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Sunset photo taken in the fields behind the school, credit Sue Weatherhead

In this issue we look at:

- **Artificial Intelligence. Is it a blessing or a curse?**
- **Tysoe's Coronation plans revealed, plus 'The Head that Wears the Crown' - C3R Poetry Challenge is launched**
- **Sustainability in Brailles and a PV Case Study**
- **Up-dates from 'Down on the Farm' and much more!**



Just checking the bin dates!

WELCOME TO MARCH 2023

The theme for our March issue is 'The Changing World'. A BIG topic! In our lead editorial we take a brief look at Artificial Intelligence, is it a blessing or a curse? We learn some ideas about how to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle from the Brailes Eco-Summit and share a Renewable Energy Case Study from Tysoe. These reports are symptomatic of our changing world; the march of technology, concerns for the environment and the impact of climate change!

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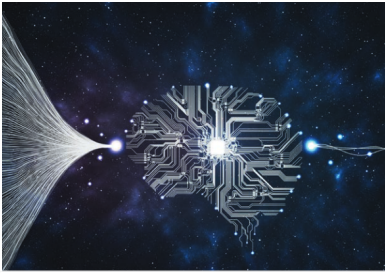


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ABOUT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Do you remember seeing fantasy films about robots taking over the world? Maybe this is now coming true, through the use of 'Artificial Intelligence' or AI. It certainly is a hot topic!

So what is AI? It is a technology where computers can think and learn for themselves. It uses algorithms that provide detailed step-by-step instructions as to how to accomplish a task or solve a problem. A simple example of AI is where a computer taught itself how to play chess and in only 4 hours it could defeat the world's top experts.

Without realising it our children are interacting with AI as it is embedded within video games. AI recommends what they should watch, what music to listen to and what to read.

AI enables search engines to sort through billions of webpages in order to present us with the desired information in milliseconds.

AI can be considered as a benefit and has already made huge improvements in the way we live our lives, for example navigation in our cars, e-payments, facial recognition, etc.

In the future, it is set to change even more dramatically. We can expect a whole new swathe of developments in healthcare, education, the work environment, leisure and the world around us.

There is lots of good news, but there are also immense challenges for society in managing our way through the tsunami of change which is already engulfing us. Developments in social media are increasingly difficult for governments to manage.

AI is automating many areas of work but some see the prospect of mass unemployment and greater divisions between the super elite company owners and their employees.

Not only is the personal information collected by AI, being used to influence our actions, but it could also be used to violate our creativity (re. the launch of ChapGPT in November) and our human rights. Is it a blessing or a curse, what do you think? John and Helen Keayes

MEET THE TYSOE RECORD TEAM



Photo back row: Matthew Harcourt, Jenny Tongue, David Sewell, Mark Sinclair, Graham Hicks. Semi-circle: Jude Canning, Denise Breakell, Gerald Hirons, Linda Wadeson, Carol Clark, Christine Duke, Irene Beever, Liz Finlyson, Muriel Paxton. Front: Shirley Cherry

Distributor Tea Party

Jude Canning hosted a tea party for all the Record's distributors. There are 15 volunteers who deliver your copy of the Tysoe & District Record throughout the year. Missing from the above photo are fellow distributors: Liz Atkinson, Faith Hall, Jackie Thompson and Mike Sanderson.

Some of our distributors, like Gerald Hirons, have been posting copies of the Record through letterboxes for a very long time - in his case 16 years! Gerald is handing over his round to Linda Wadeson. We thank him for his commitment and service to our village newsletter.

Changes to the Record Team

We are sorry to say goodbye to Sue Weatherhead, our advertising manager and editorial sounding board for the past 2.5 years. Thanks Sue for all you have done. Matthew Harcourt (photo top left) is taking over the advertising role, while Helen Keayes (also missing from the photo) is acting as an editorial assistant. Jude Canning continues as our dynamic distribution coordinator, while Carol Clark is our spreadsheet wizard - managing the finances and subscription database. While I fulfil the role of Editor.

Shirley Cherry

SCOURGE OF THE LITTER LOUTS

'Mr Somebody saw some rubbish on a roadside in Whatcote parish. He thought Mr Anybody will pick that up and dispose of it safely. But he didn't pick it up either and left it for Mr Nobody to do it. In the end it was Mr Someone who did the right thing and kept our village neat and tidy.' - Posted on the Whatcote village notice board.

Some people seem to think it is acceptable to dispose of their fast food and drink containers by throwing out of their car window whilst on the move or whilst parked in a layby. Much easier than taking stuff home and having the bother of putting it in a bin.

I am an inveterate litter picker and in the past have kept the Tysoe to Oxhill road relatively clear of jettisoned items to the extent of a large carrier bag full of rubbish each month. This problem has grown to a bag of human detritus collected each week.

The same people, who casually dispose of their bottles, cans and Costa Coffee cartons in this way have no hesitation in also throwing out their sweet papers, empty cigarette packets and fish and chip wrappings.

Other roads too, suffer this blight and nowadays one rarely sees Local Council employees undertaking the task of removing litter from our roadside verges.

It might well be that shopping online carries a hidden cost! It is my earnest wish that as we enter 2023 people will learn to respect our 'green and pleasant land' and take their litter home with them.

A.N.Other
(with a shared (!) remit for the roads connecting
Tysoe, Oxhill, Whatcote, and Brailes)

Editor's comment: Thank you for picking up the litter.
You deserve our **UNSUNG HERO AWARD!**



TYSOE'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



Saturday 6th May is the Big Day, come and celebrate the Coronation of Charles III in style.

Starting at 2.30pm there will be a Hog Roast in front of the Village Hall, with singing provided by the CCOTS Community Choir. Come in fancy dress (warmly encouraged but not essential), bring your chairs and tables if it is fine, eat in the hall if it is wet.

From 6.00pm until 8.00pm there will be a concert and sing-a-long in the hall. Entertainment provided by TaDa, interspersed with a selection of the best poems from the Record's Poetry Challenge (see opposite)

Organise your street parties for Sunday, celebrate in style, bring out the community spirit and the bunting.

Many homes will be decorating their windows to celebrate the Coronation, see if you can be the most imaginative house in your street. No prizes but plenty of kudos.

More details nearer the date, just make sure you're in the village for the biggest celebration of the year.

King Charles III will wear the St Edward's Crown



Key facts about St Edward's Crown include:

The solid gold frame weighs 2.23kg (nearly 5lbs) and is adorned with semi-precious stones. It has a velvet cap with an ermine band.

St Edward's Crown was made for the coronation of Charles II to replace the medieval crown melted down by parliamentarians in 1649, after the execution of King Charles I.

This lost medieval crown was said to have belonged to the 11th-century royal saint, King Edward the Confessor.

The crown was commissioned from the Royal Goldsmith, Robert Vyner, in 1661.

C3R POETRY CHALLENGE - The Head that Wears the Crown.



Write us a poem to mark the King's Coronation in May. Why not illustrate it too?

Our theme, 'The Head that wears the Crown', encompasses the whole concept of monarchy.

Image: The Emma Press

Kings and Queens used to wield immense power, whereas now their status is largely as figureheads. You might like to:

- Pick your favourite monarch from history and write a poem about them
- Write a 'list poem' of the laws you would make if you were a monarch
- Focus on royal possessions, their fancy clothes or their pets (George III had a cheetah, the late Queen loved corgis)
- Your poem could be in the style of a 'Twitter Feed' or other
... so brush up your history and get writing!

Competition Rules

The competition is open to children and adults Children: 0-4, 5-7 years, 8-11, 12-15 years of age. Adults: 16 -21, 22 and over.

Word count	100 max		200 max		300 max	
Age range	0 to 4	5 to 7	8 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 21	22 +

Closing date: Friday 7th April 2023

Prizes: All the entries will be reviewed and enjoyed by the judges. Their decision is final and the winners will receive a poetry book and a £20 voucher to spend in Tysoe Village Stores or Tysoe Post Office. The best entries will be published in the Record.

How to enter: You can email your entry to tysoerecord@gmail.com or hard copies, including any illustrations, can be left in the Poetry Box at Tysoe Village Stores or delivered to Orchard House, Back Lane, Tysoe. Don't forget to add your name, age and contact details!

The Tysoe & District Record is proud to sponsor the C3R Poetry Challenge.



MY GRANDPARENTS' WAR

Wilfred Randall (Pop) Royal Navy 1914-1941.

'Pop' signed on as a Boy Sailor in February 1914, just shy of his 16th birthday. During WW1, he served on HMS Impregnable, Defiance and Roxburgh, finishing the war as a Leading Seaman.

He was serving on the Roxburgh when it rammed and sank German U-boat U-89 on 12th February 1918, 24 miles north of Malin Head, Ireland. The U-89, armed with 16 torpedoes and 2 deck guns, surfaced 200 yards in front of the Roxburgh, which promptly rammed U89's conning tower, ripping the roof off the engine room, and causing it to explode with the loss of all 42 crew.

Following inter war service in Malta and on training ships, Pop served in WW2 as Chief Petty Officer on HMS Laurentic (F51), an ex-Cunard steam passenger ship now an armed Royal Navy merchant cruiser escorting merchant ships on their perilous Atlantic convoys.

On 3rd November 1940, an unescorted merchant ship Casanare, was torpedoed by U99, west of Bloody Foreland (off the coast of Donegal). Her distress messages brought HMS Laurentic and HMS Patroclus to the scene and a dramatic battle with U-99 took place. 3 torpedoes struck the Laurentic in quick succession.

Whilst picking up survivors, Patroclus was struck from less than 300 metres by 4 quick torpedoes and the U-99's deck gun. 4 hours later, U-99 dealt the Laurentic a fatal blow to its stern, which ignited depth charges, and caused the ship to sink within minutes. U-99 still had time to torpedo Patroclus a 5th and 6th time, breaking the ship in two. The attack on both cruisers lasted 6 ½ hours before U-99 made good its escape.

HMS Hesperus picked up 368 survivors (49 fatalities) from Laurentic. For Pop to survive being torpedoed twice in one battle was something to remember and for his part in aiding comrades escape the Laurentic and Patroclus, Pop was awarded the Atlantic Star and Kings Citation for Meritorious Service (Oak Leaf Insignia) in the January 1941 New Year Honours List.

Steve Randall

ACTION-PACKED W.I. PROGRAMME

Our speaker or should I say “entertainer” for February was Dalziel Ellis. In her own words she says:

“My talk consists of fun and thought provoking poetry, songs and fun stories of things that have actually happened in my life! It’s been bonkers! Plus some of the adventures I have had in my life. It’s humour and pathos all rolled into one entertaining talk.”

I would describe Dalziel as a cross between Pam Ayres, Victoria Wood with a touch of folk singer and stand up comedienne added to the mix. To say we were well entertained would be an under statement. Dalziel’s original career was as a paramedic but after two hip replacements she was unable to continue with this physically demanding job. Her natural ability to entertain led her to join Equity and she began her new career.

During the evening we learnt about her love of motorcycling....she owns a 600cc Suzuki Bandit aka “Suzi the Suzuki” and she has just completed a round trip of Land’s End to John O’Groats and back for charity. Her Instagram page is called #acheybum for a reason!

Her poems were amusing and also, at times, thought provoking as Dalziel continues to specialise in helping people with mental health issues and this is reflected in some of her work.

We also took the opportunity to use Dalziel as our Guinea Pig for our newly purchased PA system....I can assure you it worked excellently and every word was clearly heard.



We greatly look forward to March when our speaker will be Sally Daniel from Henley Chocolates...enough said!

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Eileen Mann,
WI President,
Upper Tysoe



The Quiz Night at Tysoe Village Hall raised £420 for Safeline, the charity which helps sexual abuse and rape victims. Rose and Steph would like to thank everyone who came along to support.

"Tomorrow's Brailes"



I spent an interesting morning at an event called 'Tomorrow's Brailes' recently, run by 'Sustainable Brailes' a group affiliated with their Parish Council. There were speakers from other Warwickshire villages too, sharing information on low carbon initiatives to save energy and money.

I was very impressed at the amount of practical, positive action going on! There was advice about where to apply for grants to fund large projects such as:

- Installing electric vehicle charging points in villages, as most funding for these flows to towns and cities
- Providing an electric vehicle for community transport, as they do in Harbury
- Insulating all community buildings and fitting them with solar panels and batteries (great advice from the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network on this)
- Swapping all community building and street lighting to LEDs.

But also, plenty of ideas for less-costly community initiatives to 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle', such as setting up a:

- Book Swap scheme
- Toy Swap scheme
- Clothes Library, especially for 'occasion wear' or children's clothes
- War-on-Waste initiative such as the one in Shipston
- Repair Cafe
- Electric Bike Rental scheme

Tysoe's recycling of blister packs got a mention, so great work Beverley Thorpe!

Living in a draughty old house, I was particularly impressed with a scheme recently started in Brailes to lend out thermal imaging cameras to spot where heat is escaping from your house. These tiny cameras, which plug into smartphones, would be expensive (and wasteful!) to buy as an individual for single use, but for shared use by the whole village they are proving very helpful.

Amanda Venables

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

Despite all that is currently happening in the world, because of the generosity of our supporters we had a successful Appeal this year. A total of £4,521.07 was given to The Poppy Appeal. Erratic items were much reduced this year with the most exciting being a Turkish coin! A big thank you to everyone who donated. Anyone wishing to join our band of collectors or lay a wreath this year is asked to contact me soonest and I will fix it.

David Sewell



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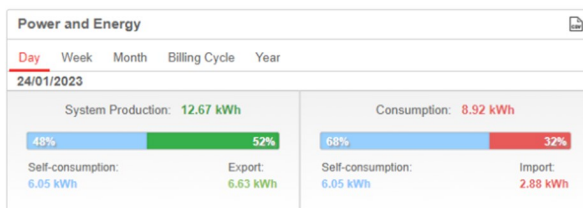
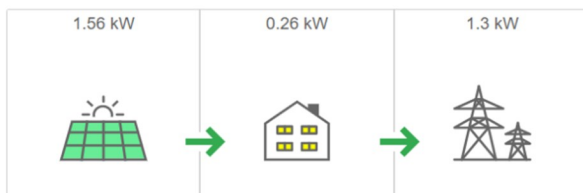
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Lewis Goodman
Howard Goodman

RENEWABLE ENERGY - A CASE STUDY

With the war in the Ukraine and the fuel crisis created by the Russian despot Putin, focus on self-sufficiency for heating and electricity is difficult to ignore. I started looking at 'off-grid' energy sources five years ago. Back then, costs of hardware were prohibitive compared to domestic supplier's prices.



Costs have since reduced, so I've just installed Photo-Voltaic [PV] panels. To do so I needed a south facing roof clear of shadows from adjacent buildings.

As I write this, at 2pm on 24th January, my roof is producing power at a rate of 2.8kWh - (2.8 units) and will generate around 13kWh

over the rest of the day, enough to cover my domestic needs. Of this 50% will be exported, some used to heat domestic water and the rest could be stored in battery back-up for use when the sun is below the horizon or absent behind cloud. I calculate that the system will pay for itself within five years, sooner if domestic energy prices remain as they are, even subsidised.

If you are building a new house or replacing a roof, why not consider adding PV panels? First determine how many watts of energy you require to heat your home, water and run domestic appliances, that will set the size of PV system you need. Some PV panels are made to look like Welsh slate (see GB-Sol Ltd). Alderminster Electrics Limited in Shipston on Stour fitted mine and provided a good service.

As the sun rises earlier and sets later, the production rate will increase. I will be exporting energy back to the grid and have the value of that energy discounted from my mains supplier account. In the two weeks that my system has been up and running, the app tells me that I've saved 19kg of Carbon Dioxide equivalent to planting 1.2 trees. By this time next year I will have planted a forest!

Malcolm Littlewood

NESTING SITES FOR BIRDS

One way we can help wild birds is by providing them with places to nest. A number of species begin to look for nest sites towards the end of February, so a box put up at the end of the winter stands a good chance of attracting nesting birds. However, it is never too early or late to put up a nest box. A wide range of nest boxes are available from garden centres or on-line and advice about siting them can be obtained from the RSPB (see link <https://bit.ly/3XNV7ee>) or British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) website.

There is also a great opportunity to make up for the considerable loss of nest sites during the construction/conversion of new buildings by including nest boxes. A British Standard (BS 42021:2022) for integral nest boxes has been published. This details the requirements, including the numbers, location, dimensions, materials and size of entrance hole of 'nest bricks'. Integral 'Universal nest bricks' will provide nesting spaces for a wide variety of species, such as House Sparrows, Starlings, Swifts, House Martins, and Blue and Great Tits. Nest bricks have been included in the new Tesco store in Shipston-on-Stour and this is something that we should consider asking for in new developments in Tysoe. Come along to the talk below.

Rosemary Collier



Swifts
are making a
comeback!

Illustrated Talk
by
Jacey Jackson
(Shipston Action for Swifts)

St. Mary's Church
Tysoe FREE entry

Thursday 2nd March 2023
7:00 pm

LETTER ABOUT FARMING

Dear Editor

The new Open Country & Common Land Rights (updated Countryside Code) requires that dog owners 'must keep your dog on a short lead between 1st March & 31st July and all year round when near farm animals. Also, keep dogs away from ground nesting birds and other wildlife' (some areas do not allow dogs at certain times of year).

Sadly, there is a misconception that everyone should have unlimited access to the countryside, totally forgetting it is a workplace. Shutting gates may be second nature to those from a rural background, but everyone, including those from an urban background, needs to leave gates as they find them.

Should a dog give chase to what will be heavily in-lamb ewes (soon to be ewes and lambs), the farmer is fully within his rights to shoot the offending canine. I've spent my working life as a Freelance Farm Secretary and handled numerous sheep worrying claims. It causes so much heartache every year to both farmers and dog owners, and an absolute fortune in insurance payouts which are totally avoidable.

Wendy (Smith)



HAPPY HEREFORDS



The Burger Barn is open for sit down food 6-8pm every Friday, book a table or just wander down.

B.Y.O.B. (please take your cans and bottles home)
or grab a beer from The Peacock and bring it round.
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My parents began farming Hill Farm in the mid 1950's and I am now the second generation. At one time I, like most farms, milked dairy cows and, being the last herd within the parish, I finished milking in 2002 as poor milk prices forced me out of production. The beef and sheep enterprise then became priority. When time allows, I also work off-farm helping other farmers or as a fencing contractor with my son.

Here at Hill Farm, we are busy tending our livestock as both lambing and calving should be in full swing by mid-March. The ewes were scanned at the beginning of January so we have an idea of how many lambs each ewe will have, a single, a double or a treble. The preferred option is for every ewe to have 2 lambs to rear. Our scanning results reveal an average this year of 1.82 lambs per ewe which is slightly down on previous years. Regionally this year's lamb crop is predicted to be as much as 20% lower.

As the weather always plays a critical part in farming the success of a season usually depends on the season prior and is never perfect! The lower expected lamb averages are a consequence of the dry summer and poor grazing. Despite supplementary feeding, this has resulted generally in ewes not being in prime condition at tupping time, (ram action!) in the autumn. Some good spring weather is needed to grow fresh grass making ideal turn-out conditions for lambs and calves.

Enough of counting sheep...Our herd of cows are a Shorthorn x, a hardy native breed, and they run with the boss Uncle Bryn, a Charolais Bull who succeeded Boris! Each cow should produce one calf per year some in spring and the rest in autumn.

We are currently watching Clarkson's Farm on Amazon Prime . A tongue-in-cheek but accurate account of farming reality, from regulations, form filling, red tape and catastrophe. Love him or loathe him it's a good watch!

Brian and Alison Parker

Thomas Fox

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FOR THE RECORD:

A complaint was received regarding the piece in the February Record about Voneus. The Editor and the author of the piece want to make it clear that no disrespect of Polish nationals was intended. We apologise for any offence that may have been caused.

UPDATE FROM THE ORCHARD



Our good harvest of apples has stored well and seen us through the winter. Now is the time to continue pruning and tidying up the trees. The autumn raspberries have been pruned and are being weeded and fed.



Catkins Our latest project is water harvesting. The blueberries require lots of water as they are bog plants and ferrying cans from the water butts by the shed was hard work and time consuming. So we have built a shelter with four water butts and a couple of benches close to the blueberry cage. We do not use mains water so harvesting rain water is very important for the orchard.



The AGM was held at the end of January and it was agreed by all that the Orchard needs to attract a younger membership and involve more children. We plan to hold more events like a teddy bears picnic for families and to promote the Orchard around the nearby villages.

So if you would like to help out, perhaps learn new skills or help with events and get some great organic fruit, why not contact us! The Orchard is behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe

Find out more – contact us below or message us via the website. Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) www.wot2grow.co.uk

NOTICE OF THE TYSOE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM TO BE HELD IN THE MCNULTY ROOM AT 7:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH 2023

Members of the public are welcome. All nominations of new candidates are to be received in writing, seconded and received by the secretary 14 days prior to the AGM. Email: sc.randall98@gmail.com Telephone: 01295 680426



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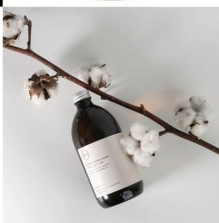
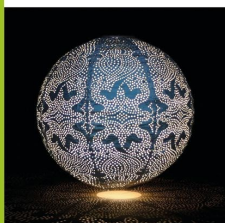
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TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!



With spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

'Walking in Warwickshire' <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/warwickshire> has loads of walks to download and print for free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

Whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.



So home or away, check out the websites and **get walking!**

John Harris












Cotswolds AONB Tysoe Parish Warden

The remit of the Cotswolds Parish Warden is to work with the parish council, landowners and local residents to help keep footpaths fully accessible and to identify local features in need of improvement. Work parties of volunteers can be organised to restore paths, clear undergrowth and replace signage that has become faded so that paths can be accessed more easily.

I have recently taken over this role and would be pleased to hear from any interested parties who would like to be involved in footpaths around the parish so that a maintenance plan can be generated for the next couple of years. One aim would be to improve the condition of gates and stiles so that they can be used safely and improve the enjoyment of walking within the parish.

Nick Hull nick.hull2486@gmail.com
<https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/>

MARCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Every Friday	Food waste collection 3,10,17, 24, 31
	3,17,31	Blue & Green bin collection
	Friday 17	Black bin collection
	Every Friday	Tysoe Dementia Café, 10am -12 noon, Tysoe Village Hall
	Friday 3	Friday Lunch Club in the Village Hall - contact Marion 680584 / Nicola 680058
	Monday 13th	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7.15pm, Tysoe Village Hall
	Tuesday 7 & 28	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall
	Sunday 19	Mothers' Day
	Sunday 26	Clocks go forward



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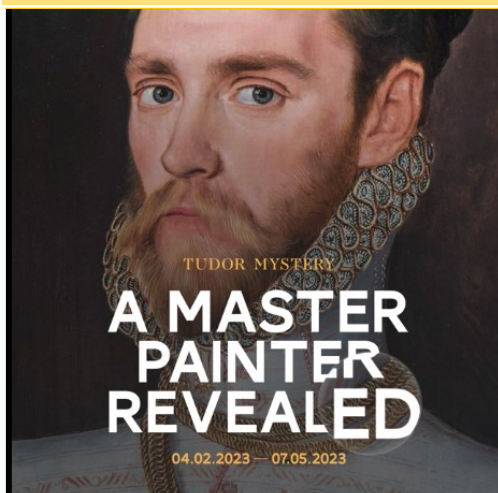
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WHAT'S ON

FREE TICKET GIVEAWAY!

WHAT'S ON



For those in need of inspiration for the CR3 Poetry Challenge, then this exhibition at Compton Verney could be just what you are looking for. Feast your eyes on some stunning Tudor portraits, including King Henry VIII and a young Elizabeth I, aged around 25, painted by the leading court painters of the day, including the mystery artist known as the 'Master of the Countess of Warwick.'

For more information about Compton Verney and opening times, visit www.comptonverney.org.uk Twitter @ComptonVerney / Facebook / ComptonVerney / Instagram @Compton_Verney

Tysoe Record has one family entry ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) to give away, on a first come first serve basis, simply email : tysoerecord@gmail.com to enter.

Kineton Local History Group

17 March 35th AGM and 'Funny Turns - A Celebration of Entertainment in Days Gone' by David Moylan 7:30pm in Kineton village Hall.

Non-members welcome. www.kinetonhistory.co.uk



Shipston Beekeepers are hosting an Introduction to Bee-keeping Course over the weekend of 22nd & 23rd April at Brailes Village Hall and Plum Tree Farm apiary. Visit www.sbka.org.uk to find out more and to book a place.

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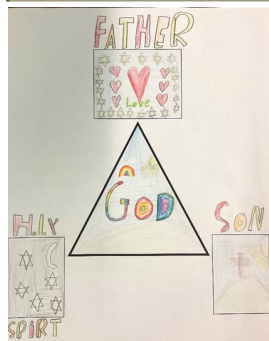
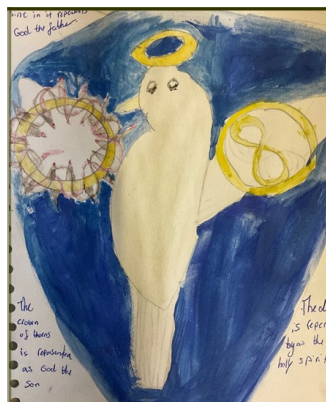


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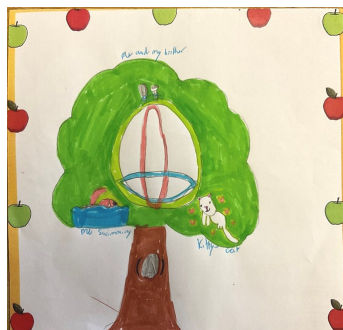
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The Holy Trinity

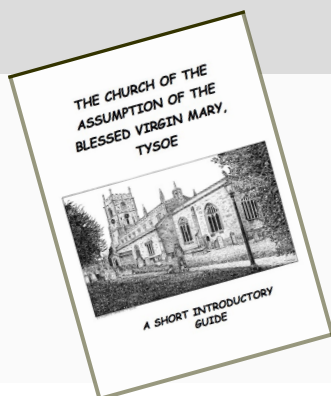
Week commencing Monday 30th January, we had a whole school RE week and spent time learning about the Holy Trinity.



The children completed some wonderful artwork and writing. They shared some thoughtful and insightful discussion.



ST MARY'S GUIDEBOOK LATEST



Copies of 'A Short Introductory Guide' to St Mary's are now available on the table inside the church. Tim Porter from Brailes has produced a new line drawing for the front cover. Illustrations and layout by Shirley Cherry (based on William Harper's original artwork, words by John Hunt for the Tysoe Heritage Research Group.



THE CHURCH AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

“AI technology is developing rapidly and its use for the most part is ahead of public understanding. It creates enormous imbalances of power with inherent risks, and the moral and ethical dilemmas are complex. We do not need to invent new ethics, but we need to develop and apply our common ethical frameworks to rapidly developing technologies and new contexts.” The Bishop of Oxford speaking in the AI debate in The House of Lords in May last year.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has led the formation of a new Anglican Communion Science Commission, drawing together senior scientists and Church leaders across the globe to explore, among other things, the impact of new technologies. February 2020 saw ‘Rome Call for AI Ethics’ signed by Pope Francis, Microsoft, IBM and others at the Vatican.

I know it may come as a surprise to some that the Church is active in all aspects of life, political and scientific, as well as ethical and spiritual. In fact these are all intertwined and our Christian faith impacts all aspects of human life. We are asked to pray for our whole world and AI is now a part of it. 5 principles Bishop Steven set out in his speech are a good starting place for our prayers:

1. AI should be developed for the common good and benefit of humanity.
2. AI should operate on principles of intelligibility and fairness.
3. AI should not be used to diminish the data rights or privacy of individuals, families or communities.
4. All citizens have the right to be educated to enable them to flourish mentally, emotionally and economically alongside AI.
5. The autonomous power to hurt, destroy or deceive human beings should never be vested in AI.

You can read his full speech at www.churchinparliament.org - go to: <https://bit.ly/3KelCXj>

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“BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD.”
Mahatma Gandhi



The Parish Council (PC) is the grassroots level of local government. Its primary remit is to maintain services for the community (see The Parish Precept opposite). Another aspect of its work is to review planning applications on behalf of the whole village, not for the benefit of individuals but for ALL residents: 'Is it appropriate? Does it fit in with the Neighbourhood Plan?' Then it makes recommendations* to the District Council – the robust defence to Acorn Energy's anaerobic digester is a good example.

The PC is apolitical. It has no party allegiances. Some Councils focus on their statutory responsibilities and little else, but there is scope to do much more. During lockdown our PC organised the delivery to prescriptions to the vulnerable in Tysoe which was hugely appreciated. If you were to write a checklist of the things the PC should be doing, if resources allowed, it might include:

Checklist:

- Care for the vulnerable
- Provision of affordable housing
- Activities for the youth
- Environmental issues
- Climate change and the need to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

One way of looking at the Parish Council is as the glue that binds the community together. It can act as the link between the various village organisations, bringing them together to work towards a common purpose e.g. the Jubilee celebrations and up-coming Coronation.

Towns can be anonymous places. Tysoe is SPECIAL. It is community-minded, inclusive and caring. Living in a village you can decide whether to be a participant or by-stander, but you get out so much more from getting involved. Being on the PC puts you at the heart of the community.

If you are community-minded and feel you want to contribute, then joining the Parish Council is the way to do it. We are much stronger and more capable than we think, so '*be the change*' you want to see in Tysoe and stand for election in May. For details of how to apply see the ad opposite.

The Editor in discussion with David Roache
Chairman Tysoe Parish Council

*The PC doesn't have the power to grant planning permission

THE PARISH PRECEPT

This is part of Council Tax calculated by the Parish Council, collected by the District Council and paid directly to Tysoe Parish Council to pay for the services it provides, namely:

- All grass cutting and grounds maintenance of Village Green and the recreation field
- Maintenance of the children's play equipment
- Street lights and the cost of the electricity to power them
- Insurance taken out by the Parish Council
- The salary of the Clerk (Councillors receive no salary or fees)
- Special projects i.e. renovating the war memorials, improving our website and support for the village's Coronation celebration.

The total Precept for 2023/24 amounts to £35,472, an increase of 3% over the current year of £34,345. The parish precept is only £61 out of a Band D total of £1,590. We have tried to keep the precept as low as possible, mindful that costs are increasing for everyone.

Cllr David Roache

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TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

At the Parish Council meeting this week, Councillors discussed vehicles speeding through the village and parking near school during drop off and pick up times at school. Both of these issues are of concern, please consider others when driving through the village or parking to pick up your child from school. Thoughtless deeds can put a child's life at risk, I know, I lost a friend in my class just outside my school for this very reason.

Another topic discussed was the Fibre Broadband installation work in the village. Councillors have received emails and phone calls from many residents, and are currently speaking with Warwickshire County Council, Stratford District Council and have emailed two Secretaries of State regarding these issues.

Finally, the removal and replacement of some streetlights is under way. This will reduce not only the monthly electricity bill which has risen to nearly £500 from approximately £280. It will also help to reduce the light pollution in the village as agreed in the Tysoe Neighbourhood Plan adopted last year.

Charmaine Swift

Parish Clerk and RFO, parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk



Please help fund Katie's cancer treatment

The Record has been asked to share Katie's story.

Katie Pritchard is married to Tom Cronin. They live in Middleton Close. Katie was diagnosed with cervical cancer at the age of 36. After extensive treatment last year she was back playing rugby and enjoyed an amazing summer with her boys and Tom. Tragically, the cancer has returned with a vengeance.

There is a trial drug which Katie needs to pay for privately - £6k every 3 weeks. Please help give Katie the best chance to spend more time with her incredible family and friends. The family thank you for any support. [Go to https://gofund.me/69e64a13](https://gofund.me/69e64a13)

#TysoeSupportsUkraine

The Conflict in Ukraine

It is one year on since Russia invaded Ukraine. The Record spoke to Uliana, a Ukrainian refugee staying in Tysoe, to find out what life is like for her family still there. She talks to her 77-year-old mother, sister and two nephews twice a week. "Life in Ukraine is like sitting on a powder keg," said Uliana, "You never know when the next bomb will hit. Prices have gone through the roof because of the war."

2-3-hour power cuts are a daily occurrence. This means no phone charging, computers, TV, lights or electric heating. It gets dark at 6pm and temperatures are still freezing at night. Home schooling is available, but many parents have to take their children to school as they need to go to work. The teachers would prefer they stayed home rather than be responsible for their safety.

It is important for the economy to keep functioning, if only to pay for weapons and diesel to put in the tanks. Most of the men are fighting, but where possible families try to live normally and go to the park with their children or for a walk.

Uliana talked about the pressure on jobs given the number of refugees from other parts of the country*. Others leave to go abroad, but leaving is not an easy option, starting over with nothing, learning a different language, different culture.

Fred Price saw first-hand what Uliana was talking about when he visited Lviv in February**. How people are craving normality and he heard 'the tell-tale signs of war', when the 'air raid sirens sound signalling the threat of incoming missiles.' He said, 'this is a country in a conflict with no end in sight.'

We hope for the sake of Uliana, her family and the people of Ukraine that the situation will change. Perhaps President Volodymyr Zelensky's recent visit to the heads of Europe can help them win the war.

The Editor

* According to the United Nations International Organisation for Migration, as of September 2022 there were over 6 million internally displaced Ukrainians, mainly from the eastern battle grounds.

** You can read Fred's report in full on Facebook@Tysoe Record



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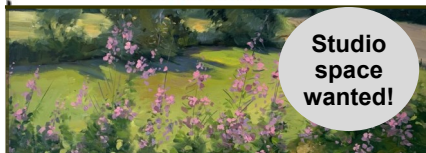
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TENNIS NEWS



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MATCH REPORTS

Warwick Boat Club proved too strong for the Ladies A team beating them 4 – 0. Julie Smart and Shirley Cherry fought hard to take one match to a championship tiebreak just failing to win.

Inkberrow came to Tysoe to play the ladies B team with Nicki Campbell and Sylvia Wilcox winning both of their matches resulting in the team coming away with a draw. Tysoe Mixed A travelled to Harbury who proved to be a very powerful team despite a lot of good play but Julie Smart and Lou Kramer fought hard and took two sets. They then went to Byfield who again were too strong and the team really struggled and came away with a loss. The Mixed B team had a magnificent win against Warwick B with Nicki Campbell and Emily Dawber winning their match very convincingly.

JUNIOR COACHING SESSIONS

Elaine Thorne will be running free coaching to any Junior members on the first Sunday of each month. She provides fun, competitive skill-based games finishing with match play. If any young players would like to join the group, please contact:

elaine.thorne@btinternet.com

We would like to thank the Parish Council for kindly awarding us a grant of £140 to cover the cost of a coach for the junior sessions we ran last August.

We will be holding our **AGM on Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm** in the Sports Pavilion if anyone would like to attend.

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TYSOE FOLK

Brian Caswell Obituary



Brian Caswell passed away on 17 December (the same day as Jill Longbottom). He was well known in the village and served as Vice Chairman of the Flower Show. He was extremely good at growing and showing dahlias, winning many trophies over the years. He served in the Warwickshire Fire Service as Station Officer. He will be sadly missed.



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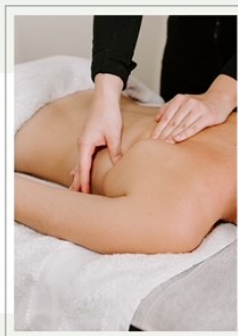
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