Evaline Scott, Jan at Health and More, KC and Denise Bradley, the Library volunteers and of course the WI.

Recently Caroline Quartermain has started to replace compost and replant some of the planters, something she hopes to continue with over the next year.

Thanks to her for some lovely displays!

However, there are some planters which have been neglected so we are looking for volunteers to look after them in the future. These include the two at the bottom of Southlands Drive, opposite these on the corner of Greenvale and South Road.

If you can help, please contact Caroline Quartermain:
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TIMSBURY THEATRE GROUP

By Peter Buchanan

It's autumn, so we're moo-ving into panto territory!

The long hot summer is a distant memory as we enter panto season, and we're now rehearsing twice a week for "Jack and the Beanstalk" by Ben Crocker.

Ben's fast-paced script includes all the classic characters, including of course Daisy the cow (pictured below) who should provide some me-moo-rable comedy moments!



James Greenaway directs an excellent cast which includes Neil Moon as Dame Trot, Jo Jewell as Jack, Emma Cowles as the Princess, Jo Hickes as the villainous Slimeball, Lilia Comer as Simple Sam and Julie Smith as Edena the eco fairy. No production of this title would be complete without the rapacious giant Blunderbore, and in this script he is protected by a cockroach squad which features some of the very talented juniors who shone in "Peter Pan".

The cast have started rehearsals with tremendous enthusiasm – in fact you might say they are "full of beans"! This has all the makings of a great show and we look forward to entertaining our patrons with another thoroughly enjoyable Timsbury panto. Our painters have been hard at work over the past few weeks creating some stunning scenery – all will be revealed in December, but only if you buy a ticket!

"Jack and the Beanstalk" will be on stage at the Conygre Hall for five performances from Wednesday 16th to Saturday 19th December, weekdays at 7.30pm, Saturday at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Ticket prices are the same as last year - adult £12, child £8, family (2+2 or 1+3) £35. Tickets are on sale now – box office at www.ticketsource.co.uk/timsbury-theatre-group

We're currently meeting every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the Conygre Hall and we're keen to welcome anyone to help us continue the great tradition of amateur theatre in Timsbury.

If you'd like to get involved in any capacity, acting or backstage, come along to the hall or contact James Greenaway (07523 058186), Peter Crooke (01761 434479), Peter Buchanan (07808 724241), visit our website timsburytheatre.co.uk or check us out on social media.



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TIMSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



By Paul Carroll

This is an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan group in delivering a plan for the future of our village.

One of the reasons for developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village is to benefit from any building development in the receipt of the Community Infrastructure Levy, CIL. Usually on a housing development the builder, such as Flower & Hayes, in the case of Upper Conygre, has to pay the Community Infrastructure Levy and a Section 106 Levy. Both are paid to BANES as the Planning Authority and passed down to the Parish Council for allocation on local worthy projects. Without a Neighbourhood Plan in place the amount given to the community is under CIL is 15% of the development overall costs, the balance going to the Planning Authority. #

However, with a Neighbourhood Plan in place more of the CIL comes down for local use. The percentage increase is from 15% to 25% which, in the case of the Upper Conygre build, would have given the Parish Council an additional £35,000 to spend on local projects of importance to the village.

In terms of our Community Engagement survey it will have been delivered to you in mid-September and there is also a version available through a QR code. We also have a live email address for you; **haveyoursay@futuretimsbury.org.uk** The survey remains live until 5th October and you will have seen notices and signs encouraging its return. We expect to analyse the results in October and then be

able to give the early results through this update for the December edition having presented the results to the Parish Council at its November meeting. At the time of writing early September, we have not secured the use of the village website but hopefully that will come through.

Another part usually included in a Neighbourhood Plan is a Housing Needs Assessment Survey. A survey of this magnitude for Timsbury would require a significant amount of evidence that would only be relevant for the exact time it was taken and the value would not warrant the amount of effort and resource input as well as the cost. As it transpires the draft local plan issued by BANES in September now has a much increased figure of 410 houses driven by imposed governmental housing targets. What we will do is examine the survey results and we expect that this issue could be better addressed as part of a workshop or research at the mid-engagement stage if it is identified as a key issue.

As part of the Built Environment and Heritage group work a proposed Timsbury Design Code had been created and this will sit within the Neighbourhood Plan. This Timsbury design Code is due to be placed before the Parish Council in October.

To finish, please do complete our survey to inform the future look and surrounds of the village and we will tell you the results once we have analysed them.



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TIMSBURY WI

By Nicola Carroll



This month saw the departure of our big Pink Bra recycling box for a short break at Weston Super Mare with the Avon Federation of Women's Institutes for our Annual Meeting. Luckily we have a deputy box ready to roll out to the Conygre Hall. We are hoping to reach our target of 1000 bras donated to the charity "Against Breast Cancer" (ABC) by the end of the year.

ABC receive approximately £1 per kilo from recycled bras and there are about 12 bras to the kilo, obviously this varies with size. The charity uses its funding to work towards prevention of Breast cancer – the holy grail of a vaccine is one of their projects. They also promote better, better information and earlier diagnosis for both men and women. A link to the website is here :

<https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/about-us/our-story>

Our current donation stands at 654 bras which works out at just over £60, not a huge sum in itself, but it also represents a lot of garments that would potentially have ended up in landfill.

This month's speaker was Dr Gail Boyle, former senior curator of Archeology and

world cultures at Bristol Museum to give a talk titled "Staying Curious- engaging with local heritage", This talk was a fascinating insight into how looking into local history can lead to all sorts of interesting discoveries about your community, making new connections and becoming an absorbing and enjoyable hobby. Gail and her friends' interest led to the development of the Pucklechurch Heritage trail.

Our October meeting looks to be just as enthralling, Dr Helen Frisby will be talking to us about "Christmas customs" The meeting will be on October 1st at 7.30pm in the Conygre Hall.

Future events include our Annual meeting, Christmas meal and a subsidised trip to the Panto in Bath. Our regular meetings usually end with a social session where we can chat and catch up with each other and get to know new faces whilst sampling cake and other goodies. Visitors and new members are always welcome, we are a women only group and we do charge a small fee.

For more information about our group check out our facebook page or contact:

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TABOR RINGERS

By Dianne Carter

Following a successful Summer season, The Tabor Ringers celebrated with a social get together, in their home of 33 years, at Tabor Methodist Church.

After a well-earned rest rehearsals resumed in September when they moved into their new home at St Mary's Church, following the closure of Tabor in May. The Ringers are extremely grateful to Rev Blewett for kindly inviting us to use the Church premises.

If anyone would like to have a go at playing handbells and chimes, please

contact our Secretary Barb, on (01761) 752177.

Rehearsals take place from 2 p.m. until 3.00pm on Monday afternoons; musical knowledge is not necessary – only the ability to count to 4 is required along with a sense of fun and being part of a team. Barb can also take bookings for the coming Season.

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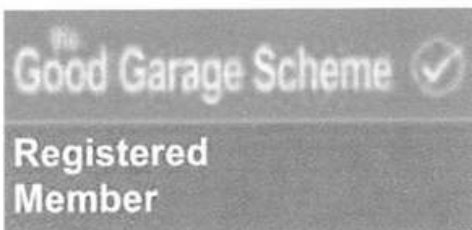


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