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Tysoe Jubilee Tree Planters. Photo: Paige Allister, Tysoe CE School

**In this bumper Festive issue you can read everything from:**

- Jubilee Tree Planting to Feats of Fundraising
- Try the Pantomime Quiz - *(Oh yes you can!)*
- Or learn about 'Unforgettable Christmases Past' and what's in store for the 'Christmas Yet To Come!'

## SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE RECORD



At the end of the year it is good to take stock and reflect over the past 12 months. It has been a troubled time with the war in Ukraine and the death of our Queen. Climate change, the immigrant crisis, rising food and energy prices giving us much cause for anxiety and concern. We pray that world leaders can find a way to work together, following COP27, to help protect the environment for future generations.

But it is not all doom and gloom, there have been many highs to offset these lows. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations were a triumph for the nation and were much enjoyed by our community in Tysoe; the Jubilee Tree planting, reported in this issue, marks an end to that chapter for us.

The news reports from around the world makes us appreciate our lot. We count ourselves lucky to live where we do in a country that respects the rights of individuals, that allows freedom of the press and has a welfare state that strives to look after our collective well-being.

In this Christmas and New Year issue, we focus on our community to try to understand what it is that sets Tysoe apart and makes it so special. (see editorial opposite).

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

The Record Team and our Distributors.



Group photo from Tysoe's Dance and Exercise Keep Fit Class which meets on a Thursday morning, enjoying being back in the newly refurbished Village Hall.

Jubilee Tree Planting front cover photo, captions from left to right: Chloe Hird, Erin Elizabeth Grocott, Finley Brooks, Adam . . . and Scout Isitt.

## THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

As editor of the Tysoe & District Record I have a privileged insight to the life of our village. I get to see first-hand the selflessness of folk who give their time and efforts for the greater good. “Human beings are made for community,” says Archbishop of York, Most Revd Stephen Cottrell. “Take one piece of coal out of the fire and it will burn for a while, but eventually it will go out.” We function better when we work together.

On page 4 is the report on the bonfire night, made possible through the efforts of volunteers from the Sports Club and their helpers. We also write about amazing feats of fundraising by local residents (pages 12,13 and 24) supporting those in hospices and care homes, and others who need extra care. Then there’s our Parish Council who provide civic governance for our community and environment.

Our thanks go to the Village Hall Committee for overseeing the repair and refurbishment of the hall over the past 18 months. Many of our clubs and societies have restarted classes. The Bowls Club is now back in their happy place, while TADA is planning yet another Christmas cracker! There is so much going on in Tysoe that, as my neighbour said, you can ‘meet yourself coming back’, and I end up running out of pages!

Denmark is considered to be one of the happiest countries in the world. The Danes even have a word for it ‘hygge’, (thanks Karen for your book) but when you analyse what constitutes hygge, you discover that the secret to happiness lies in shared activities and in spending time with other people you know and trust. It is about giving ourselves to help others.

Perhaps this Christmas, the most celebrated Christian festival, we should give thanks for the wonderful community we have here in Tysoe and appreciate all the people who give their time and talents to help make our village such a special place. So, let me leave you with a final thought to ponder over Christmas: what can you do to help our village and be that extra piece of coal in the fire?



The Editor

## TYSOE'S SPECTACULAR FIREWORK DISPLAY



**Fireworks lit up the night sky over the Tysoe playing fields on Saturday 29th October as a large crowd gathered for the Bonfire Night. The celebrations were the first for two years.**

"This year's Bonfire and Firework display was a great success thanks to Tysoe Flower Show & Fete Committee who donated £750 towards the costs of the fireworks and to help Tysoe Sports Club put on this event with free admission.

The event was well attended and over £665 was raised with donations collected on the night and a further profit of £435.00 on the BBQ, all money will go towards the upkeep of the pavilion.

The committee would like to thank, Gareth Attwell, Joey Butcher, Dave Paxton and Mark Wyles who built the bonfire on the Saturday morning. Tysoe United Adult Football Club who provided fire Marshalls for the night to keep us safe. Tysoe Social Club who provided the bar and Tysoe Parish Council for giving us permission to hold the event.

A special thankyou to Gareth Attwell who also cleared away the ashes from the bonfire the following weekend."

Steve Allen

Tysoe Sports Club



Images courtesy of Jude Canning and Ulana Reshetukha.



## **TYSOE VILLAGE HALL - NOW OPEN!**

Finally . . . after over 29 weeks closure, the Village Hall re-opened to the public on Tuesday 1st November.

The first club to take advantage of the Hall's availability were Tysoe Bowls Club, who had previously quality tested the new floor to ensure it had been laid level. No more excuses for any errant bowling now!

All previous hirers, clubs and societies have been notified in writing and we look forward to welcoming them back, plus new hirers. The following clubs are now back in play:

- ☺ Monday morning Yoga (Jeanne)
- ☺ Tuesday – morning, afternoon and evening Tysoe Bowls sessions
- Wednesday morning Pilates/AMH Fitness (Alison)- from January
- ☺ Wednesday afternoon WI Crafts & Laughs - tba
- ☺ Thursday morning – ladies keep fit
- ☺ Thursday morning and evening yoga (Bend Yoga with Ranit Katz)
- ☺ Friday morning Dementia Café
- ☺ Friday evening – Tysoe Bowls Club
- ☺ 1st Wednesday every month - WI
- ☺ 1st Friday every month – Tysoe Lunch Club
- ☺ 2nd Monday every month – Tysoe Parish Council

Some clubs have also booked their Christmas parties – namely Tysoe Lunch Club (Friday 2nd December, WI (Wednesday 7th December) and Tysoe Bowls Club (Friday 16th December).

TADA are planning a Christmas event for Saturday 17th December.

Pantomimes return on Sunday 8th January 2023 (oh yes they do!) with the Caramba players performing Beauty and the Beast (posters and leaflets soon).

The proposal to hold a community event to celebrate the Hall's re-opening has been deferred until the New Year, due to the busy run-up to Christmas.

New bookings can be made via Jacqui Franklin (Bookings Secretary)

**Tysoe Village Hall Committee**

**16h November 2022**



## JUBILEE TREE PLANTING



On Monday 14th November a copper beech was planted by Tysoe Parish Council to mark the Queen's 70th Jubilee which the country celebrated in June. In his address David Roache, chairman, said how Queen Elizabeth II's reign was notable by her devotion to duty and service.

A group of children helped to plant the tree. They were all winners of the Queen's Portrait Competition held over the Jubilee weekend: Top photo, children from left to right: Chloe Hird, Emilia Rose Hobbins, Finley Brooks, Scout Isitt, Erin Elizabeth Grocott (with the spade) and Adam. At just three years old Emilia Rose (insert) found that the spade was almost as big as she was, but still managed to put soil in the hole.

David thanked everyone for coming and concluded the tree planting ceremony by saying "Hopefully generations to come in Tysoe will enjoy the tree and remember why it has been planted."





## MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

The wildflower areas in School Lane and around the edges of the playing fields were mown some time ago, as a late-mown hay meadow would be. We are doing the same thing in the wildflower areas in St Mary's Churchyard, with a strimmer then a mower. A good amount of yellow rattle seed was collected from School Lane and the churchyard during the summer and this has been dried and sorted and has been sown along the edges of the playing field to help suppress the grass there.

On 3rd November Mike Pollard from Banbury Ornithological Society gave a talk on Farmland Birds, which was very well attended, and there were some excellent questions. We have continued to meet with wildlife enthusiasts from nearby villages and our network – **South Warwickshire Area Network (SWAN) for Wildlife** is developing well. We assisted the Shipston team with some of their events during Great Big Green Week at the end of September.

Tysoe Wildlife presents:



IMAGES BY KELLY AND KATHY BOUTER FROM PHOTOP

### FARMLAND BIRDS



By Mike Pollard,  
Banbury Ornithological  
Society,

7pm on Thursday,  
3rd November  
in St Mary's Church, Tysoe.

### THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

### SWIFT TALK



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 2nd March 2023  
talk on Swifts in St Mary's Church
- Saturday 17th June a Moth  
Night at Radway Meadows/  
Westcote



**Congratulations** to St Mary's Church for the award of an Eco Church Bronze Certificate. This is the first step towards a Gold Award!

Rosemary Collier

### ECO CHURCH

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#### Bronze Eco Church Award Certificate

This is to certify that

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, Tysoe

has won a Bronze Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts.

## MY GRANDPARENTS' WAR



In the last issue of the Record we invited readers to send in details of their own 'Grandparents' War'. Brian Temple Brown has responded to our request with a fascinating story about his grandfather in the First World War.

My grandfather served with the Prince of Wales Volunteers with the rank of 1st lieutenant. During the first year of the First World War, 1914/1915, his job was to locate, and be responsible for training, horses for 'War Duty'. He was a keen horse-man before the war. His job was a bit like that part in the film 'War Horse'.

Fairlie Temple Brown

Over on the Continent, he was in charge of a section of Chinese troops. Initially, they were responsible for seeing to it that the horses were being correctly used. Once he and his contingent of Chinese troops were well established, they spent the rest of the war operating at night, supplying the front lines with ammunition and food, both in France and Belgium.



Grandpa Fairlie is wearing a white neckerchief in the centre of the photo, pictured alongside his Chinese troops.

My Grandfather was one of the few officers to survive the whole of the war. He was injured and repatriated to England during the last 3 months of the war. I remember my Grandfather very well. After the Second World War, I grew to love him and respect him tremendously. He taught me a lot when I was a lad.

Brian Temple-Brown.



This month the WI enjoyed an informative and often amusing talk by Mervyn Edwards who was the Operational Police Commander for all aspects of the policing of the Newbury Bypass which took place between 1995 and 1998. The operation took three years to complete. He called his talk, '*The Third Battle of Newbury*.' For History buffs the first and second battles were fought in the English Civil War the last being in 1644.

The talk covered his background career in an effort to put into context the reason he was chosen for this quite unique and complex police operation. The talk also included references to protesters who were living in the trees and tunnels. We were shown photographs of these tree houses, tunnels and camps.

Mervyn also demonstrated the use of items used by protesters in an effort to prevent the road being built: 'lock ons' or 'dragons'. A 'sleeping dragon' involves protesters putting their limbs through pipes embedded in concrete, or a mixture of steel and concrete, and often show great imagination by those making the lock-on. The protester can choose between a type that will allow them to willingly remove themselves or a type that requires machinery to remove them.

Our speaker told the story of the building of the controversial new road at Newbury and described some of the other obstacles to its completion, for example Desmoulin's whorl snail which famously delayed the construction of the bypass. Following a lengthy mollusc related legal battle, the protected, pin-head sized snails were moved out of the way of the road....at some great cost.

To this day, Mervyn enjoys a drive on the Newbury Bypass which he has a strong affinity to...even a sense of ownership.

Despite the awful weather we had yet another good turn out for our last meeting at the school and now look forward to our Christmas Social on the 7th December back in the Village Hall.

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Eileen Mann,  
WI President, Upper Tysoe



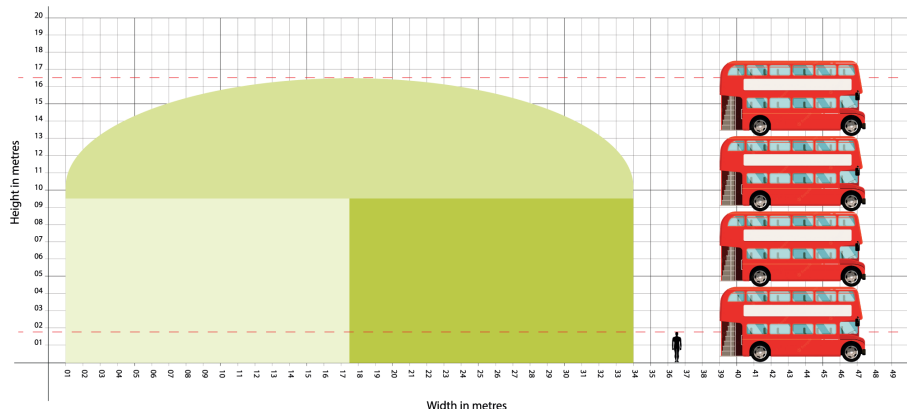
## TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE



Hello Tysoe,

Autumn is now upon us which means the Parish Council's thoughts turn to the budget for next year. Over the next month or so we will be looking at our expenditure on the essential services; mowing, street lighting, playground maintenance etc. to see how we can contain costs in the coming year. Although our precept is only a very small component of residents' Council Tax we will strive to control costs. We have taken up residents' concerns about the disruption and inconvenience caused by the work being carried out to install fibre broadband. No warning or explanation was provided and Warwickshire County Council seem to have renounced any responsibility even though they are responsible for roads and verges. We hope to get some explanation in the coming days.

What has occupied a huge amount of time has been the application by Acorn Bioenergy to build a large anaerobic digester in the parish. At the time of writing there are nearly 1,000 objections on the District Council's website and when you read this you may still have time to submit yours if you have not already done so. The proposed digester is a huge industrial gas production facility sited in open countryside and in full view of the Cotswold AONB. This facility (each tower equates to the height of 4 double-deck buses), will be a blight on the landscape and will cause a huge amount of incremental heavy traffic.



It will be totally alien in one of the finest views in Warwickshire.



Although promoted as a “green” source of energy the digester will be very far from green. The CO2 emissions, both from the process itself and from the traffic it causes, will negate any green credentials that Acorn claim for it.

The photo above gives an idea of the scale of the traffic disruption likely to happen as the feedstock for the digester is delivered from farms as far away as 16km along the narrow lanes connecting the villages in the vicinity of the digester. This industrial facility has no place in this beautiful and unspoilt landscape and the damage it would do would be irreparable and permanent. Please submit your objection, citing the planning reasons referred to above, by email to the Planning Officer at [joseph.brooke@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:joseph.brooke@stratford-dc.gov.uk) . For more information you can visit the Stop Hardwick Energy website at <https://stophardwickenergy.org>

This has been compiled by a small group of dedicated and concerned residents who have been helping the Parish Council with the objection that we will be submitting in early December. The village owes them a huge vote of thanks. Please do what you can to prevent this wholly opportunistic application succeeding. We should not allow our beautiful landscape to be desecrated by this monstrosity.

No doubt by the time you are reading this Christmas will be well and truly on the horizon and preparations for the festive season will be in full swing. We will all look forward to the lighting of the Christmas tree and the seasonal celebrations.

David Roache, Chair & Charmaine Swift, Clerk  
Contact: [parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk)

## AMAZING FEATS OF FUNDRAISING

Read about some seriously impressive fundraising events by Tysoe residents:

### Gayle Tompkins is swimming the Channel for Myton Hospice.



My name is Gayle and I like to swim to try and stay fit. I am in no way a good or confident swimmer - more a head above water looking at what is going on around me sort! I saw that Myton Hospice were doing a sponsored swim between 1st Sept and 1st Dec. So I thought I'd give it a go!

There were choices of how far you could set yourself and, having come from Kent originally and always being a bit scared of swimming in the sea following a near miss accident as a young child, I decided to go for the Channel.

I have swum at least 4 mornings a week before work, apart from one week when I was poorly. So far I have raised £379 for Myton Hospice - I set my original target as £100! **My new target is £450!** If you would like to sponsor or see how I am doing you can have a look at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gayle-tompkins>.

Gayle Tompkins

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### Chris Locke's 'Good Old Coffee Morning' for Muscular Dystrophy UK.

A huge thank you to all you lovely people who supported my Coffee Morning **raising £1,028** for Muscular Dystrophy. The Bring and Buy, Raffle and Cake Stall were buzzing and I received some very kind and generous donations. Needless to say I am absolutely thrilled with the total.

Also a huge thank you to my stall holders Jane, Chris and Muriel; Janneanne and Jenny and Teresa on coffee duty - I couldn't have done it without you.

A very grateful Chris Locke



## Congratulations go to Jackie Thompson, ‘the Macmillan Lady.’

Our annual Macmillan sale started in November 2013, when we opened our house and garage and invited friends and family to sell their crafts and produce.

I brought in all sorts of gifts, accessories jewellery and household items and sold them at profit.

We had preloved clothes bags, etc, a cake stall, refreshments and a wonderful raffle.

We had a wonderful team of friends who helped us for 5 years and local shops and restaurants provided us with raffle prizes each year. Everyone locally always asked if we were having another sale. In fact, I was known as *the Macmillan lady*.



Sadly, we had to give up in 2017 as Alan had to receive help from Macmillan after needing radiotherapy himself.

Out of the blue, last month I had a call from a Macmillan events organiser to ask how we were doing and also to thank us for raising so much money. I wasn't sure how much to be honest. I was shocked to find it was **over £11,000!**

**THANK YOU EVERYONE**



A BIG THANK YOU goes especially to the Macmillan team at Coventry University hospital. They have been amazing! Four months ago Alan had an operation to remove his larynx. He is learning to live with a new voice and breathe through a stoma in his neck. He's doing well!

Jackie and Alan Thompson



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## CHRISTMAS BOXES



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## MY BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT OR EXPERIENCE EVER . . .

We asked our distributors to send us details of their favourite and/or most memorable Christmas presents. Here is a selection:

### Coal and Insulation!

In the early eighties, living as newly weds in a tiny village in the middle of the Peak District National Park, and struggling to make ends meet, we exchanged Christmas gifts of 5 bags of house coal (it could be very cold up there) and lagging for the back door as we soon discovered the snow would find its way into the hall through the door frame and keyhole. All very picturesque though!

Liz Finlyson, Oxhill Distributor

### Christmas Downunder



My most memorable Christmas was in 1984. On December 23 my partner Dave and I boarded a flight from Heathrow to Sydney, Australia. Twenty-four hours later (Christmas morning, allowing for the time difference), we were met by my sister, who we'd not seen since she'd emigrated two years earlier. Our schedule then meant we boarded an internal flight to Cairns, Queensland at about midday to spend a month with Dave's family (we came back to Sydney later in the holiday), most of whom I'd never met and he hadn't seen for about 8 years.

What a day! What with jet-lag, emotion, and Christmas food (including the biggest dinner I've ever eaten, lovingly cooked by Dave's sister-in-law), I was truly a wreck by nightfall!

Carol Clark, Treasurer

### Jude's Jetsetting Christmases

I once met 3 friends at Sydney airport on Christmas Day, flew to Tasmania and spent the next 5 days travelling around in a cramped camper van. Another time I was in Fishhoek near Cape Town with 2 friends where it always rains on Christmas Day. True to form, we barbequed our steaks under an umbrella in the garden.

Jude Canning, Distribution Coordinator



## TYSOE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Join us for a sing-song round the tree on  
Saturday 10th December  
at 5.30pm.

Lights will be **switched** on at 6.30pm  
There might even be a special  
visit from Mr S. Claus and helpers!



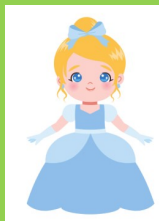
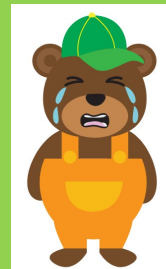
## RUN SANTA RUN!

Sunday 4th December  
Meet at the Village Hall  
11am for 11.30am start  
Email: [stephshowhomes@btinternet.com](mailto:stephshowhomes@btinternet.com)


## TYSOE'S PANTOMIME TRAIL

Decorate a window that's visible from the road  
or create a display in your garden (or both).

Please have your decorations up  
for 12th December latest!  
Contact: [tysoerecord@gmail.com](mailto:tysoerecord@gmail.com)  
to be part of the trail.



## PANTOMIME QUIZ - JUST FOR FUN!

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1. Who was the male servant in Cinderella's household, who helps and loves Cinderella?
  2. A witch living in a gingerbread house features in which panto?
  3. Mr. Smee is a character in which pantomime?
  4. What is the name of Cinderella's Father?
  5. Which panto may also be known by the name "Little Briar Rose"?
  6. What is the name of the fairy in Peter Pan?
  7. How many years should Sleeping Beauty sleep for unless her spell is broken?
  8. Which Pantomime character slaps his thigh every time he speaks his name?
  9. Who or what told Dick Whittington to 'turn again'?
  10. What is the occupation of the Seven Dwarfs who befriend Snow White?
  11. In Jack and the Beanstalk, which animal is traded for a handful of magic beans?
  12. In pantomimes, from which stage side, left or right, do the "good" characters mostly enter?
  13. Widow Twanky is a character in which panto?
  14. In which panto does Maid Marian appear?
  15. What 'accident' caused Sleeping Beauty to fall asleep?

Answers on page 19

# Thomas Fox

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## APPLE DAY AT THE ORCHARD

What a crop of apples and pears this year! A bumper harvest even though most of the apples are a little smaller than usual. They are however very juicy and with good flavour despite the long dry and sunny summer and completely delicious.



The first commercial juicing produced over 100 bottles of pasteurised juice with a good balanced flavour – the second batch which was been sent off produced 170 bottles which is expected to be even better with more varieties in the mix. To pasteurise it ourselves is a long and hard business as we have to use small equipment and the effort is very great so using a commercial operation is wonderful and much appreciated by our members!

The signs of autumn are all around the orchard as the perry pear trees drop their fruit and the dessert pears leaves are turning a beautiful colour! But still plenty of apples stored and the last few are hanging on the trees along with medlars and a few quince.

The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on Shenington Road in Tysoe. Find out more call Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), or message us via the web site.

[www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)

### PANTO QUIZ (P17) ANSWERS:

1. Buttons
2. Hansel & Gretel
3. Peter Pan
4. Baron Hard Up
5. Sleeping Beauty
6. Tinkerbell
7. 100

8. Dick Whittington
9. The Bells of London
10. Miners
11. Cow
12. Right
13. Aladdin
14. Babes in the Wood
15. She pricked her finger on a spindle whilst spinning



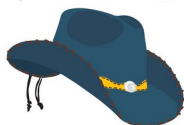
## HAPPY HEREFORDS HAPPENINGS!



Whilst our regular Friday Night Burger nights continue through the dreary winter months we are doing our best to provide a bit of cheer during these challenging times, please do join us:



**Friday 2nd December - CCOTS Community Choir** (formerly Oxhill Tysoe and Shennington Community Choir) their first official outing and **The Raclette Sisters** will be joining us to kick off the Christmas season, mulled wine, cider and bar with our favourite Church Farm brewery ales.



**Saturday Dec 31st - Wild West Night in Herberts Burger Barn 7pm-1am.** Expect Rodeo Bulls, Bungee challenge, Shooting Gallery, Line Dancing, Bar and Food - further details to follow on our social media pages.



**Friday 3rd February Singalong pianist Eugene Portman** will be joining us for an evening of entertainment and **Pie'n'Pint Night** returns alongside our regular burger menus.

Monica, Jen and the Team



Call 07770 770976 to book, [Fb@happycowfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/happycowfoundation)

## FOR THE JOY OF SINGING—INTRODUCING 'CCOTS'



Back in September, Oxhill Manor Barn kindly opened its doors to its very own community choir. CCOTS (Community Choir for Oxhill, Tysoe and Shenington). Every Wednesday evening this term, we've been raising the roof and making a big and joyous sound together.

It has been exciting to see the progress the choir has made in just a few short weeks. I feel very grateful to stand and wave my arms around in front of such a welcoming and fun-loving group. We cover a wide variety of genres from modern songs, musical numbers and sea shanties to a beautiful choral arrangement of a Swahili piece.

We are making our debut performance at **Tysoe's Burger Barn on the evening of 2nd December** singing 'all things Christmas'. We hope the occasion will help to kick-start the festivities, with delicious burgers on offer and well-loved Christmas music to entertain.

Our choir loves to support local community events. If you are planning an event and would like us to come and sing, then please get in



touch. Equally, we are always looking for new members. No audition and no need to read music or to have sung in a choir before, simply to share the joy of singing. You can find us on Facebook by searching for CCOTS Community Choir or email [ccotswild@hotmail.com](mailto:ccotswild@hotmail.com)

Anna Harcourt- Choir Director

## DECEMBER / JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	<b>Every Friday</b>	Food waste collection - *Sat 31 Dec!
	<b>Dec 2, 23, Jan 13</b>	<b>Black</b> bin collection
	<b>Dec 9, 23 Jan *6, 20</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Green</b> bin collection (Green NOT Jan 6)
	<b>Every Friday</b>	Tysoe Dementia Café, 10.00-12 noon, Tysoe Village Hall
	<b>Friday 1 Dec / 6 Jan</b>	Friday Lunch Club in the Village Hall - contact Marion 680584 / Nicola 680058
	<b>Tuesday Dec 6 Jan 3, 24</b>	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall.
	<b>Tuesday 12 Dec 9 Jan</b>	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7.15pm, Tysoe Village Hall
	<b>Saturday 17 Dec</b>	<b>Santa visits Tysoe</b>
	<b>Sunday 25 Dec</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
	<b>Monday 26 / Tuesday 27</b>	<b>BOXING DAY /</b> Substitute Bank Holiday
	<b>Sunday 1st / 2nd Jan</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY /</b> Substitute Bank Holiday
	<b>Thursday 5th Jan</b>	Twelfth Night - Christmas decorations are packed away for another year.

WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON

# Christmas Coffee Morning & Craft Sale

**Saturday 3rd December from 10.30am  
to 12 noon in Tysoe Village Hall**

**Free Entrance - Refreshments available**

**Supporting our local dementia cafes  
(Plus Tysoe WI supporting Shipston Home Nursing)**



**Heather & Paul Dowler Tysoe 688376**

  
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*S. Swan*  
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**Christmas** AT THE  
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favourite Christmas time films!*

**Kineton Sports and Social Club**



## DATES FOR CHURCH SERVICES AND CHRISTMAS FAIR

### Christmas at St Mary's, Tysoe

Sunday 4th December Holy Communion 11am

**Saturday 10th December Christmas Fair 10.30am-1pm**

Sunday 11th December Carol Service 6pm

Sunday 18th December Holy Communion 11am.

Saturday 24th December Crib Service 3pm

Saturday 24th December Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Sunday 25th December Christmas Holy Communion 11am

Sunday 1st January Holy Communion at Tysoe 11am

## All welcome

## MORE FUNDRAISING AND SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES



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I should like to thank everyone who bought the produce from our garden which I put outside our house. This amounted to £480 which I made up to £500 and donated to The British Heart Foundation.

Gerald Hart  
The Old Butchers House



### Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2022

Many thanks to all who supported this appeal. 39 shoeboxes were donated. They are now on their way to bring some seasonal delight to families and elderly folk in Ukraine, Moldova, Rumania and Bulgaria.

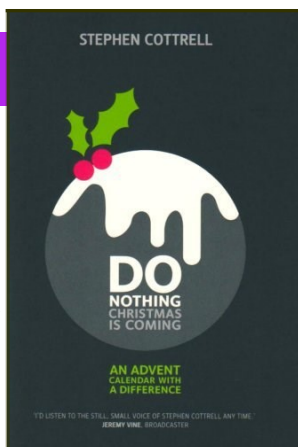
Jennie Rake  
Tysoe Co-ordinator



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

As we begin December our thoughts are already with Christmas. I saw a neighbour putting up lights on his tree before Remembrance this year! Nights lengthen and we are already in need of cheer and comfort, perhaps this year more than most when money worries add to our challenges.



Christmas is a celebration designed to bring comfort and cheer but the planning and purchasing can become a burden. The most joyful time of year can bring stress, loaded with expectation and grief.

If the season of 'Good Will' makes you feel a bit like a camel, a beast of burden, is this Advent the time to do something about it? Or nothing? In a little book called 'Do nothing: Christmas is Coming' Stephen Cottrell gives us an Advent Calendar with a difference. With daily snippets of wisdom about the challenges and heartaches of wanting Christmas to be perfect for ourselves and those we love, it is designed to help us cope realistically with demands, despair and debts this time of year can bring.

A moment of quiet taken each day to 'do nothing' may seem an expensive luxury but it is a time honoured practice in Advent to help us see what is important in life. We find feasting is always better after fasting. A realistic Christmas was the beginning of it all when a poor family opened themselves to God in their lives. Christmas is a celebration of God coming to earth to pay our debts with love, and to show us, in the life of Jesus, how to live well.

With my love and prayers  
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Rev Heather  
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## TYSOE'S UNIQUE WESTMINSTER QUARTERS

A quick update regarding the unique version of the Westminster Quarters (as reported in August) which sound from the church clock...


The annual service of the clock has just been completed. We had hoped that the Cumbria Clock Company would be able to unscramble the order of the chimes. However, this has proved not to be possible! That is the way the clock, a very early example of a Smith's of Derby turret clock, was built in 1877. The chime barrel can be seen in the photograph and clearly shows the cams that have been fixed in position to drive the four chime hammers.

Westminster Quarters, 1794



1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter Hour strike

St Mary's Tysoe



1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter Hour strike



It is understood that the designers had to avoid any repeated notes as that would have required an additional hammer – later versions of the Smith's clock had two hammers for any repeated notes. Therefore, we have a modified version of the Westminster Quarters which can be chimed without repetition of a single note. We will have to live with the Tysoe variant!

We should also record our thanks to the Parish Council for their generous donation of £200 towards the cost of the maintenance work.

Mike Palmer  
Church Treasurer

# St Mary's Christmas Fair

## Saturday 10th December

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### Unforgettable Christmas

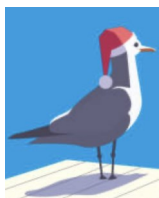


The year was 1988 and the month was June. I had been posted to Lesotho a year earlier to advise the country's Ministry of Education in setting up a Secondary School Inspectorate and help with the training of newly appointed inspectors. Lesotho just happens to be in the Southern Hemisphere and the seasons are very different from here.

June is the middle of winter and those of us from the north, together with our Basotho friends, decided to spend Christmas in the snowy mountains in a small hotel near an area called "Blue Mountain Pass". We took over the 15 room hotel and managed to squeeze about 25 adults and 15 children in them. We put up a Christmas Tree in the bar/dining room and the ladies helped by local staff cooked a genuine Christmas meal complete with trimmings. The children enjoyed opening their parcels and we sang carols by the open fire. With a clear night sky, the snow on the peaks glittering in the moonlight, it was unforgettable!

Mark Sinclair, Tysoe Distributor

### Christmas at Sea



Christmas Day on a cruise liner is always spent at sea. For my husband, as Food and Beverage Manager, it was always one of the busiest and most important days with every passenger expecting and receiving a bumper Gala Christmas dinner. But it was also busy for the Officers and wives (if travelling) for a different reason...and for the

Chefs who catered for the crew. Down in the crew mess all Officers from Captain to cadet took their share in giving the crew mess staff Christmas Day off. I've seen Captains washing up and clearing tables, Chief Engineers serving food, we all did our bit. As for the crew, the chefs prepared Christmas delicacies from every part of our multi-national crew's worlds. The Filipinos had whole suckling pigs and Bibingka (rice cakes). The Indian crew ate curries from their own specific areas of India - Goanese for example. Christmas dishes appeared from every corner of the World...USA to Indonesia.

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## BEST AND WORST CHRISTMAS



### Baby and beans on Toast

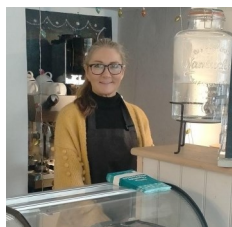
Our son was born in Chester hospital on 23rd December 1984 and we went home on Christmas Eve. But Michael had a very bad cold. Our 18 month old daughter who is asthmatic was suffering with her breathing after getting the cold. So I made Christmas dinner, baked beans on toast, whilst looking after our 2 day old son and the other two.



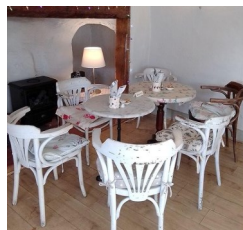
Help came on Boxing Day, a friend came round with her leftover Christmas dinner and on the 27th my mum came to help look after us!

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### Anti Bullying Week

The children at Tysoe started Anti-bullying Week with a crazy hair and odd socks day to celebrate our uniqueness and individuality. We are all different and at Tysoe we celebrate and nurture everyone's individuality.

#### Beech Class



Anti-bullying Week is run by the Anti-bullying Alliance and the theme this year is 'Reach Out'.

#### Oak Class

The children have taken part in activities across the week looking at what bullying is, the impact bullying can have and what we can do to stop it. We loved all being a little bit different for the day!



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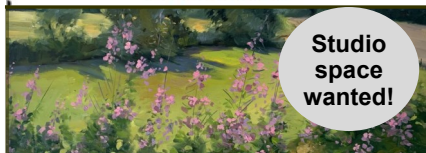
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### **MATCH REPORT**

A strong team turned out from Berkswell and Balsall Common and the Ladies A were overpowered resulting in a loss. Pershore visited Tysoe and played against the Ladies B team. Both Tysoe couples: Jude Canning/Sylvia Wilcox, Elaine Thorne/Nicki Campbell put in fine performances and only just missed out on a win with 31 games as opposed to the opposition's 34 games. The mixed team matches begin this coming weekend with the Tysoe A team travelling to Byfield.

### **JUNIOR PLAY SESSIONS**

These will happen on a monthly basis, start: **Sunday 4th December 9.30 to 10.30**. Players will need to be at least 11 years old and members of the tennis club, run by Elaine Thorne. She will be offering free coaching and some competitive play. Please contact her if interested - [elaine.thorne@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.thorne@btinternet.com), m: 07842185701.

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## HELLO EVERYONE

The children have been learning about remembrance day and have created some beautiful poppies to display on the windows.

The focus for this week's learning will link in with Road Safety week. The children particularly enjoyed a visit from Louise and Warwick the Bear who came to visit. Louise read a story and sang a song with the children; all of the flames children received a small bear, a story book and received a road safety sticker too.



If anyone has any old Christmas cards they would like to rehome please do let us know and we can either collect from you or you can drop them down to us at The Old Fire Station; the after school club particularly love to recycle them and make new Christmas decorations.

From all of us at the Children's Group we would like to thank you for supporting us through the blue tokens Tesco Community Grant that happened between July and September. We have been awarded £500 which will be going towards our Outdoor Learning and Play Enhancement Play Project. Our recent Bag2School collection raised another £72 for our funds, many thanks to all those who donated.

Our next fundraising is our Autumn Raffle, tickets are now available both on-line (see our website) and available from the Children's Group office.

Yvonne Dillon  
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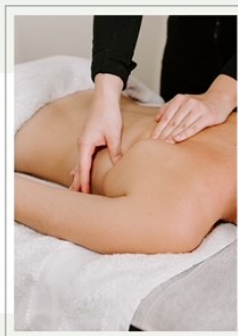
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