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From left to right: Mila (9 months), Elina (4 years), Aurelia (2 years)

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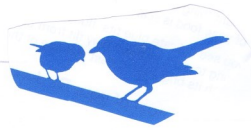


spring



I like Spring.

I love to hear birds
sing.



I like flowers and

jumping in puddles
in showers.



HAPPY



POETRY CHALLENGE 2021

The theme was NATURE in all her glory.

I like sun



Spring is fun



By Elina

age 4 1/2



Spring

by Elina Williams (aged 4 1/2)

MESSAGE FROM THE RECORD OFFICE



In this BUMPER issue we celebrate the efforts of all the doctors and healthcare workers throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of the effective vaccination programme, we could be coming out the other side, so we wanted to take the opportunity to say THANK YOU for their tireless efforts over the past

year. Hence, we are sharing stories from our local GP, health care worker, medical consultant and a vaccinator.

Back in February we launched the **2021 Poetry Challenge**. This year's theme was NATURE. We are delighted to bring you the judges' favourite and one of the runners-up (two poems tied in second place). But in our eyes, all the entries are winners! The Poetry Anthology will be posted on the Tysoe.org.uk website for all to read.

This April issue is also about SPRING! It may have seemed a long time coming but we can rejoice in the flowers, buds and birdsong, "as Mother Nature awakens from her slumber deep." - to quote from Jo McGinn's poem, 'Spring'.

MEET THE RECORD TEAM

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write it down for you. **May Issue
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HOW HAVE OUR DOCTORS COPED WITH COVID-19?



Can you describe the last 12 months from your perspective? It has been very difficult for GP practices as we are so important to communities. We took the decision not to shut our front doors but to remain open and accessible. We have had to change the way we work to ensure we comply with all social distancing measures to protect patients and staff alike.

When were the darkest times in our area? The last period of lockdown has been the hardest, especially for the mental health and financial pressures on many more of our patients. Our Health and Wellbeing Team help our patients access the support and guidance they need, but as a GP Practice we always want to do more. Our Primary Care Network has worked tirelessly to be an effective patient resource during these times.

Are you already seeing the impact the vaccination is having?

Since the rollout of the Covid vaccine we feel that there is light at the end of the tunnel. As a practice we are now discussing with our teams our own 'Roadmap to Recovery'. We are seeing a sense of normality returning. General practice provides over 300 million patient consultations each year, compared to 23 million A&E visits. So if general practice fails, the NHS fails. Yet a year's worth of GP care per patient costs less than two A&E visits, and we spend less on general practice than on hospital outpatients. For the past decade funding for hospitals has been growing around twice as fast as for family doctor services.

How have the doctors and healthcare workers managed?

Our practice has been very lucky as no staff member has contracted Covid 19. We would like to thank the brilliant Vale of the Red Horse Health Centre Team for stepping up to meet the Covid challenge head on. They have worked tirelessly to keep all our services open and have been there for all our patients. We would also like to thank our patients for all of the support, kind words and gifts we have had throughout the year, this really does make a difference to the team knowing they are appreciated.

Dr Raj Kanwar
Vale of the Red Horse Health Care Centres

UNSUNG HEROES OF COVID



I've worked in public health for over 25 years, in the UK, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Ethiopia and Somalia. Covid has illuminated public health as an important and under resourced discipline.

I work with Warwickshire's public health team; a dedicated bunch of public health colleagues who have toiled - often into the early hours - responding to the challenges of Covid. This includes monitoring Covid data and patterns of infection, managing outbreaks in care homes, school, workplaces and other high-risk locations, responding to and adapting to ever changing Covid guidance, local contact tracing and testing arrangement, examining inequities in transmission and health outcomes, providing on-call advice to professionals. In my view my colleagues are the unsung local heroes of Covid.

From my home in Tysoe I commission local public health services including health visiting, family nursing partnership (for teenage parents) and smoking cessation services. I also work strategically with maternity and perinatal mental health services. These services have had to dramatically alter their way of working during Covid. This means limited face to face contacts, and increased use of phone, virtual and digital technologies. It has been hard on clients but also on practitioners who feel they can't do their job as well.

Our county has areas of relative prosperity and deprivation. Unsurprisingly, those families and communities with the least, are most affected by Covid and its outcomes. We have seen worrying increases in child, adolescent and adult mental health issues, more domestic violence and greater food poverty.

Taking a multi-agency approach to tackling the root causes of health inequality is the 'bread and butter' of public health professionals, and it has never been more important to scrutinise and address the differences spotlighted by Covid.

Sophy Forman-Lynch

COVID'S IMPACT ON OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

You have likely heard many stories in the news about the NHS and the large numbers of Covid patients filling up hospitals. What is less widely reported is the impact this has had on other essential hospital services.



Working from home in Tysoe, I have been coordinating operating theatres for three hospitals in North London, with the main focus being to prioritise allocation of operating lists to treat the most urgent patients.

Finding enough capacity to treat “P2” patients (those that must have an operation within 2 weeks) is very important as the majority of these patients have cancer, but something that is very difficult when Covid has meant a reduction in available weekly operating lists from 230 to less than 50. You may have heard the term “hidden cost of Covid”. This is unfortunately the harsh reality when you realise that Covid has been potentially delaying lifesaving cancer treatment to patients.

I am now working with the organisation to plan the post Covid recovery, with the aim to scale up capacity as quickly and efficiently as possible. Unfortunately, there is a mountain to climb for surgical services nationally. There are now 4.5 million people in the UK waiting for a surgical operation, with the number that have waited more than 1 year increasing from 1,600 to over 225,000 since the start of the Covid pandemic.

The other job I am doing alongside my role in the hospitals is working on a concept called “Health on the Highstreet”. The high street has obviously suffered hugely as a result of Covid, and there are a large number of unused high street stores. Working with a company who turn unused buildings into NHS facilities, we are running an initiative to turn these unused high street stores into mini hospitals. This will increase hospital capacity to treat the backlog of patients, offer an easily accessible place for people to receive their treatment, and hopefully help to reinvigorate struggling high streets.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VACCINATOR

A vaccination clinic exists in its own unique bubble. It is where people from many walks of life have put themselves forward in pursuit of one common cause, to return our lives to normality. It is also unique as it is unusual for the general public to come willingly, often with great relief, to receive a needle in their arm!



One of the common questions you hear between the vaccinators working in the clinic is 'what do you do in real life?!' The reason is we have different medical backgrounds. There are doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, anaesthetists and physios, to name a few. And many of them have come out of retirement to be armed with a syringe. In my normal life I am Sarah Paterson. I own and run the private physiotherapy clinic based at The Old Fire Station in Tysoe called Pure Physio. I am also a mother to two little girls aged 6 and 8. Life is very busy.

The reason I chose to put myself forward was the desire to join the army of health care professionals and volunteers who realised the most effective way out of our current predicament was through vaccination.

I work out of Southam Clinic which many of you will have already attended and many more are hoping for a call soon. We do 5 hour shifts without a break. It is hard work, very repetitive but very rewarding. We have such a variety of people attending, some armed with boxes of biscuits and chocolates, some dressed up to celebrate the occasion, but all so grateful to finally have the jab.

So when you attend your appointment and see the team, masked up and ready to receive you, give them a big smile (behind the mask).

Sarah Paterson



Lovely Things for Lovely People

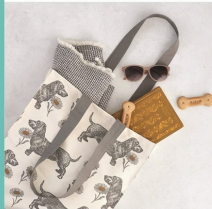
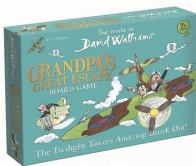
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IS IT A HONEYBEE SWARM?



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Unless disturbed, a cluster of honeybees is not a problem and, if accessible, your local beekeeper will be pleased to come and take them away to his / her local apiary. No honeybee or variety of bumble bee is naturally aggressive if left alone. Be grateful that they have temporarily chosen your home as a 'des res'!

A feral honeybee colony cannot be enticed out of its chosen home. It will not cause any damage to the fabric of a building and only in extremis should a pest controller be employed to eradicate any species of bee. Wasps are an entirely different matter.

In April, May and June the British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) receives thousands of calls every week from the public, it refers them to: http://www.bbka.org.uk/help/do_you_have_a_swarm.php where there are pictures of bees, wasps and hornets for identification purposes. The nearest registered beekeeper(s) can be found by the simple expedient of entering the affected property's post code.

Douglas Nethercleft
(Shipston Beekeepers)
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Poetry Challenge 2021
WINNER



Hope Springs

By Linda Leonard

Sometimes snow is falling
And often times it rains.
Mist lies heavy on the hills.
Fallen leaves block drains.
Autumn chill is long replaced
By heavy frost or ice
For Winter holds us in a grip
As strong as any vice.

Then suddenly I see the snowdrops
Lighting up the world
And small green shoots of daffodils
And trees with buds unfurled.
I hear the drill of woodpeckers
As they prepare for Spring
And listen to the heavenly sound
Of all the birds that sing.

I feel a warming in the air.
I see the days grow long
And all these signs of nature
Fill my weary heart with song.
At times when life seems dreary
And we're struggling to cope
The Spring's impending coming
Fills the hearts of all with hope.

WOODPECKERS

The 'life stories' of Great and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers were described to the Banbury Ornithological Society recently by expert Ken Smith. The latest records from the 'patch' covered by the Ornithological Society, including the parish of Tysoe, reports only 4 sightings of Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers in 2019, compared with almost 500 sightings of their 'Great' cousin. Great Spotted Woodpeckers are a 'good news' story; their numbers increased rapidly



in the 1970s and it is thought that they benefited from the outbreak of Dutch elm disease; feeding on the beetles that were spreading the fungal disease, and nesting in the dead trees. They started to increase again in the mid-1990s and this time they seem to have benefited from the decline in starlings, which compete with them for nesting holes in dead trees, and also by being fed in gardens; they like peanuts and suet/fat blocks. One possible future threat is climate change, which may de-synchronise the timing of breeding with the greatest availability of caterpillars for chick food.

Less is known about Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers, which are the size of a sparrow, and are harder to study because they are so scarce. They nest in woodland and seem to be more abundant in well-wooded areas and where there is a lot of dead wood. They have gradually declined due to poor breeding success, which again may be partly due to lack of synchronisation with the occurrence of peak numbers of caterpillars to feed their chicks. Generally inconspicuous, they only call and drum regularly in February-March. They may also benefit from supplementary feeding and it is possible that ash dieback, leading to an increase in the number of dead trees, may help both species.

More information:

Rosemary Collier

[Woodpecker Network - Home \(woodpecker-network.org.uk\)](http://woodpecker-network.org.uk)

MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

Spring is definitely on the way and some of the 'trees' in the new wildlife hedge in St Mary's Churchyard have started to sprout. Apart from the magnificent display of primroses in the churchyard, there are some patches of tiny violets on the bank at the top of School Lane, and celandines have started to flower on some of the verges. There are plenty of wild arum plants in the churchyard and under hedgerows. A number of wild birds are starting to nest.

More than 30 households took part in Mother Nature's Quiz on Mothering Sunday and we raised over £400 for the wildlife project in Tysoe – which is amazing! A big thank you to everyone who took part and to those who sent donations. There were 8 rounds

of questions on a diversity of topics associated with wildlife and some appropriate 'wildlife' prizes were awarded to those with the highest scores. Again, a big thank you to those who donated prizes and to all who helped to organize the event.

There will be more to report next month when both the existing and new wildflower areas should be underway and we will be preparing for 'No Mow May'.

Rosemary Collier



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Dandelions by Allison Aves

Along the lane, beside the stream,
Their yellow petals shine and gleam.
In swathes of golden sunshine sit
The dandelions, where insects flit
And sparrows chirp along the banks.
I wander slowly and give thanks
For all the wondrous bright green springs
Before the heat of summer brings
The jaded colours of the trees
And butterflies and honey bees.

Poetry Challenge
2021
Runner up



Welcome to Lili-Pegs Plants! We're Josh & Lee, two life long friends, with a passion for plants and a plan to bring colour to your garden.

'Lili-Pegs' is our new business venture, named in honour of our late grandmothers Lilian Welsby and Peggy Wyles, who both loved spending time in their gardens and introduced us to the world of horticulture. Our range includes summer bedding upright and trailing, hanging baskets, succulents and vegetable plants.

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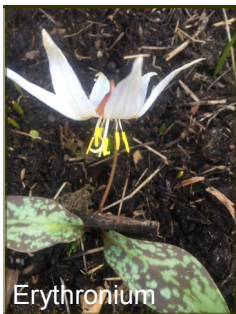
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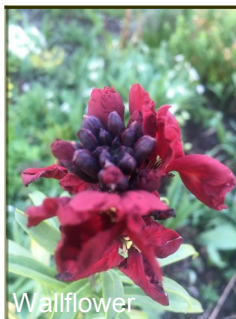
GARDENING TIPS FROM CHRISTINE

Spring has been on its way for a while in the garden with snowdrops, crocus and the early daffodils as well as several flowering shrubs, but now it arrives in earnest! Buds are lengthening daily.



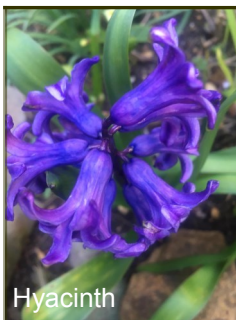
Erythronium

The pasque flower may make it in time for Easter, I have several of these pulsatillas but the white is the most floriferous, loving its position tucked among the rocks in the scree garden. *Erythronium caucasicum* has been in flower for many weeks but now it's taller, multi-flowered relations are coming into their own in white, yellow and pink. Their spotted leaves give them their common name of toad lily and are a joy in themselves.



Wallflower

For several years now I have kept some wallflowers going by cutting them back severely after flowering, they grow rather leggy and woody but if that fault can be hidden by a small shrub then the enjoyment of their perfume and colour is much extended. The perennial wallflowers like Bowle's Mauve are much neater and rounded but even they become leggy in time and tend to flower themselves to extinction. Fortunately cuttings root easily.



Hyacinth

Forced hyacinth bulbs can be planted out in the garden after they've died back, they won't have such a dense flower spike in the future but are quite happy and so am I as I find their perfume rather overpowering in the house.

Seed sowing is in full spate now; I don't have a greenhouse so tend to delay sowing. Hardy annuals can be sown in the garden but as my borders are full to bursting, I sow them in pots to give them a better chance of survival.

Christine Duke

MY FIRST CAR



Ron Walton - Alvis TK 12/50

I was at school during the war. When I was sixteen I volunteered to join the RNVR but I couldn't join the Navy until I was seventeen. So I got a job with Alvis Ltd which after the Coventry Blitz, opened a factory in Stratford overhauling Rolls Royce Merlin power plants from

Lancasters. I was so interested that I changed my mind and decided I wanted to become an Engineer. I did a five year Student Apprenticeship with Alvis, Coventry, during that time I spent a few months at the London Service Depot. The Electrician there was Tubby who drove an old Alvis to work every day, it was a TK12/50 built in 1931, the body was Carbodies, a two seater with a dicky and can only be described as 'rough', the hood only gave protection when stationary. £100 changed hands and I had got my first car!

After London, I moved back to Ettington and drove to Coventry every day. Unable to afford a new battery, I started it by handle every morning. It always fired first pull. Tubby had discarded the distributor and cleverly fitted a Scintilla Vertex magneto. The car never let me down. Every morning I drove via Stratford to pick up two other Alvis employees, as it was only a two seater, the third person had to sit in the dicky, in cold weather he would disappear inside the tail completely.

For the technically minded the 12/60 had a long stroke engine of 4 cylinders with a total capacity of about 1800cc. The mascot was a hare sitting upright on the radiator cap. I called him Harvey.

Like other cars at the time, the engine didn't have a radiator fan or water pump. My time with Alvis often involved returning from the Army base up the Old Fosse with its succession of long hills, I would watch the temperature gauge reading approach boiling point as we reached the top, slip out of gear, coast down the other side, at the bottom the temperature had returned to normal. Driving back then was much more interesting than it is today.

Brian Temple-Brown – 1931 Austin 7 Swallow

I was 16 years old when I bought my first car, a 1931 Austin 7 Swallow, OY 594. The owner wanted £10 for it. As I had only £6 – my long-saved pocket money – I had to haggle. The owner felt sorry for me and agreed to accept my £6. I drove it the 5 miles back home, without a Driving Licence, Insurance or Road Tax. (The only vehicle I had ever driven on public roads before was a T20 Ferguson tractor when I was a student at Agricultural College. I did have a motorcycle licence for my 1935 BSA 125cc four stroke).



I didn't appreciate the Swallow's rarity value. All I wanted it for was to convert it into a 750 Special; as per Colin Chapman of Lotus fame. He started off with an Austin 7 based special, which I thought was a wonderful, inexpensive DIY sports car). I set to, to dismantle it and removed the aluminium body, which I buried in our garden! I never did end up with an Austin 7 Special. It was too difficult. My engineering prowess was totally inadequate!

Lord Montague wrote to me to ask if I would sell him my car as his had been seriously damaged when fire broke out in his Motor Museum. I didn't dare tell him I had 'killed' my car and just told him I didn't own it any longer! What a waste of a lovely old car!

KEVIN THE CAVEMAN



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WITH YOUR SAFETY IN MIND . . .

Hello there,

My name is Simon and I run the Forge Garage in Brailes with my wife Katie. Founded in 1952 by my grandfather, it is now in its third generation. We've been meaning to introduce ourselves to Tysoe residents and, as we come out of lockdown and into Spring, and cars start moving more, now seems a good time to do that.

We want to give you a few tips for maintaining your car. Every time you drive you should:

- Gently try your **brakes** when first setting off to ensure they are working properly.
- Check that all of your **lights** work.
- Check that the **windscreen, windows and mirrors** are clean.

It's also a good idea to look at the following from time to time:

- Start up your car once a week and let it run for around 15 minutes to give the battery time to charge and help prevent a flat battery
- Roll your car back and forth a few metres every so often, if safe to do so, to prevent brakes from seizing,
- Check fluid levels including oil, engine coolant, brake fluid and screen-wash to ensure at recommended levels.
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Simon Haycock

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S



The beginning of April this year takes us straight into Holy Week. Maundy Thursday falls on 1st April. It is the anniversary of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, when he gave them the great commandment: 'love one another as I have loved you.' That commandment (or mandate) gives Maundy Thursday its name.

On Good Friday we will be opening the doors at St Mary's for a quiet, thoughtful service beginning at 7pm with readings, music and candles. Holy Saturday may seem like a quiet day, but there will be much going on inside the church, preparing for the great festival of Easter Day.

On Easter Day, there will be a Communion Service at 11am. There is no indication yet that we can have a choir, and congregational singing is not allowed, but there will be all the traditional symbolism of new light and new life. As we move cautiously out of lockdown it is very appropriate that on the day when we celebrate Christ's resurrection we will bring the light of the Easter Candle into church and worship together there for the first time for many weeks. This is the first step to further opening: we will continue to worship in St Mary's each Sunday at 11am, following the government guidance. In addition the church will be open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons.

We will continue to Zoom some of the Sunday church services for those who are not able to attend in person. Our regular Zoomed Wednesday Morning Worship is at 10:00am.

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**God Bless
George
Rev. George Heighton
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TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH



As I woke this morning to dawn breaking around 6 am, the blackbirds were in full tune. Spring is coming! We see new life forming in many ways, daffodils after the snowdrops bringing their cheer and new buds developing on shrubs in the garden.

Despite the times we have been living in these last 12 months, the miracle of creation and new life are always there. So NEVER GIVE UP HOPE.

There are members of our Church who are either house-bound or unwell. We hold each and everyone in our Prayers. Thanks must go to our doctors, hospitals and the NHS as a whole, as recognised and celebrated in this issue of the Record. Grateful thanks go to them all. Thanks also go to those who help us cope with bereavement, we are so lucky to be cared for in the way we are.

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Chris



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Obituary

Conway Ivan Hopkins - Born 1939, died 11 March 2021

Jacqui Franklin, Conway's daughter, posted this on Facebook: *"We are very sad to say that this morning Dad passed away quietly in Warwick Hospital after a short illness. I was able to spend time with him yesterday, where we talked frankly, this last battle was one he could not win and was ready to leave us."*

Last June the Record interviewed Conway about his memories of farming in Tysoe and again this February when we shared some of his remarkable life story. At 16 he suffered from TB and developed a cancerous tumour on his spine which caused him to lose the use of his legs. Yet he didn't let his disability stop him, he went on to run successful businesses. At one stage he ran two coach companies, three hair salons and a village garage. He was the first disabled driver to drive a coach, for which he was very proud.

'A BALANCING ACT'

Conway shared this charming story with the Record last year:

(unpublished till now)



Nest - top right above the light

Two pigeons spent three days balancing twigs on a light set up high under the guttering on the pub roof. The hen sat for three weeks on her eggs but lost one. It fell out as the nest was only about 9-10 inches across. The cock bird took his turn so the hen could feed.

I was sat in my wheelchair watching. Who should come and sit beside me, just where I was sitting, but the young pigeon!? So we must have bonded as he now feeds in my back garden.



Conway Hopkins, R.I.P.

WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Apricot buds

So spring is on its way, March started mild but then was hit by ferocious winds and rain, so we hope we have a quieter April! The orchard has coped well and it looks like the trees are full of fat buds ready to burst into blossom and leaves. As we have not had a hard winter, the wildflowers are beginning to flower early, providing food for the bees. All the hives are active on sunny days, bees are out foraging in the orchard along with many bumblebees; willow catkins along with the hazel displays



provide food for them.

Despite lockdown volunteers have pruned blueberries and currants and started on the gooseberries. The broken trellis and honeysuckle by the WooWoo have been cleared and the cutting back of all the autumn raspberries has been completed! A lot of work so thank you to all those involved.

If you are interested in coming along and helping out please contact us and we can give you more information. If you become a member, then you share in the fruit we harvest, one of the main benefits of membership is the FREE organically grown fruit shared in season!

The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on Shenington Road, Tysoe. Contact: Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451),

TYSOE VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENING PLANS

In accordance with the latest GOV.UK guidance dated 24 February 2021, Tysoe Village Hall remains closed until Step 3 and will not re-open before Monday 17 May 2021. We will contact hirers nearer to this date to confirm the process for re-opening, subject to any further Government updates.

HAPPY EASTER FROM THE W.I. CRAFT & LAUGH GROUP



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.

For more information follow us on **Facebook@TysoeW.i.1917**, visit our **www.tysoewi.com** Email: **tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com**

SHWBP - LOCAL TRANSPORT SERVICES UPDATE

UBUS is running the essential services viz: Shopping, Banking etc. Capacity is limited to 5 passengers – to date no passenger has been turned away.

Shipston Link - Subject to Government's plans for the end of lockdown not being delayed or altered, the Scheduled Services will recommence on Tuesday 13th April.

VASA - A grant has been received from WCC for VASA to be able to offer free transport to a GP or a mass vaccination centre. This is for either the first or booster injections. Wheelchair users can also be accommodated.

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TOO CLEVER BY HALF!

My grandparents were born in the 1890s and my grandfather lived from the horse and cart era through to the space shuttle age. He was pretty non-plussed by technology, as long as he could listen to the Archers on his wireless and his Austin A40 would get him to Ashford market, that was enough for him. As far as I can remember, the Space Race wasn't top of his priorities.

Another thing I remember from my grandparents' cottage was a laundry mangle in the outhouse. This was a fearsome bit of kit used to squeeze the water out of the washing before it got put on the line to dry – with its open cogs and wooden rollers, it was designed a long time before anyone thought of the expression “health & safety audit”. This piece of technology came to mind recently when Shirley and I were obliged to replace our Bosch washing machine. The old one had worked hard for 12 years until suddenly it developed its own personality, as the drum made a bid for freedom with an almighty screaming noise. It's fair to say, the bearings were shot!




What to do? Well, BuyWise in Banbury came to the rescue and delivered a super-duper new Bosch washing machine with an eye-watering spin speed (1400 RPM) and, most importantly.....WiFi control. I kid you not, our rather bossy German washing machine now tells us what it's doing, when it will be finished, what it had for breakfast, which radio stations it enjoys, and I suspect, it will have an opinion on the EU vaccine rollout programme! Is it too clever by half? Quite possibly. It does seem rather reluctant to answer emails though. Heaven-knows what my Victorian grandparents would have made of such a tool – bewilderment I should think.


Roland Cherry

IT'S EASTER!!! Dates for your diary


	Friday	2	Good Friday
	Monday	5	Easter Monday
	Tuesday	6, 20	Black bin collection
	Monday	12	Ordinary Parish Council meeting
	Tuesday	13 27	Blue & Green collection
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	Friday	23	St George's Day




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From 29th March we are officially allowed to play tennis again:

- Club mix-ins will be restarting on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from 30th March & Sunday mornings from 4 April (pre-book with Philip). We are always looking for new members so come and join in.
- Summer league matches are being arranged for the Club teams from May onwards.
- Easter holiday camp and junior coaching are planned for children aged 5-12 years -see p38 for details.

For more details visit the website or contact:

Club Secretary – Carol Spencer 07708 412767

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TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

It's been pretty busy since the last update. We held an Extra-Ordinary meeting to consider the planning application for the land off Sandpits Road, the Annual Parish Meeting for 2020-21 and the usual planned Ordinary meeting. All meetings are still conducted via Zoom. Here are some headlines to reflect on:



- On March 8, Tysoe Parish Council welcomed Matt Jarvis-Cleaver its youngest Councillor for decades/ever. Already a member of the Affordable Homes Committee, Matt is passionate about Tysoe and wants to represent the views of younger residents.
- Councillors and 50 residents attended the Extra-Ordinary meeting on 22 February to hear the planning application submitted by Cameron Homes for the land off Sandpits Road. The development of 31 homes would be the largest the village has seen in a generation so deserved very careful scrutiny. Councillors and residents provided constructive feedback on the application which was commended but ultimately objected to. Councillors think that the application was a great first attempt but a more carefully considered development would be a much greater asset to the village.
- Police & Crime Commissioner and local resident Philip Secombe received the most questions during the Annual Parish Meeting on 25 February. His encouraging messages about crime rates during lockdown and the recruitment of new police officers were welcomed. Thanks go to all of our contributors.

Look out for...over coming months expect to see a new noticeboard dedicated to health & well-being, new cycle parking by the village hall and playground and further work to protect village greens and verges.

As always, please keep safe.

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NINE PRETTY MAIDS FROM TYSOE SCHOOL c. 1961



From the left: Carol Clark, Arleen Hancox, Jennifer Hibberd, Cynthia Nicholls, Lindsay Harling, (not known, not known) Sally Walton and Renata Capalini. **Can anyone name the rest?** Photo supplied by Carol, our Treasurer.

MORE RECOLLECTIONS OF TYSOE SCHOOL

I was very interested in seeing your article about Tysoe School. I attended Tysoe School from 1949 to 1955 when I left to attend Banbury Grammar School. I have only happy memories of that time. My memories include everyone in class sitting round the large iron stove trying to keep warm. I also remember Miss Parrott coming in to teach needlework. Another memory is how we would play around the brook at the bottom of the playground and some did acrobatics on the metal fence. I remember someone fell in - I think it was one of the Waltons.

My mother (Rose Styles nee Middleton) attended Tysoe School in the early 1920s. Although she was naturally left handed, she was forced to learn to write with her right hand.

It all brings back fond memories of Tysoe. I was born in and lived in Tysoe until I was 23 and have lived in many places since, but still consider it to be my home village.

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Tysoe Children's Group also offer fun activities and learning experiences for children from 18 months to enjoy at the Old Fire Station under the guidance of our fully trained staff. Should you require any further information or if you would like to book a slot for your child please contact admin@tysoechildrensgroup.co.uk or call us on 01295 680624 or and we will be happy to help.

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TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We were delighted to welcome all the children back to school on Monday 8th March. It has been wonderful to see their smiles and their enthusiasm for returning to their learning in school. It has been brilliant to see our school



Celebrating World Book Day in school . . . full and busy again – it is just how our school should look and sound! Thank you again for the messages of support and thanks to the staff - these are genuinely appreciated.

All of the staff have worked tirelessly throughout this period of school closures supporting the children of key workers in school and overseeing remote education for those at home. They are dedicated and caring; making sure to keep contact with all of our children and welcoming the children back to school with such positivity. We must also thank all of the parents, carers, grandparents and family who have supported the children through another lockdown. Every family has faced different challenges during this time and we are grateful to all our families for their support and hard work.



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