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A morning walk over the fields at Upton Estate. Photo S.Cherry

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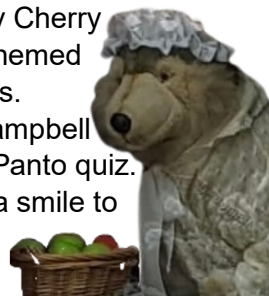
- **Discover some 'Lessons in Life' to start the year!**
- **Find new ways to get involved in our local community**
- **Join us 'Down on the Farm' with our new farming feature**
- **And read the obituaries, as we say our goodbyes to some much-loved Tysoe characters.**

WELCOME TO 2023

In the last issue we posed the question: 'What can you do to help our village?' Lo and behold, there are several opportunities to get involved advertised in this issue Tysoe Parish Council is looking for some 'Community Heroes' (p13, 30-31), while the Village Hall Committee needs a secretary (p35), or come on board with the Record, we're after some holiday cover (see below). So why not support our community and put your time and talents to good effect?

PANTOMIME THANK YOUS

Thanks go to: Nisha and Duncan Williams, Amy Hollingum, Ranit Katz, Diane McHardy, Gayle Tompkins, Chris Locke and Shirley Cherry for creating the Panto themed windows over Christmas. Thanks also to Nicki Campbell for coming up with the Panto quiz. We hope they brought a smile to



your faces. . . Oh yes we do!

JOIN US!

We are on the lookout for volunteers to help produce the Tysoe & District Record which has been reporting on events in the village for over 70 years.

Editorial and Production

Fancy joining our team to help us find stories and content for the Record? The Record is issued 10 times a year. We would like to share the workload to ensure we have holiday and sickness cover. Any experience of 'Publisher' would be a bonus, as we use it to layout the newsletter.

Contact Us

Being part of the Team Record is a great way to discover how our community ticks. To apply please email: tysoerecord@gmail.com or call Shirley on Tysoe 680793 for more information.

LESSONS FOR LIFE



What better way to start the first 2023 issue of the Tysoe & District Record than with this address by Pope Francis:

"You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from failing. You are appreciated, admired and loved by so many. Remember that being happy is not having a sky without storm, a road without accidents, a job without effort, a relationship without disappointments.

To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become the author of your own fate. It's walking through deserts, but being able to find an oasis deep in the soul. It's thanking God every morning for the miracle of life. It's kissing your children, cuddling your parents, having poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us.

Being happy is letting the creature that lives in each of us live, free, joyful and simple. You have the maturity to be able to say: "I've made mistakes". It's having the courage to say "I'm sorry". It's having the sense to say "I need you". Is having the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness... that in spring he may be a lover of joy and in winter a lover of wisdom.

And when you make a mistake, start over. Because only then will you be in love with life. You'll discover that being happy isn't having a perfect life. But use tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your defeats to train your patience.

Use your mistakes with the serenity of the sculptor. Use pain to tune into pleasure. Use obstacles to open the windows of intelligence. Never give up ... Above all never give up on the people that love you. Never give up on being happy, because life is an incredible spectacle."

(Let's hope we can let these thoughts guide us through the rest of the year! - Editor)



The Burger Barn is open for sit down food 6-8pm every Friday.
Book a table or just wander down. Call **Monica** on 07770 770976
Facebook@happycowfoundation

MORE GOOD ADVICE . . .

David Sewell shared this inspiring quote on the village Facebook page back in December. It is by the American author Kurt Vonnegut:

"When I was 15, I spent a month working on an archaeological dig. One of the archaeologists asked those kinds of 'getting to know you' questions you ask young people: Do you play sports? What's your favourite subject? And I told him, 'No, I don't play any sports. I do theatre, I'm in a choir, I play the violin and piano, I used to take art classes.'" And he went, 'That's amazing!' And I said, 'But I'm not good at any of them.' And he said something then that I will never forget and which absolutely blew my mind.: 'I don't think being good at things is the point of doing them. I think you've got all these wonderful experiences with different skills, and that all teaches you things and makes you an interesting person, no matter how well you do them.' And that honestly changed my life. Because I went from a failure, someone who hadn't been talented enough at anything to excel, to someone who did things because I enjoyed them. I had been raised in such an achievement-oriented environment, so inundated with the myth of talent, that I thought it was only worth doing things if you could 'win' at them."

As is often the way with reading things on the Internet, various folk posted some interesting comments afterwards which they are happy for the Record to share:

Enjoy
Life

Steve Randall: "That's a great philosophy. I was never a very talented footballer but I squeezed 35 years open age football out of my limited ability and enjoyed every second of being involved with many talented and some not so talented players. It takes many different characters to make successful teams in all walks of life."

Amanda Venables: "Reminds me of a quote we used to have up in the school I taught at, 'the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.'"





THE IMPORTANCE OF GOAL SETTING

The Tysoe Record asked Jo Small from the 'Emporium of Positivity' to help us plan for the year ahead. Jo specialises in personal coaching for positive change. Here are her thoughts:

"It's the time of year when many of us start thinking about setting goals for the year ahead. This year setting goals may seem like a challenging task. Strikes, war in Ukraine and rising prices to name a few, don't help in setting a reenergised context in which to start mapping your year. My brother put it rather aptly when he said on New Year's Eve, "I'm all about 2024!"

Goals are important. They give us direction, keep us motivated and, perhaps most importantly, they keep us focused on what matters most to us. An effective goal setting process helps us set and stick to our priorities.

1. Narrow it down. It's tempting to list all the things we want to change but this can be overwhelming and result in you spreading your focus too thinly. Concentrate on the one or two goals that are most important to you. Be brutally honest with yourself to help you narrow the list down. Is this goal a 'want' or a 'should do'? You're more likely to stick to the 'wants' i.e. the things you genuinely want to achieve.

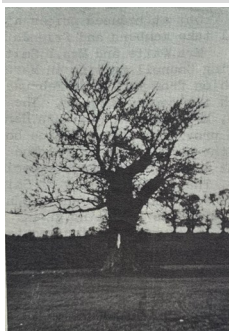
2. Then go wide. Think around the goal to ensure that you've considered every angle. What could get in the way of you achieving your goal? What might cause a wobble? How can you remove those barriers? Who can help you? Who has got your back?

3. Do a positive reframe. Lots of goals focus on negatives. "I'll stop snacking on cheese every time I open the fridge." (Or is this just me?!) This perpetuates a negative mindset. Reframe your goals and make them positive by saying what you will do, rather than what you won't do.

4. Paint your picture. Visualise what life looks like when you have achieved your goal. What will you be doing, thinking, feeling, wearing etc.? Write it down. Draw it if that works better for you."

To find out more positive advice you can contact Jo Small on 07946 440158 or visit: <https://www.positivityemporium.com>

TYSOE'S COMMEMORATIVE TREE PLANTING



THE POLICEMEN'S TREE



JUBILEE TREE



FORESTERS TREE



FRANCHISE TREE

As a follow-up to the Jubilee Tree planting, local archaeologist and historian, Kevin Wyles has provided details of other significant and memorable tree plantings in Tysoe, all still standing (bar the Policeman's Tree which had Dutch elm disease). The list is as follows:



The Franchise Tree* below the 'Old Post House', planted in 1885 to commemorate granting the vote to agricultural workers.



The Foresters Tree situated on the village green near the Post Office was planted in 1896.



The Jubilee Tree situated on the green near the churchyard was probably planted in 1887



The Old Policemen's Tree was at the boundary of Brailes and Compton Wynyates on the Brailes Road where Brailes and Tysoe policeman used to meet on their respective beats.



The Fireman's Tree planted at the back of the Old Fire Station by Earl Compton in 1996. The oak tree was moved to the cemetery when the station closed in 1998.

***Agricultural Franchise/Franchise Tree:** *"It appeared part of the natural order of things that he (the average mid-Victorian agricultural labourer) should have little or no say in the running of the community in which he spent his life; that nobody should consult him about the distribution of local charities, for example, in which he might have a deep personal interest; and that he should not even possess the Parliamentary franchise, which had been granted to the urban householder in 1867."* It took a further 18 years before agricultural workers were granted the vote which was commemorated by this tree.

Extract from Joseph Arch by Pamela Hora, Roundwood Press 1971.

MY GRANDPARENTS' WAR



The recent articles entitled 'My Grandparents' War', reminded me of my grandfather, Richard Keayes (Dick) - pictured left. After he died in 1966, I found his personal record of his first month of World War 1 and realised he was much more than just 'my Grandad'.

Dick was born in London in 1890 to working class immigrant Irish parents and at 18 he joined the Corps of Dragoons (cavalry regiment) and served in the Army throughout WW1 and long afterwards. In the 1920s and 1930s he served in Palestine, Egypt and India ending as Sergeant

Quartermaster in the wonderfully named Punjab Light Horse!

Dick's WW1 field diary started when his regiment and horses left Aldershot at the start of the war on 14 August 1914. They travelled by steam ship to France then joined the British Expeditionary Force and continued by train to the French/Belgian border, where on 18 August near Mons they first encountered the German Imperial Cavalry.

He movingly described the fighting, chaos and terror - he was a mounted messenger taking orders to the front line and detailed some life-threatening incidents, as when his horse was struck by a shell and he had to swim across a canal to evade capture.

His detailed descriptions are extraordinary, WW1 was like Waterloo - no trenches yet, just tens of thousands of invading German troops attacking the French and British across open countryside.

Dick's diary ends after 1 September 1914, when at dawn his regiment and their horses were flattened by German artillery. Injured, he was treated initially at a hospital in Epernay then on to London for more treatment, he then returned to France and fought at The Somme.

I'm glad I found the diary, but really regret not speaking to him and learning more about his war - so perhaps the moral of this might be - as an older person be sure to tell your family about your early life, and if you're younger make sure you question your grandparents about their youth - their answers may surprise you!

John Keayes



December and January were busy months for the WI. Briefly, in December we started with a trip to Waddesdon Manor to enjoy their market and Christmas festivities.

Our Christmas Social was extremely well attended with 43 members and the Vice Chair of the Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes as a visitor. We were entertained with several amusing acts and our 20 minute speed version of Cinderella. A stupendous buffet was provided by members. Our guest later wrote to congratulate us on an "absolutely fantastic Christmas meeting" ... praise indeed.



Ugly sisters
played by Alison
Edwards and
Jennie Rake

In January, we started the year off on a high note with Tysoe's own Colin Locke giving us a very informative and entertaining insight into the life and work of a Funeral Director. We learnt that Funeral Directors have a career that requires much compassion, counselling, support, planning and organisation. It is a profession with a focus on helping others during some of the most challenging moments of their lives. However it's not all sadness as Colin told us that the pre planning of a funeral can be a "jolly time" with the choosing of music etc. We all agreed it was a great first meeting for 2023.

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webpage www.tysoewi.com

Eileen Mann,
WI President, Upper Tysoe



THE DETECTORISTS - HIDDEN GOLD!

BBC/Kevin Baker

Buried deep in the Christmas TV schedules was hidden gold - the return of 'The Detectorists' to BBC2 after the absence of five years. Written and directed by Mackenzie Crook, it is a story of two dysfunctional

Englishmen pursuing their nerdy hobby across the North Essex countryside (actually filmed in and around Framlingham in Suffolk). Mackenzie plays one of the two protagonists, Andy, and Toby Jones plays his detecting partner and best mate, Lance. We left Lance and Andy after three seasons in 2017 when the magpies finally gave up their hoard of gold Roman coins and domestic bliss, to some extent, had arrived in their private lives. Mackenzie always said, 'that was it' for the Danebury Metal Detecting Club (DMDC), but last summer he had an extraordinary idea for a feature-length Christmas Special. The story – spoiler alert if you haven't seen it – revolves around their usual quest for gold (although Andy by now is a qualified "beardy" archaeologist) and the final twist that a humble ceramic cup may or may not have been used at the Last Supper (the Holy Grail in my home town of Colchester – who would have thought it!).

So, what's the appeal? It is simply a work of comedy genius – gentle humour, lots of recurring jokes about Simon and Garfunkel, University Challenge, Triumph TR7s, menial jobs, corrupt and idiotic bosses, real lemonade, whether ketchup should be kept in the fridge, all book-ended by Johnny Flynn's hypnotic theme tune. Mackenzie Crook and Toby Jones are comedic actors at the peak of their powers, their interplay, their domestic complications, their comradeship with the rest of the eclectic DMDC, and how their largely mundane lives are made meaningful through their hobby and the pub. Invariably they finish a day's fruitless searching, with little to show apart from can ring pulls and extraneous buttons, with the cry of "Pub?", and the answer, "Go on then!".

If that truly is the end of 'The Detectorists', then I for one will be very sad. Go on Mackenzie, another series please! Roland Cherry

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TV HIGHLIGHTS

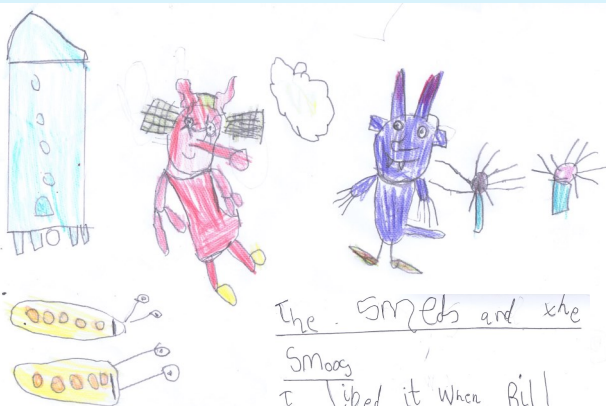
The Record invited two budding, young reporters to tell us about their favourite TV shows. As well as writing about their favourite programmes, they also drew us



‘The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse’ - an animated film based on Charlie Mackesy's best selling book, reviewed by Elin Williams, (age 6).

The boy, the Mole, the fox and the horse by Elin Williams

It is a beautiful story about friendship, love and kindness. Even though he was lost he still had his friends beside him. My favorite part was when they talked about cake because it reminded me of my sister's!



‘The Smeds and the Smoos’, animation of the children's book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, reviewed by Aurelia Williams, (age 4).

The Smeds and the Smoos by Aurelia Williams

I liked it when Bill and Janet scared up to space in a rocket.

by Aurelia

THE DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS



Manuel Harlan@RSC

My husband and I saw the RSC's Christmas Carol, with Adrian Edmondson as Scrooge, over Christmas. Despite our seats being up in the gods, it was a fabulous performance. I expect you know the story when Ebenezer Scrooge "a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner" is visited by three ghosts of past, present and

future and, as a result, transforms himself into a kinder and gentler man. It is a story all about redemption. I couldn't help but wonder, looking round the packed auditorium, whether this was the joyous family outing people were expecting as the tale is quite dark.

The novella was published in 1884, Dickens was inspired to write it by artist Margaret Gillies. She had illustrated a damning report into child labour in Victorian Britain which described children as young as 4 working in the mines. Typically, factory workers worked 12-14 hour days. Conditions for the poor were grim. There was no social security or health care. Those who were destitute were sent to the workhouse. Dickens helped fund Great Ormond Street 'The Hospital for Sick Children'. The first in London which he continued to support throughout his life with money raised from public readings of his stories.

We found out these facts from watching 'Miriam's Dickensian Christmas' (Channel 4). She read 'Oliver Twist' aged 11 and has been a Dickens fan ever since. Margoyles is also a self-confessed Christmas Scrooge, opposed to the excess and expense of Christmas. In the programme she visits his house in Doughty Street, London, and she tries her hand at various festive traditions including making Victorian decorations, sampling an authentic menu including 'mock turtle soup' made from a calf's head and helping direct a children's cardboard theatre play. She hosts her first Christmas lunch using surplus food from a food charity.

Having 'the Dickens of a Christmas' proved a great way to rediscover its true spirit and also to feel incredibly grateful for our lot.

The Editor

TYSOE PARISH COUNCIL



to stand for Local Council election in May.

If you value our community and wish
to make a positive contribution to village
life, then we want to hear from you!

Please contact:
Charmaine Swift, Parish Clerk
parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk
or call 07768 127225

To see what it takes to be a Community Hero
turn to pages 30/31 or look online
www.walc.org.uk/information/become-a-councillor

Help us keep Tysoe special!





Tysoe Wildlife Activity Week

St Mary's Church, Tysoe
7-11th August 2023
9.30-12.30 Mon-Fri

ALL ABOUT FOOD, FARMING and the ENVIRONMENT

- Where does our food come from?
- What sort of farming happens in Tysoe?
- How important is soil?
- Why do farmers talk about the weather?
- How do farmers decide what to plant?
- What effect does farming have on wildlife and the environment?

Join us and find out the answers to these questions and many more . .

The workshop is FREE for 5-11 year old children who live in the Tysoe District. To register your interest: email tysoewildlife@gmail.com or call 01295 680793





MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

January is a time to make plans for activities associated with wildlife. Primroses are already starting to bloom in the churchyard and soon there will be other signs of spring. Proposals were discussed at the January meeting of the Parish Council, who agreed that some of Tysoe's verges will again take part in 'No Mow May'. Our wildflower areas in School Lane, along the margins of the playing field, and in the churchyard, will be mown once in early spring and then the emerging wildflowers will be left to grow. School Lane is looking particularly promising as there are lots of different plants amongst the grass. Some of last summer's excellent crop of Yellow Rattle seeds were collected from School Lane and St Mary's churchyard and sown along the margins of the playing field, to suppress the grass and make more space for wildflowers.

Fortunately, many of our small garden birds survived the extreme cold in December and have not succumbed to bird flu. The feeders in the churchyard are well-visited and we have plenty of Goldfinches, Blue and Great Tits and House Sparrows visiting our own feeders, plus several other visitors. The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is on 27-29th January, so please take part if you can. It just takes an hour.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tysoe Wildlife already has some dates in the diary, all events are free:

- **Thursday, 2nd March at 7 pm, St Mary's Church – talk by Jacey Jackson on how we can all help Swifts, which are declining in numbers rapidly.**
- **Saturday, 17th June – moth night at Radway Meadows. The Warwickshire moth group will be running light traps and it's a great opportunity to learn more about our local moths.**
- **7th – 11th August – Tysoe Wildlife Activity week in St Mary's Church for 5 – 11 year old children. Our theme this year is 'Food, Farming and the Environment'.**

Rosemary Collier

HORSE ACCIDENT The low sun contributed towards the tragic accident on Tysoe Road, Kineton on 2nd January where a horse was put down and a rider injured. **Drivers please follow this advice!**



ROAD SAFETY IN TYSOE With the increased number of houses, cars, and visitors from outside the village who come to use our amenities, combined with an aging population, parking for the doctors' surgery, school and pre-school traffic, road safety in Tysoe is a hot topic!

Apparently, there were two near misses recently by the school. On 9th January there was an accident by Church Farm Court. On 10th January, Peggy, the family dog belonging to the Hollingums, was hit by a car in Main Street. The car drove away without stopping. Peggy was rushed to the veterinary hospital in Swindon, but died from her injuries. The family are devastated. A crowdfunding campaign has been set up to help cover the vet bills at: <https://gofund.me/e2667e0d>



On **Monday 13th February** the Parish Council will be discussing road safety issues. If you have concerns about this, please write to your parish councillors who are there to support you. As a community we want to prevent further road traffic accidents wherever possible.

DOWN ON THE FARM - NEW FEATURE!

Welcome to the first instalment of 'Down on the Farm' with reports filed by our local farmers. Tysoe is surrounded by farmland and our farmers are valued members of the community. They work tirelessly to produce food for an increasing UK population, which includes cereals for bread-making, milk and meat. They also manage the land in a way that supports local wildlife and look after the footpaths that provide access to some beautiful countryside.

Home Farm, Lower Tysoe

February is a busy month, we have just pregnancy scanned the ewes that have been with the rams, this to see if they are pregnant and how many lambs they are carrying, so we can adjust their food intake accordingly. Sheep are pregnant for approximately 5 months.

We continue to supplement our sheep with hay as the grass is not very nutritious and occasionally covered in snow! Regularly checking the sheep across all our fields in case a sheep has become cast (stuck on its side or back and can't get up). If left like this they can die.

Some fields will be "shut up" to rest the grass ready for when we turn out sheep and their lambs in the spring. We also look at fence repair, checking fallen trees.

Brian Gardner, Lower Tysoe



COUNTRYSIDE TIPS



We can help farmers by sticking to footpaths and permissive rights of way. Dogs should be kept on leads when walking through fields grazed by sheep and cattle. Dog waste should be cleared up as it may contain parasites which can result in death of sheep or abortion in cattle.

Thomas Fox

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WASSAIL AT THE ORCHARD

Wassail formed part of Anglo-Saxon New Year celebrations. In its original form 'waes hael', it meant good health and was performed at the old New Year (Julian calendar) on 17th January. Tysoe's Wassail takes place on the nearest Saturday to that date, just as the nights are drawing out again.

There is a bonfire, a torchlight procession led by a Wassail Master dressed in a wassail smock, followed by a singsong. It is a celebration of the apple trees to encourage strong fruit production in the coming year. Toast soaked in apple juice is hung in a chosen tree, a wassail bowl (traditionally passed around) is carried ceremonially at the front of the procession and cider is poured onto the roots of the tree.

Organised by WOT2Grow members and volunteers, this year's event was attended by about 50 visitors of all ages. Wassail is an opportunity for children to make a noise with whistles and banging metal pans and throw apple juice on the trees on a winter's evening. It helped one lady tick off 'attending a Wassail' as part of her bucket list!

Thank you to 1st Kineton Scouts, their leaders and parents for providing hot food, drink and shelter. The pancakes were amazing - no leftovers! Donations from the evening will go towards a new shelter and more water butts, (located closer to the blueberries for easier watering). Special thanks go to Mark, the new Wassail Master, and to the team of fire marshals, Rob, Ben and Ian, for their perfectly timed fire.

The Community Orchard relies on its members to maintain it and grow a wide variety of fruit. Anyone interested in joining the new committee, or as a member, is encouraged to attend the **AGM on Wednesday 25th January at Tysoe Village Hall 7.30-9pm**, or contact us via our website: **www.wot2grow.co.uk**

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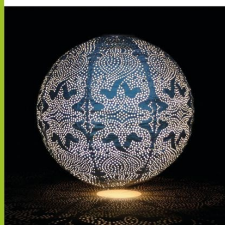
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SWIMMING FOR MYTON HOSPICE!

As promised, Gayle Tompkins has sent an update on her challenge: "So, I've done it! One channel - swum! 22 miles, 35,406 metres, 1,418 lengths! Thankyou to everyone who has sponsored me - I've raised £800 for Myton Hospice! ***"What an achievement! Congratulations from everyone at the Record."***

TYSOE WALLED KITCHEN GARDEN 2022

Despite the very hot summer, very cold October and wet winter we still had a good harvest. Thank you to everyone who bought our organically grown fruit, vegetables and plants from our trolley. We raised over £500 and have given it this year to Tysoe CP Primary school, for outdoor resources and provision; Shipston Food Bank; NGS (medical charities); Dogs for Good and Tysoe Dementia cafe.

The trolley will be at the bottom of the drive, subject to weather conditions, when we have excess fruit and vegetables and plants for sale. Please support us in 2023 so we can support more local groups. You can read our monthly blog on our new website **www.twkg.co.uk**

Sue and Mike Sanderson





CARERS4CARERS CELEBRATES by Gillian Grason Smith, Founder and Coordinator



Last November, we celebrated our 10th anniversary. We invited our supporters over the years to attend to say 'thank you'. Our MP, Sir Jeremy Wright, is one of our valued supporters and we were

thrilled he could join us to unveil a celebratory work of art, ***'The Garden of Respite'***, which carers and cared-for have worked on under the guidance of local ceramic artist, Penny Varley.

FEBRUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Every Friday	Food waste collection 3,10,17, 24
	Feb 3, 24	Black bin collection
	Feb 3, 17	Blue & Green bin collection
	Every Friday	Tysoe Dementia Café, 10.00-12 noon, Tysoe Village Hall
	Friday 3 Feb	Friday Lunch Club in the Village Hall - contact Marion 680584 / Nicola 680058
	Monday 13th Feb	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7.15pm, Tysoe Village Hall
	Tuesday 14th Feb	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall
	Tuesday 14 Feb	St Valentines Day
	Tuesday 21 Feb	Pancake Day



WHITE HYACINTH CAKE DESIGN FEBRUARY OFFERS!

VALENTINE CUPCAKES

Cupcakes in any flavour (one flavour per 4 cups minimum) with a choice of fresh fruit, heart topper or sprinklers. Box of 4: was £9.60 now **£8**, Box of 6 : was £14.40 now **£12**, Box of 12: was £28.80 now **£24**



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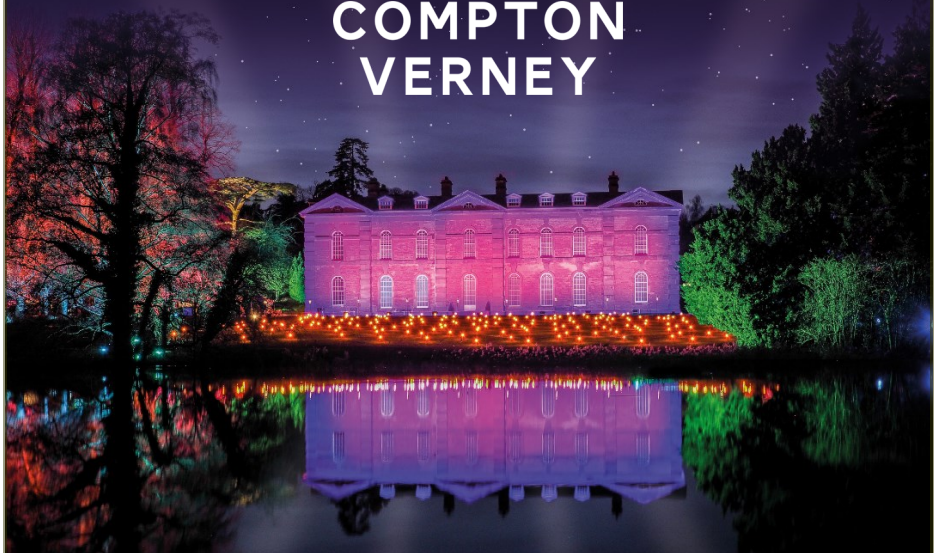
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SPECTACLE *of* LIGHT

COMPTON VERNEY



10 February - 5 March 2023

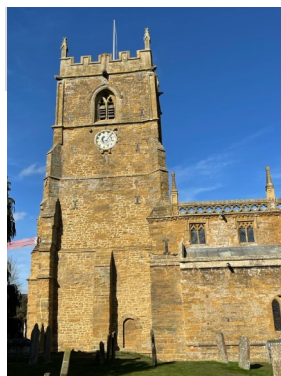
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Folk costume in the UK

Making Mischief: Folk Costume in Britain Sat 11 February – Sun 11 June. It is a celebration of grassroots traditions and challenges preconceptions about folk customs being fixed and nostalgic.

Both events are happening at Compton Verney. To book ticket and see other events visit: <https://www.comptonverney.org.uk/>.



ST MARY'S GUIDEBOOK LATEST

One of the many tasks being undertaken by the Tysoe Heritage Research Group (THRG) is the preparation of a new guide to St Mary's church. This will update general aspects of the building's history, its carved stones, graffiti and the memorials both inside and outside. It derives from detailed research carried out by the group and is scheduled to appear later in the year in harness with the launch of the group's dedicated website (watch this space).

In the meantime, a shorter version is being put together to replace the existing guide, as an interim measure to ensure that visitors will still be able to appreciate and understand the finer points of the church's history and contents.



Photo: John Hunt

THRG

Kineton Local History Group

Details of our 2023 meetings:

20 January - 'For a Good Cause – Church Ales and Early Modern Drinking Culture' by Beat Kumin

17 February - 'The Silk Ribbon Industry of Coventry' by David Fry

17 March - 35th AGM and 'Funny Turns - A Celebration of Entertainment in Days Gone' by David Moylan

All meetings start promptly at 7:30pm in Kineton village Hall. Non-members are welcome. For more information visit:

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TYSOE 200 CLUB 2023

St Mary's restoration funds need topping up, following the recent work on the church.

Join the 200 Club to make a contribution and you could win prizes!!

To join, contact Percy Sewell on Tysoe 680210.



Dear Friends,

On **Saturday 4th February** we welcome singers joining in our Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) event to celebrate Candlemas, also called the 'Presentation of Christ in the Temple.' It marks the end of Christmastide. If you would like to come along and sing, then please **join us at 4pm**, or if you would like to join us for our service, this **begins at 6pm**. See the poster in church for more information. Candles are lit creating a warm, magical glow which symbolises the light of Christ bringing hope to people in darkness.

Later in the month comes the contrast of our solemn Ash Wednesday service, on **22nd February at 7.30pm**, which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is an important time of year for Christians. It reminds us of when Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights without food and today we use Lent as a time to focus especially upon God in our own lives. We may give something up or take something on to try to keep life simple and focus on God. Lent is the best-known time of fasting in the Christian calendar to prepare for the coming of Easter. The point of giving up something (i.e. fasting) is to turn our focus away from ourselves and our physical needs and towards God, as well as to participate in some small way with Jesus' suffering in the desert.

In early Christian times fasting rules were strict. Only one meal a day was allowed in the evening, and meat, fish, eggs and butter were forbidden. Today people choose to give up something they enjoy like cake, sweets or chocolate.

During the six weeks of Lent we are encouraged to deepen our faith by fasting, by hearing or reading God's word more frequently, and devoting more time to prayer. My hope is that we can share together in this Lenten journey towards Easter.

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Thanks also go to Sue and Mike Sanderson for their kind donation of £125 from the sale of their home grown produce in 2022.

Save the dates of our fundraisers for 2023

- Sunday 2nd July - cream teas and gentle Jazz in our garden
- Saturday 21st October - Jazz Concert - Tysoe Village Hall
- Saturday 2nd December Christmas Coffee morning

Paul and Heather Dowler

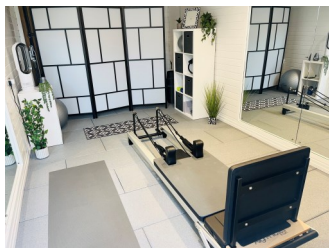
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ARE YOU READY TO EVOLVE?



Siân Young is launching a new Reformer Pilates business in Tysoe. The Record caught up with her to find out more. Her journey started in 2016 after joining Physiolyates in Knowle as a client. A year later the owner invited her to join the team. She jumped at the chance of doing something she loved and completed her training while being pregnant with her son Logan.

In 2018 she started teaching group reformer classes to a diverse range of clients; women, men, runners, athletes, non-exercisers etc, aged from 16 up to 80+ years! She also set-up her own brand 'The Pilates Mummy' and built up a loyal customer base teaching 1:1s and offering pre/postnatal specific group reformer classes. Covid then hit, and her passion was put on hold as fitness faced shutdown. The Young family then decided to move to Tysoe, and she became pregnant with daughter Sofia.



Roll forward to 2023 and Siân now feels ready to share her love of Reformer Pilates with our local community. EVOLVE is welcoming 1:1 clients at the home studio in Meadow Lane, Tysoe starting 30th January. Limited spaces will be available on weekday evenings.

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TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE



Dear Tysoe

At our January meeting Councillors discussed the budget for the year ahead. Our costs are rising, but we hope to manage the work that needs doing in the village with just a small rise in the Precept.

- Opposition to Acorn's Anaerobic Digester Planning Application is continuing, and any news will be posted on www.tysoe.org.uk and on Facebook @ Tysoe Parish Council
- Road Safety is an on-going concern with some vehicles driving too fast in the village, meeting on the 10th February to discuss
- Tysoe's War Memorials need repairing. Plans for this work have been agreed, ready for the warmer weather
- The recreation ground memorial bench will also be replaced

If any village groups or individuals have ideas about celebrations for King Charles' Coronation in May, either leading or helping to organise, then please contact David Roache, Chair.

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BROADBAND PROVISION IN TYSOE - VONEUS



Towards the end of 2022, for over a week contractors dug up roads, verges, the village green, driveways and erected poles in Tysoe to install a Voneus broadband network.

All this work without a single word of warning. Voneus instructed a contractor, Glenevin, which in turn sub-contracted a Polish workforce. The work was generally poor and the damage is yet to be fully make-good.

Voneus targeted the village, despite Tysoe having an adequate broadband network supplied by Openreach. The Parish Council summoned Voneus and its contractors to a meeting on December 22nd. John Parmiter of WCC and Cllr Chris Mills (WCC Ward Member) also attended. David Roache and Malcolm Littlewood represented the Parish Council. When challenged about their abysmal behaviour, Voneus admitted that they should have consulted the village before carrying out any work on installing the broadband infrastructure. The Parish Council demanded the following:

- A detailed plan of the work undertaken e.g. location of conduits, hubs, trenches, poles etc
- To attend an Open Meeting in Tysoe to explain their actions
- To ensure any damage was adequately made good
- To compensate the village for the disruption and damage caused by donating £10,000 to the Parish Council

Voneus were given until 13th January to comply and were told that failure to do so would lead to a formal complaint being lodged with Ofcom, WCC and SDC. Voneus has not met our requests and do not intend to, therefore a formal complaint is being made and our neighbouring Parish Councils informed.

The Parish Council cannot recommend that any resident signs up to the service that Voneus are offering.

David Roache
Chairman Tysoe Parish Council
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Your local (parish and town) council has overall responsibility for the wellbeing of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

Local councils run numerous services, depending on the size of the council. Many you will see day-to-day, but some are less known. These include introducing solar panels, setting up dementia-friendly groups, organising community buses, creating neighbourhood plans, implementing suitable housing, establishing youth projects, managing allotments and open spaces, maintaining footpaths, public seating and litter bins.

BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local Councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Local Councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood.

Local Councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Local Councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with district and borough councils to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

CAN I STAND FOR ELECTION?

To stand for election to a local council you must be:

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- At least 18 years old
- An elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary

FIND OUT MORE AT:

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OBITUARIES

Jill Longbottom, April 1935~December 2022

We give thanks for Jill's life and dedication to all that she did. We have so many collective memories of her, here are just a few:

Rev'd Martin Leaton read a eulogy at her service of thanksgiving at St Mary's. She served as churchwarden for the eleven years while he was in the post. He recalls the first time they met she was weeding the paving in front of the vicarage. He said that however hard he tried he could never get to church before her, she was always there ahead of him making sure everything was in order.



Rev'd George Heighton referred to the wonderfully warm welcome Jill gave to both him and Drina when they arrived.

Chris Gibbs: "Jill and John loved Harbury Leys. They gradually built it to what it is today. Jill loved her garden, she enjoyed working in her herbaceous border, seeing it through the seasons with its perennials, annual plants and shrubs. The summer salmon lunch meant getting everything tidy from the fields to the garden, nowhere was missed."

David Sewell: "Her commitment to so many village institutions was legendary. Many were the Chairmen, who used her as a human Wikipedia. The length and depth of her knowledge of matters Tysoe was encyclopaedic. For years she produced the hard copy for the Record; all painstakingly typed on an unforgiving wax stencil on a typewriter."



Jenny Tongue: "I served with her on the PCC. Jill was secretary, before she took over as church warden. I remember her beautiful handwriting. She used to organise the Manor Fete, Holly Tree Fair and shepherds pies for 80+ people at Harvest Festival. She always ran the Flower Show tombola."

Jackie and Alan Thompson: "We feel so privileged to have known Jill (and John) for 40 years. Such a wonderful lady, dear friend and mentor. We will miss you so much, but you will stay in our thoughts for ever."



Sue Hart: "She was a wonderful hostess. John used to sit at one end of the table and she the other. He was a great raconteur and she was a Cordon Bleu cook. Jill had a wonderful way with people and always made them feel special."



Percy Sewell: "Amongst Jill's remarkable involvement with village life were her 25 years as a member of the Tysoe Church Restoration Committee. She gave unstinting help for fundraising activities and was always present at meetings. She had an air of serenity which always helped to make the meetings good-natured and enjoyable. It was a great loss to the Committee when she stood down in 2020."



Chris Locke: "I will always recall with great gratitude and affection, the way she and John opened their doors for some excellent fund raising at Harbury Leys. The Burns Night (ask me sometime about Colin's bottom!) and the French Extravaganza with Izzi and Philip as Hermione Gingold and Maurice Chevalier singing "I Remember it Well" and Shirley forgetting her lines while playing a very saucy French maid - such jolly times."

Photos courtesy of Sue Edwards.

Jill arranging the altar pedestal flowers.



Anthony Rapp

We are sorry to announce that Anthony Rapp from Lower Tysoe passed away on Thursday 5th January at 2.43 in the morning. His wife, Irene Beever, was at his side. Anthony had been suffering from Alzheimers.. He will be sorely missed. The funeral will be at Banbury Crematorium on February 6th at 2pm.

David John

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dear friend Davy John who passed away suddenly in mid December. Davy moved to this area from Wales as a small child when his father went to work at Upton Estate. He has been in and around Tysoe ever since. He was a regular at The Peacock Inn and had an allotment in the garden there for around 20 years. He will be greatly missed.



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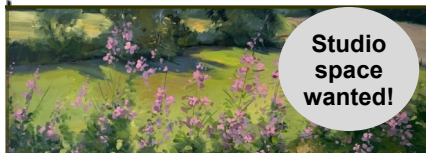
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Secretary Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Committee for the role of Secretary and interested parties should contact the Chairman, Percy Sewell, email first (emailsewellcp@gmail.com) or mobile phone 07500 948461).

Duties include minute taking at monthly committee meetings, the circulation of agendas and previous meeting minutes to Committee members and some limited contact with other organisations e.g. Tysoe Parish Council, Stratford District Council and Warwickshire Rural Communities Council.

Notice of AGM

The 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th March and anyone interested in joining the Committee should also contact Percy Sewell.

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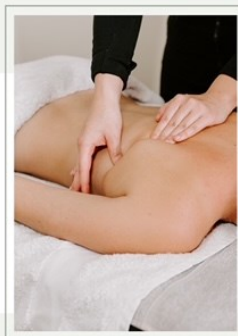
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