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MESSAGE FROM THE RECORD OFFICE

As spring approaches, welcome to the final issue of the Record for this subscription year and what a challenging year it has been. We hope the Record has provided a bright spot along the way? You will recall we wrote to you in our September issue about price rises. The subscription price has not changed since 2009, so to remain viable and continue to produce the Record in colour, the rates for the coming period (April 2021 to March 2022) will rise from £2.50 to £5.

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EDUCATION DURING THE PANDEMIC

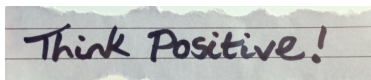
It has been a year since we found ourselves coping with the Covid virus. The effect on people has been as varied as people themselves. Now worries are emerging about the long term effects, especially on children.

Having been a teacher for the whole of my working life I am just grateful that I had retired before this situation dropped on my desk. Organising social distance measures and wearing masks all day in schools must be extremely challenging! Lockdown has forced many children to stay home where they are taught remotely, with parental support. Short term, a workable solution, but after a year difficulties have been highlighted, along with the fears and worries of children about the impact it will have on their futures.

Let us not forget their futures cover a very large expanse of time. Children love spending time with other children but they also love spending time with Mum and Dad and doing things as a family. I hope that where possible, parents have taken this 'lockdown' opportunity to explore different things and create lifelong, happy memories.

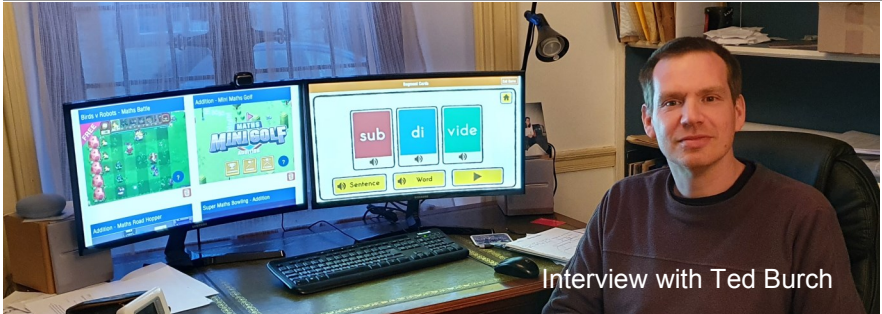
Children are adaptable and inventive and I hope we will discover that they not only survive the pandemic but thrive and embrace the challenges to exceed their own expectations. It would be good to hear from the children of the village about the positives they have taken from this pandemic, possibly even a new respect for school.

The media is full of doom, gloom and statistics, but the future could tell us a very different story about Covid's impact. Hopefully, it will tell us that people have embraced a more sustainable lifestyle, learnt to cook, grow vegetables, enjoy the outdoors and the need to cherish and protect our planet. It will certainly tell us that people became more community minded and supportive of each other.



Irene Beever,
Retired Head Teacher,
Kingham Primary School

LOCAL INTERNET SUCCESS STORY



Interview with Ted Burch

Both Ted and Gayle Burch are trained teachers. Ted was a former Head Teacher at Loxley Primary School but took a year out when their son George was little which gave him the time to develop his business idea. Up until a year ago the Burches lived in Avon Avenue; they have since moved to Kineton.

What promoted you to set up this new business?

I set up Mathsframe 12 years ago with the idea of making maths more visual for primary school children. When interactive whiteboards were first introduced, the programs were awful as the coders didn't understand education. I started out as a trainee Actuary, so I have a strong maths background. My unusual skillset meant I could do both and link the learning to the curriculum, creating interactive games for teachers to use.

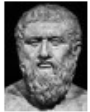
How has the company evolved?

The original Mathsframe games were very basic, as were my coding skills. The real breakthrough came when I started to employ freelance coders to make new games which I designed while still a teacher. I now employ developers from countries around the world, including Germany, Colombia, Russia and Malaysia. Now, in lockdown, my games are played around a quarter of a million times a day. Before lockdown it was 100,000 a day so the traffic has more than doubled! Whereas previously the games would have been played in school, now teachers are recommending them for home learning.

Where does that traffic come from?

80% is UK based while the rest is spread around the world. Spellingframe, my spelling website, is widely used in UK schools but is also very popular abroad for learning English as each word is broken into syllables, spoken out loud and included in sentences. Nicki Campbell, a retired primary school teacher from Tysoe, helps me with the Spellingframe content.

Editor: What an amazing education resource and Internet success story and to think it was developed right here in Tysoe!



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EARLY MEMORIES OF TYSOE SCHOOL

During lockdown the pupils of Tysoe School have used new technologies and novel remote learning methods unimaginable to older residents looking at their school experiences from the 1930s to the 1960s.*



Tysoe School c 1910

During those years, the school had 90 – 100 pupils aged

between 4 – 15 years old, split into three classes. They went to school on foot, by bicycle or on ponies. The day ran from nine till four with a break for lunch when the children had to go home and back, often walking across the fields. Those who lived further away brought sandwiches which had to be eaten outside in all weathers.

The school was heated by a coal fire and when the children were cold they had to run on the spot to keep warm. Discipline was strict - knuckles were rapped with a ruler when pens ere held incorrectly. Misbehaviour was punished by beatings with cane or slipper and children were forbidden to talk unless reciting by rote.

Health and safety was non-existent – on one memorable occasion a teacher conducted a chemistry experiment, the children were overcome by fumes and had to be carried outside. PE was taught daily and the boys played football on the furrowed field nearby.

As the headmaster lived in the school house which was a part of the school, no days were lost for bad weather. In 1947, the snow was so high that he had to give the children piggybacks to the toilets at the bottom of the yard. The “bucket” toilets were emptied into the brook beside the school. These experiences were vividly remembered. It will be interesting to see how today’s pupils will remember their lockdown days in 70 year’s time!

Margaret Hunter

*Memories from Tysoe W.I./Kineton High School Project in 2013.

SOME PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS . . .

Doreen Smith (nee Heritage) started at Tysoe School in 1933. She remembers having her knuckles rapped by the teacher and ladies from the village coming to teach needlework.

Kevin Wyles tells how the headmaster favoured the children who were going on to Grammar School, the others he made go and work in his garden next to the school. Kevin also remembers putting nettles down the girls' toilets!



Isobel Gibbs (nee Canning) started Tysoe in 1963. She remembers having to stand on a spot in the playground and also, rather oddly, having her school photo taken with a poodle!

Do let us know any memories (happy or sad) you wish to share about your experiences at Tysoe Primary.



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MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE IN TYSOE



There have been several pieces of good news for nature in the last couple of weeks. Firstly, Tysoe Parish Council have won a grant from the Cotswolds AONB 'Caring for the Cotswolds Scheme' to help us support wildlife in the parish. The application was supported by a number of stakeholders, some of whom pledged matched funding. We're very grateful to everyone who helped us win the grant, which will cover 50% of the costs of the planned activities. The funding will be used to purchase information boards to go in key locations, and the development of a 'nature map' and 'nature trail' for Tysoe, which will provide the content for a leaflet. This all fits in with the AONB theme of 'education and interpretation'. I think this is the most 'northerly' project this scheme has ever funded! We have approximately £450 left to raise to cover the costs of the project, so look out for fund raising activities over the coming months or speak to me about a one-off donation.

Secondly, the Parish Council are supporting the development of further small wildflower areas in the village, in addition to the area in School Lane. These are likely to be in Baldwin's Lane, Badger's Lane, the playing fields area and Saddledon Street. These areas won't be large and they will be marked by tent pegs and string to

protect them. Thomas Fox's team will mow the areas once in March and we will then mark them out temporarily, so that they are not mown subsequently, and sow them with wildflower seeds collected last summer. These will be allowed to grow, flower and set seed, before the areas are mown at the end of the summer.

In addition, the Parish Council has agreed that most of the regularly-mown verges within the parish will take part in 'No Mow May' to allow low-growing species to flower and provide pollen and nectar for visiting insects. The most prominent areas of grass in the centre of the village will continue to be mown during this period. The wildlife area in St Mary's Churchyard will also take part in 'No Mow May'.

If you have any comments or ideas about these proposals please direct them to Beverley Thorpe, parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk.



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NATURE NOTES—BARN OWLS



Regular sightings, at dusk or dawn, and Richard Ellis' beautiful photos on Facebook, have led me to find out more about barn owls. I've seen them between Lower Tysoe and the main road and at the bottom of Tysoe Hill.

Barn owls are widely distributed across Britain but it is difficult to monitor nocturnal species and so total numbers are unknown. Various wildlife groups send information to the Barn Owl Trust, who collate an annual report on the 'State of the UK Barn Owl Population'. A wildlife group based on the Stour Valley contribute to this report. Barn owls feed on small mammals and particularly field voles, common shrews and wood mice. Permanent rough grassland is the best habitat for owls to hunt across and we have some good examples in the parish.

A barn owl's 'home range' is never circular and generally overlaps with the ranges of its mate and of other owls. It can be as large as 5,000 hectares in winter (about the size of the parish of Tysoe) but, when food is more abundant in summer, the range shrinks to under a tenth of that size. Barn owls develop a very detailed 'mind

map' of their home range and can remember the best hunting sites, 1-3 main roost sites and their nest site (possibly two). They use vision to help navigate, but hunt their prey purely on the basis of sound. They are well-known for their almost-silent flight.

The decline in barn owl numbers over the last decades is related to a decrease in the abundance of prey, due mainly to changes in farming practices. The loss of old barns and road deaths have also had an impact. Increased provision of rough grassland and artificial nesting sites can help to increase barn owl numbers.

Rosemary Collier

Richard Ellis has been photographing our local barn owls as they fly over the fields hunting for prey, on his way to and from work. You can see more of his work visit: richardephotography.com or you can follow him on Facebook or Instagram. You will be pleased to hear his beautiful images are available to purchase.

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TIPS FROM THE VEGETABLE PATCH

Preparation:

If you've not done so already, you need to dig over the plot (best done in winter), add fertiliser and work the surface to make a seed bed. Don't get on the plot if it is frosty or wet. **TOP TIP:** To warm the soil, cover it with fleece.



Jobs:

You should only be planting broad beans and onion sets now. You can start *chitting potatoes to plant under fleece at the end of March/early April (*Chitting is encouraging the seed potatoes to sprout before planting.)

Wait until the last week of March or early April at the earliest, once the soil has warmed up, then you can plant beetroot, summer cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, brussel sprouts, leeks, lettuce, parsnips, peas, radish and turnips.

In the middle of May you can plant French and runner beans, marrow, courgettes, squash, pumpkins, sweet corn under cloches, (or in the greenhouse, ready to plant out later).

Outdoor cucumbers and tomatoes are best grown in grow bags in a sheltered spot. If you only want to grow a few, they are best bought as plug plants.



Look out for Gerald's tomato plants and garden produce which he leaves outside his house (The Old Butcher's House, Middle Tysoe). All donations go to the British Heart Foundation.

SOLVE THE RIDDLE: What do the following have in common? **Wheel hub, Christmas tree, riding hat, ball, road sign.** See page 22 for the answer!

NEW FOR 2021 - 'MEMORIES OF MY FIRST CAR'



Steve Randall—A35 Saloon

Mine was a 850cc A35 saloon in British Racing Green registration XOC132 registered in 1958 and purchased by me in late 1972, a few months before passing my test, for the princely sum of £10. With help from my Dad and some floor welding, it sailed through its MOT. I kept it for about 12 months before selling it for £20. At the time of owning it, petrol cost 33pence per 'gallon' for 3 star and it cost me under £1.80 to completely fill the tank. The car was fitted with a dynamo, not an alternator and came with a crank-starting handle, which you had to handle with respect if you didn't want a broken arm. There was no synchromesh on 1st or 2nd gears, which meant you had to perform a very deft foot action (double de-clutching), when changing down from 3rd to 2nd gear but only change from 2nd to 1st when you were stationary.



HAPPY HEREFORDS



We're nearly halfway through calving at Herberts Farm and also doing a Lockdown Video of the Day to keep us entertained...posted on social media daily 😊

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Steve Mann – 1963 Vauxhall Victor

I passed my test 3 months after my 17th Birthday in 1969. I'd started learning to drive in my father's American Rambler Javelin, on private land, when I was 14 . So I only needed a few lessons before my driving test which I passed first time.



My first car was this 1963 Vauxhall Victor which was very basic, although it did have a heater, an option when new! I kept it for 3 years before moving on to car number two, a Volkswagen Dune Buggy, the start of a varied garage of vehicles over the years.

It was fantastic to have my own wheels. As the only sixth former with a car, my popularity soared (though sadly it was an all-boys school!) The car had many a day trip to Skegness from Melton Mowbray where I lived, or occasionally to Mablethorpe, with 60's music playing on the radio.

Happy days!



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THE MAKING OF TYSOE PROJECT: ‘WAIT PATIENTLY’

‘Wait patiently’, the sign says at the end of the Surgery driveway. Not for vaccinations though, but for the fresh water at the well point embedded in the Surgery wall. A partial collapse of the wall is a reminder how we need to



protect our unique monuments. Tysoe originally had five well points of which four survive: this one flanked by two stone benches; one opposite the Peacock; one round the corner from the Post Office with two stone benches nearby in Sandpits Lane, and one opposite The Orchards in Lower Tysoe. Another in Lower Tysoe used to stand at the junction of Lane End and the main road but is no longer there, its position being recorded by a photo in Kevin Wyles’ excellent book ‘From Thatch to Fire’ which contains dozens of early photographs of Tysoe and more information about the wells.*

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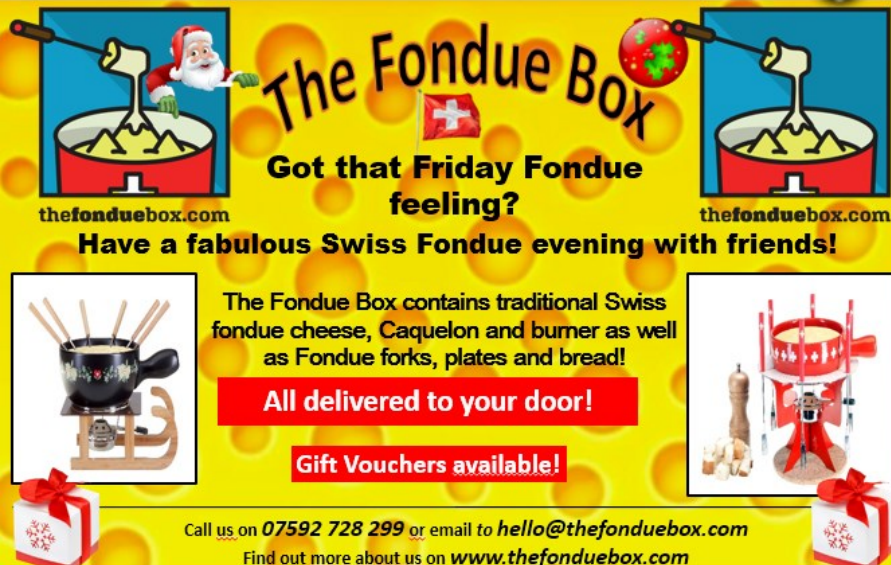
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The well points were established at the very end of the 19th century to bring fresh water into the village during a diphtheria outbreak. Water was collected from underground reservoirs near Winchcombe Farm and from near the Windmill, and piped down to the wellheads. They were dedicated to the Rev C.D. Francis who died in 1895 and was Vicar of Tysoe for over 40 years. They were being used up until the 1950s and are still remembered by some folk in the village.

There are other water points in the village, including two wells at the end of Back Lane where one of the houses has a chamfered corner to allow horses and carts to turn more easily, and a water trough by the Peacock for the animals. 'Free to allcomers', it says! The main well, however, was located on the green near the current position of the Christmas Tree. Later, when new houses started to be built in the 1920s taps were inserted in Avon Avenue and Parke Row using the same reservoir sources.

*Copies from Kevin Wyles (01295 680786)

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FOR THE LOVE OF DOGS

Here is a day in the life of our Springers, Charlie and Archie: “I can hear movement upstairs, hey Archie, she’s up! She’s going to come downstairs soon. Oh my, oh my, this is soooo exciting! How about if we storm the door, run upstairs and jump on the bed. What a lark that would be!” Archie says: “BOOM, what a plan, let’s do it! We can be his early morning alarm, I’ll blow my dog breath on his face. Great idea!”

“Hang on a minute, we haven’t had breakfast yet! BREAKFAST,” says Charlie. “Let’s go back downstairs!!!” “What’s it like outside? Oh my, there’s that white stuff on the ground again. It’s so cool man! I’m gonna roll. . . I just love the feel of it!

“A walk!!! REALLY!! I can’t wait, I can’t wait . . .WOOF, WOOF, WOOF! Where are the leads, let’s get the leads? Where’s the frisbee? Don’t forget the frisbee!!” E-X-C-I-T-I-N-G!!!

Where are we going? To the park! Oh wow, I haven’t been to the park since yesterday. “Wonder who we’ll meet today? Perhaps Bella, the Schnauzer and Peaches, the Wheaton Terrier. I love those bitches!”

Or maybe Oscar the Cairn Terrier, Seth the German Shepherd, Ruby who’s always up for a treat. Then there’s Fraggie, Bertie and Teddy. That lot is always there, come rain or shine!

. . . That’s life with our canine companions. Always joyful, full of bounce (they are Springers after all!), a constant source of love and affection . . .and MUD!



Why not tell us about your ‘best’ four-legged friends, seeing as we’re still in lockdown?

Shirley Cherry
Fb: dogtasticportraits

A SEASONAL MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S



Here we are in March once more. Buds swell and burst into new leaf; first flowers push through the cold soil; we notice the birds nesting. From St David's Day to Holy Week this season of Lent – Springtime - brings us signs of hope and life. Our hopes rise and spirits lift.

Since the beginnings of Christianity two millenia ago, throughout Lent people of faith seeking spiritual life and hope, encouraged by the gospel, examine their actions and motives to find and accept forgiveness offered by God. This examination is required in Christian initiation and discipleship. Lent is a major time of preparation for Baptism into membership of the Church worldwide, and also when deepening faith becomes priority for all those who, in seeking new life, follow Jesus.

March 2021 is also for us the Anniversary of the first Covid- 19 lock-down. Our lives since this time last year have been changed irrevocably. Bereavement and loss has come in many forms. We have not all lost a loved one, but many of us and our neighbours have lost something – freedom, work, income, schooling, surgery, the hug of a grandchild, the handshake of a friend. This is taking its toll on everybody. Anxieties and fears of losing life and hope can lead to aggression, despair, guilt. . . .

Finding someone to blame is a very human response. A fundamental text for the Christian believer to have by heart is the Lord's Prayer. As we pray it daily, or in extremis, we ask God to forgive our sins as we forgive others. Here is the message of Lent. We seek forgiveness and know ourselves to be loved. We forgive others. It is a cycle in which we pass on love rather than seeking to hurt others in our pain or guilt. New life and new hope show themselves again.

Nothing can lift the spirits like meeting Christ through faith, and nothing can bring us hope like the promise of new life.

My prayer is that you will find hope anew this March,
with love, Reverend Heather

Reverend Heather Parbury, Associate Minister, Feldon Group of Churches

TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH—NEW MINISTER

I am delighted to be given the opportunity to introduce myself as the new minister with pastoral responsibility for Tysoe Methodist Church. I have been working in the wider Circuit for the last few years and have preached in the chapel, but have only taken over as the minister at new year.



And what a time to be starting a new phase of ministry! These last twelve months of restriction and lockdown have taken a heavy toll in so many ways, not only robbing us of many of our loved ones, but also preventing us from saying a proper farewell. I lost my own father to the virus back in June of last year and, because he was in Ireland, I was only able to participate in his funeral via the internet.

Paradoxically, having to remain apart has highlighted our interconnectedness with people. So many strangers - NHS workers, shelf-stackers, delivery drivers, research scientists, postmen and women, farm-workers and food processors - have been at work to keep us safe, well and fed. They have sacrificed their own safety to make sure we have what we need; we owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

We have also relearned what church is all about - the people and not the building. Our forced exile has allowed us to focus on what really matters - our relationships. An electronic web of kindness and concern has been woven across our communities.

As we approach the season of Lent, where we prepare ourselves for the great celebration of Easter, let's spend a few moments each day to give thanks for our connectedness to others, friends and strangers, near and far, living and departed, and the love that binds us as one.

God bless you all,

Sam

Rev'd Sam McBratney

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LITTER PICKING



The answer to the question on page 13 is that all those items were collected on a day's litter picking from verges, ditches and hedges around Tysoe. Anyone who has been out during lock-

down cannot fail to notice the litter, silently building up in our hedge-rows and ditches. Alison Cross and I decided to do something about it. Using litter pickers, secateurs, sacks and a wheelbarrow we picked up sacks worth of rotting rubbish - sweet wrappers, cans, bottles (glass / plastic), face masks, gloves and socks, the list is endless!

Some plastics are hard to gather as they disintegrate on touch. These are entering our water supplies, and heading out to sea, to be consumed by marine animals and then by us. Bags upon bags of dog mess had been thrown into the hedges. The plastic now shredded and contents escaped, so cancelling-out any benefit in bagging it up in the first place!

Every bit of litter we collected means one less animal to be trapped or poisoned by our carelessness - who could fail to be moved by the picture of the facemask stuck to a duck? Litter picking improves our surroundings and is a positive way to survive lockdown!

Jackie Keyser

NOTICE FROM TYSOE UTILITY ESTATES

Dear Tysoe Residents

Tysoe Utility Estates has been busy delivering the New Year Bonus to village residents who are on the distribution list. If you fit the eligibility criteria i.e. in receipt of the state pension and have lived in Tysoe for more than three years at 01.01.2021 – and have not received your envelope, please do contact the clerk Yvonne Dillon either by email: tueclerk@gmail.com or telephone 01295 680567. Leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned.

TYSOE W.I. UPDATES



Photo by Natalie
Scott on Unsplash

There will be an abundance of sunflowers to look forward to come the summer in our members' gardens, as February's monthly bag contained the seeds for our Sunflower Growing Competition. While, Pam McLeod, one of our members, celebrated her 90th birthday in February. April is the month for our members to renew the membership, although we still don't know when we can hold meetings again. We are all supporting each other and the



Committee has worked hard to deliver a "Meeting in a Bag" each month.

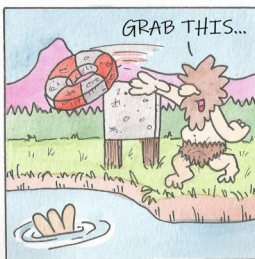
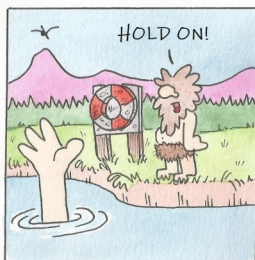
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9, 23	Sunday	☀	Mothering Sunday
17	Wednesday	☘	St Patrick's Day
21	Sunday	👨👩	Census Day
28	Sunday	🕒	Clocks spring forward!

Tysoe Village Hall Trust – AGM

This will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 7:30pm. Members of the public are welcome to join:

Zoom meeting link: <https://bit.ly/3s5CLGe>

Meeting ID: 782 933 7075 Passcode: 12345

Invitations are invited for anybody interested in joining the Trust Committee, currently comprising nine local residents. Expressions of interest should be forwarded by email to the Trust Secretary 14 days prior. For further details and Minutes of the 2020 AGM contact: [Steve Randall, Secretary e: sc.randall98@gmail.com t: 680426.](mailto:sc.randall98@gmail.com)

TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

As Spring draws closer, so the planning applications seem to be on the increase. Since we last updated you, the Parish Council have met to vote on Home Farm, The Orchards, The Elms and considered one tree application for The Cottage.



Planning applications have strict deadlines for comment and, in my now 12m experience, rarely fit into our schedule of Ordinary meetings. On the 22 February Councillors will meet again to discuss Greyfell and the proposed development of 31 new homes off Sandpits Road. To read more about the planning applications please see the Local Planning page on our website www.tysoe.org.uk.

The last Ordinary meeting of the Council was on 8 February. We had a packed agenda which included the following agenda items of note:

- Approval to transfer the Parish Council bank account from HSBC to Unity Trust bank. The new bank account allows me to set up approved payments and Councillors to double check those payments before monies are transferred, This adds another layer of security and reduces risk in the process, something we are obliged to monitor on an on-going basis.
- Finalised the nuances of the mowing contracts for the coming year(s). As a reminder Frank Mann Farmers won the contract to mow Tysoe Playing Fields and Thomas Fox Landscaping will continue to mow village greens and verges. The frequency and areas covered by these contracts have been confirmed with both suppliers. Tysoe Playing Fields will be mowed every 10 days and the village greens and verges fortnightly.

Please note that the RSPB remind us to avoid hedge cutting between 1 March and 31 August to protect nesting birds.

As always, please keep safe.

Beverley Thorpe

I love you
mom

In the UK Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday, is a religious celebration dedicated to honouring the Virgin Mary. It started in the Middle Ages, a time when children often worked away from home.

During this time, children returned home to visit their 'mother church' and spend precious time with their mothers. Children often picked wildflowers on their journey home as a gift for their mothers. Simnel cake, a delicious dessert filled with fruit and spices, was also a popular Mother's Day gift.

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I'm particularly fussy when it comes to sandwiches and I wanted an afternoon tea that had a more unusual selection rather than ordinary sliced bread with the crusts cut off. Food Champs did not disappoint - it included charcoal buns with smoked salmon, freshly baked rolls with roast beef and horseradish plus a cheese and ham scone.

The sweets were also abundant for the price - including strawberry mousse domes, carrot cake slices, coffee opera cake, lemon tarts and of course, fruit scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam. In total it cost £37.50 for two people including delivery to Tysoe.

We ordered ours from foodchamps2020.co.uk who are based near Stratford-upon-Avon.

There are lots of other local suppliers also offering afternoon teas delivered to the village, three in particular include:

- A&C Sweet Delights (acsweetdelights.com),
- Shakespeare Kitchen (shakespearekitchen.co.uk)
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She has been an absolute marvel during the pandemic. Here are just a few of the comments from her dedicated band of AHM Fitness followers:

- ☺ Alison keeps us motivated! Have been a regular for years and definitely feel stronger, less joint stiffness and more flexibility. A huge plus as we get older and especially when confined to more home working/less external movement. Bravo Alison - Alexandra. Xxx
- ☺ I always look forward to your sessions, I always enjoy your sessions and I always feel motivated having done your sessions. Thank you. David xxx



☺ I hope you are really proud of your amazing achievements during the past crazy and turbulent year, you have been such a great support to so many people. Laurie xxx

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TYSOE CHILDREN'S GROUP UPDATE



One is never too old to learn, a well-known saying but it is certainly very true! Here at Tysoe Children's Group, as always, our main priority is the health and safety of our children, staff, parents and families. We remained open throughout Lockdown 1 for a handful of critical key worker's children, offering parents peace of mind that their children were safe and being well cared for



when there was a lot of uncertainty in the world around us. When restrictions lifted slightly in June we were pleased to welcome more children, complete with the busyness, chatter and laughter that we had missed. In September schools returned to near normal, we were almost back to "pre-Covid" in terms of attendance and then at the beginning of this year came Lockdown 3. Whilst the majority of our little children stayed in our care, unfortunately we have not been able to provide our usual walking bus to and from Tysoe School, or our after school care, but are really looking forward to welcoming those children back as well.

The staff have worked tirelessly and selflessly to maintain the safest environment possible, cleaning and sterilising resources relentlessly, (don't stand still too



long comes to mind), to try and keep the setting 'virus free' whilst providing some great fun and learning experiences for our little people. We have all had to learn new ways of working and to adapt to this current situation and have learnt to **"carry on"** in true British fashion.

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TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL 2021

It is difficult to describe how remote education has impacted our entire school community as each and every family, including our staff, have unique circumstances and challenges to navigate. So many parents are attempting to continue their own work commitments alongside supporting remote education for their children. Many are supporting vulnerable family members. Several parents are critical workers themselves. We cannot thank our parents and carers enough for their support, positivity and incredible efforts with remote education. Your messages of support have been very gratefully received.

Our children have proven again just how incredibly resilient they are. We are all incredibly proud of them and how positive they have been given all of the restrictions they have dealt with over the past twelve months. The children continue to impress the staff with the quality of their work and their engagement with all of the different remote education activities. **They are all super stars!**



I am exceedingly grateful for the hard work and dedication of the staff at Tysoe. They are incredible. Within twelve hours of the government announcement, they had moved their teaching and learning online, all while they were working tirelessly at school to support our critical workers children and navigating the same technology issues many of our families have experienced.

We miss our children. We miss seeing our school full, happy and busy. We cannot wait to welcome our children back into school as soon as possible.

Paige Neale
Head of School



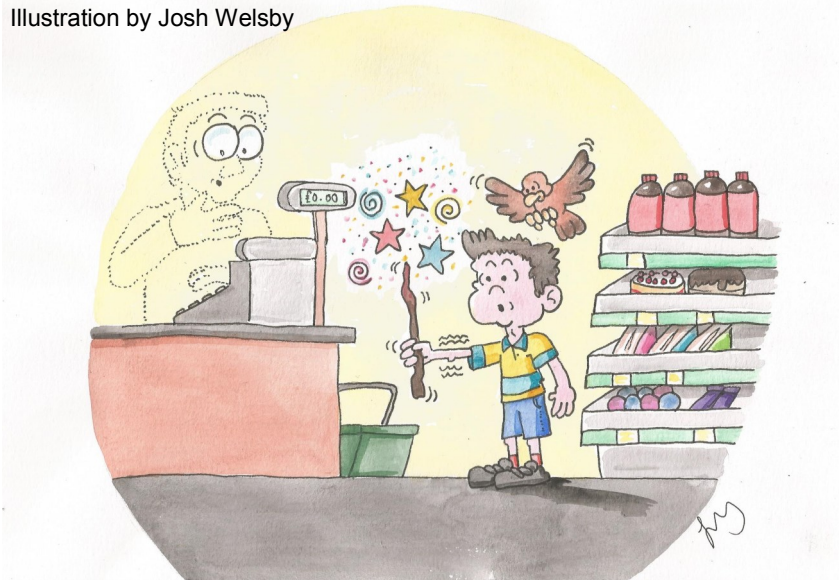
STORY COMPETITION AT TYSOE VILLAGE STORES

**THE MAGIC STICK by Guillaume LePeltier,
age 7 years.**

Once upon a time a little boy called Jack lived in a treehouse deep in the Edge Hill woods. The woods were quite dark, especially at night, but Jack liked it all the same. The reason he likes the woods was because at night the owls hoot and they sound nice. His treehouse was cool. It had a wooden table with a wooden cup on it. In the cup was pure apple juice. (He had an apple tree!) His favourite things were running in the woods trying to grab his best bird friend, Teeny Tiny (or Tiny for short).

One day he found a stick in the woods. He threw it away, when he got home it was on the table! He was amazed and, thinking it was magic went to sell it at the village shop. When he entered the shop, it was beautiful! Sandwiches, gobstoppers and things

Illustration by Josh Welsby



like that made his mouth water. Suddenly there was a vibration in the stick. It went CRASH!!! And the shopkeeper was turned invisible!! When the shopkeeper looked at himself, he ran to the loo and tried to wash off whatever was making him invisible, (not that it worked).

Now there was nobody left to sell the stick too. He went outside and bumped into a lady wearing a pointed hat. "How much does that staff cost?" She asked in a croaky voice. "Five pounds," said Jack. The old lady did something with her hands behind her back and muttered "hocus pocus" took her hands from behind her back and gave him a five pound note. "I thought it would be more money than that, so I'll give you an award for your generosity." She carved a wand from a branch of the stick, gave it to him, and 'PUFF' she was gone.

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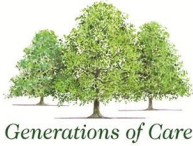
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