

# Newsletter

TIMBER TRADES'  
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

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## ALL CHANGE AT THE TTBS



Ivan Savage

**A**t the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Air Force Club in London on May 4th the TTBS announced a number of changes and appointments to the Society's principals.

In his 80th year and after almost 63 years unbroken service in the timber industry, the last 12 of which were heading up the "Timber Trades' Own Charity", Ivan Savage TTBS chief executive officer retired at the AGM.

His career in the timber industry began in October 1960, initially with A Olby & Sons Ltd in West Sussex, subsequently with Cox Long Ltd Stafford, followed by the Timber Research & Development Association and as sales director with S Jackson (Walsall) Ltd and finally as group sales director with Carver (Wolverhampton) Ltd and as a director of the Carver subsidiary Engineered Timber Solutions Ltd in Rodington, near Shrewsbury until 2011.

He was appointed by the TTBS trustees in May 2011 as general manager and subsequently as chief executive officer in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Society and the work to support the retired and long-term sick members of the timber industry and their dependents.



Tony Shelton

### TONY SHELTON APPOINTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Tony Shelton of Allwood Trading Ltd, Bristol, has been appointed as the national president for 2023 and 2024.

"I'm very pleased to introduce myself as your TTBS president for 2023 and 2024," said Tony. "Along with Christella Golby, our new TTBS general manager, I'm looking forward to continuing the exceptional work done on behalf of the charity by our predecessors, Ivan Savage and John Taylor.

"I've been involved with the TTBS for over 20 years, serving the Bristol & Western Counties region alongside my colleagues, raising awareness of the Society, visiting recipients and enjoying some great events.

"I joined the timber industry with Taylor Maxwell Timber in 1985 after three years working for a toy and giftware importer in London. In 2021 the TM Group sold to Brickability plc and I retired as a director, creating a new venture as Allwood Trading Ltd.

"At the start of my career, I was frequently told by suppliers and customers that timber gets into your blood. It took a while but they were definitely right. Very few people leave the industry, and many go

on to enjoy very successful and rewarding roles. The chance to give something back is where the TTBS steps in and presents a great opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

"The lifeblood of this charity is your continued support, both at events, but more importantly at grass roots committee level. It's vital that to maintain a healthy, functioning charity, the Society attracts new ideas and people, ensuring reliable financial support is maintained for the many beneficiaries from our industry.

"I hope to meet many of you over the course of the next two years and am committed to the continued success of the TTBS."



Paul Snape

### PAUL SNAPE APPOINTED VICE-PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

Paul Snape of WS Logistics Ltd of Ellesmere Port is appointed as vice-president and treasurer for 2023 and 2024. Paul is a past president of the Society (2019 and 2020) serving during the Covid pandemic, which disrupted his period in office dramatically. As a result, he has kindly agreed to return, initially to support Tony Shelton and then to return as national president from May 2025.

# ALL CHANGE AT THE TTBS (continued)



Christella Golby

## NEW GENERAL MANAGER AND NEW OFFICE ADDRESS

With the retirement of CEO Ivan Savage, the trustees have appointed Christella Golby as the Society's new general manager.

This also means that the charity office and contact has changed (beneficiaries please note) and from May 4, 2023 the details are as follows:

**Timber Trades Benevolent Society (TTBS)  
Prospect House, Finlarigg Drive  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham  
B15 3RH**

**There is also a change to the telephone number – the 08448 92 22 05 no longer exists and it is replaced by a dedicated TTBS mobile number 07767 723666. The TTBS email remains unchanged as info@ttbs.org.uk**

"It is a great honour for me to be taking on the role of general manager of the Timber Trades Benevolent Society," said Christella.

"I started out working for a family-owned development and building company based in the Midlands before joining Wyckham Blackwell Ltd, Hampton in Arden, another family-owned company and great supporters of the TTBS, where I became a director involved in many aspects of the business.

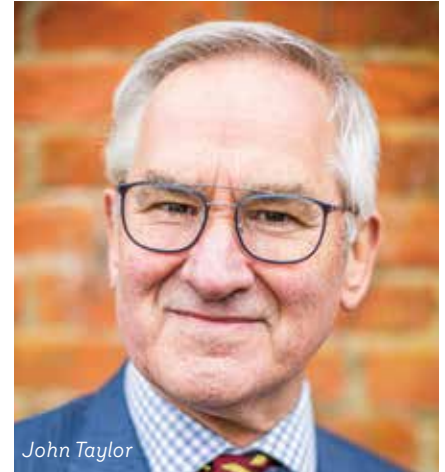
"It was during my time at Wyckham Blackwell that I joined the TTBS Midlands Committee as a volunteer, as part of a great team, organising various events and raising much needed funds.

"In 2012 and 2013 I had the honour of being elected president of the Midlands Region, so have been involved with the TTBS for many years.

"I am looking forward to my new role and hope to be able to offer support to the various regions and our beneficiaries.

"I would particularly like to take this opportunity to thank Ivan Savage for his kindness and support to me personally

during my years with TTBS and wish him a long and happy retirement."



John Taylor

## OTHER CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS

David Francis retired from his position as senior trustee and continues as a trustee, and Richard Bagnall becomes the new senior trustee.

Barbara Cartwright continues as a trustee and is now joined by H John Taylor FCA, the immediate past president and one of the Society's investment managers working with Pippa Latham and the Evelyn Partners team in Birmingham, who look after the TTBS investment portfolio.

## A few messages from our beneficiaries

### **Mrs N from Newcastle upon Tyne December 2022**

*"Thank you so much for all the help you have already given me. The regular payments throughout the year are so welcome and provide all the extra items that I would not be able to afford normally. Please pass on my thanks to everyone at TTBS and your supporters."*

### **Mr & Mrs M from Newcastle upon Tyne December 2022**

*"Dear Mr Savage, we wish to thank everyone at the TTBS for their overwhelming help and support we have received again this year.*

*"The next few months will be really challenging for everyone and we are very fortunate to have your kind contributions.*

*"Yesterday we also received the Xmas hamper, thank you, it is all very much appreciated."*

### **Mrs A from Surrey March 2023**

*"Dear Mr Savage, I have just received the £400 winter fuel allowance which will assist me greatly with the very high bills. Thank you for all the other help you give me throughout the year. Please pass on my thanks to all at the TTBS and the supporters who give so generously."*

### **Mr & Mrs F from West Midlands April 2023**

*"To everyone at TTBS, thank you for the recent £150 spring payment and the £400 you sent in March to help with our winter fuel costs. We are very grateful for everything you have done for us over the years and it is so comforting to know that the TTBS is there to support us in these very difficult times."*

### **Mrs W from Scotland January 2023**

*"Dear Mr Savage and all at the TTBS – I*

*have just received the cost of living crisis payment of £250, which was most unexpected after the £300 Christmas payment and the lovely Christmas hamper that you sent me in December. The TTBS are very generous to me and the help you give me throughout the year is greatly appreciated. Please thank everyone concerned."*

### **Mrs C from Shropshire March 2023**

*"I have just opened my post and am over the moon with the cheque for £400 for my winter fuel allowance to coincide with the highest bills after the cold and damp winter months. You have been so generous to me over the years with all the allowances you give me and I cannot thank you enough for the work that you do to support needy people from the timber industry – my late husband would be very proud of all the TTBS supporters. God bless you all."*

# Obituary: Richard Thick

# TTBS National Golf Day



Above: Richard Thick, who died in December

Richard Thick, formerly of Vida Wood UK, died peacefully at home on Thursday December 22, following a brave battle against prostate cancer.

Moving up from Cheltenham to join SCA in the late 1970s, Mr Thick embraced the timber trade with enthusiasm, joining The Saplings Club and spending six months in Sweden working at various sawmills.

He became managing director of Boras Timber UK in 1993, which was then purchased by Vida Wood AB, where he continued in that role until his retirement in 2022.

He loved meeting people and was a great supporter of the TTBS, attending many functions and dinners over the years. He was a person of great character with a wicked sense of humour. His understanding and knowledge of the timber industry was second to none and to many people he was considered a mentor. He will be sadly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife Sharon and daughters Rebecca and Rachel.

The TTBS annual national golf day will be held on Thursday, July 6 at The Northumberland Golf Club, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The event is sponsored by MH Southern & Co Ltd (MHS) and will be held in memory of the late Robert Bruce, MHS sales director, TTBS past national president and TTBS trustee.

The format for the 2023 event will be as follows:

- Breakfast: tea/coffee/bacon rolls in the clubhouse (for those not using the Britannia hotel facilities and travelling on the day)
- 12 holes am Greensomes competition
- Lunch: sandwich and fries in the clubhouse.
- 18 holes Individual Stableford competition
- Three course dinner and prize presentation in the clubhouse (jacket and tie please)

The rate for the above package is £125 per player.

The TTBS may also stage a supper at the club on July 5 for £20 per head and those who are interested in attending should confirm.

A very limited number of buggies are available for an extra over of £25 for all day (30 holes) use based on two players sharing, which need to be reserved with Julie Stephenson email: [admin@thengc.co.uk](mailto:admin@thengc.co.uk)

Currently, there is no Pro Shop at the club, but this may change in 2023.

An allocation of 35 rooms accommodation has also been reserved for both Wednesday July 5 and Thursday July 6 at a special rate of £59 per room per night (single occupancy) and £79 per room per night (double occupancy) including breakfast at the Elite venue Britannia Grand Hotel, Gosforth Park (ex Marriott), which is adjacent to the golf course. Tel: 0191 236 4111 (choose hotel reception option) and state an allocation booking ref 760TTGF0507 to guarantee rooms with a card so that payment can be made on arrival.

There will be places available for additional non-playing guests for the dinner, which will be charged at an extra over rate of £25.

The response from players wishing to attend this event in memory of the late Robert Bruce has been exceptional and we currently have a waiting list for further attendees. We are trying to accommodate a few more players, so please contact us as soon as possible if you wish to be included.

## TTBS Midlands Clay Pigeon Shoot

Midlands TTBS held a clay pigeon shoot on 27 April, 2023 at the Edge Hill Shooting Ground, Warmington.

Fortunately, the weather was kind and a good day's shooting was enjoyed by all, despite some rather challenging targets!

Special thanks go to Koppers, Wyckham Blackwell and John Taylor.



Above & right: Participants enjoyed the Midlands Clay Pigeon Shoot on 27 April, despite some rather challenging targets



# TTBS Events for 2023 notified to date

Events information is constantly being updated on TTBS website [www.ttbs.org.uk](http://www.ttbs.org.uk) as details become available.

- 04/05/2023** TTBS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCH
- 11/05/2023** London, Home Counties & East Anglia TTBS Annual Golf
- 07/06/2023** North East & Cumbria TTBS Spring Golf
- 15/06/2023** Scottish TTBS Annual Golf
- 06/07/2023** TTBS NATIONAL GOLF
- 21/09/23** West and Wales TTBS Golf Challenge
- 06/09/2023** North East & Cumbria TTBS Autumn Golf
- 07/09/2023** London, Home Counties & East Anglia Bowls (Date to be confirmed)
- 29/09/23** Midlands TTBS Full day Clay Shoot (Venue to be confirmed)
- Sept/Oct 2023** Midlands TTBS Autumn Golf (Date and venue to be confirmed)
- 19/10/2023** Yorkshire & Humberside TTBS Curry Night
- Nov 2023** Robert's Big Night Out Newcastle (Date to be confirmed)
- Nov 2023** Southern TTBS Christmas Lunch (Date to be confirmed)
- 01/12/2023** Bristol & Western Counties TTBS Christmas Lunch
- Dec 2023** Midlands TTBS Christmas Lunch and nine holes golf (Date to be confirmed)
- 06/12/2023** North West TTBS Christmas Lunch
- 08/12/2023** NETTA/Yorkshire & Humberside TTBS Christmas Lunch

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