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Images taken from the new tysoehistory.org.uk website, courtesy of THRG.

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.... All this plus our regular contributors!

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NOTICE - HELP NEEDED!

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FLOWER SHOW & FETE

Saturday 19th August 2023
from 1.00 pm

For those of you wondering how you can support the show this year we are looking for help with setting up on Friday 18th August between 9am and 3pm. You don't have to stay for the whole session and

you don't need any specialist knowledge or skills - just be prepared to 'muck in'. We also need help on the morning of the show between 8am and 11am, with car parking between midday and 2pm and after the show ends between 5pm and 7pm. If you are able to help at any of these times it is a great way to support the show - please just come along to the Playing Fields. Refreshments are provided for helpers on Friday and on Saturday morning!

If you have a raffle or tombola prize to donate, if you are interested in having a stand at the show, thinking of joining the Flower Show committee or have any other question about the Flower Show please call Steve Allen on 07808 633155

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Saturday 19th August 2023
from 1.00 pm



A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL PRODUCE, HOBBIES AND HANDICRAFTS:

Vegetables galore, fabulous flowers, 'Something Royal' floral arrangements, honey, mead and homemade wines, paper plates 'Fit for a King', painting and photography, knitting and needlework, baking and 'Beer Spice Cake' making, Lego building, wood, metalwork and much more!



Enter and you could win a prize or even a trophy! See the **Schedule of Classes** for details.

Bring your entry forms to Tysoe Village Hall on Wednesday 16th August between 7pm-9pm.

**ENTER AND SHOW US
WHAT YOU CAN DO!**



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Saturday 19th August 2023
from 1.00 pm

SECTION I - CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Get making and enter your creations to the Flower Show. Show us what you can do!



UNDER 5

- 125 Paper bunting or paper-chain, max 2 metres
- 126 Decorate a plate 'Fit for a King'



5 YEARS - 8 YEARS

- 127 Make a crown using coloured paper and tissue
- 128 Six jam tarts



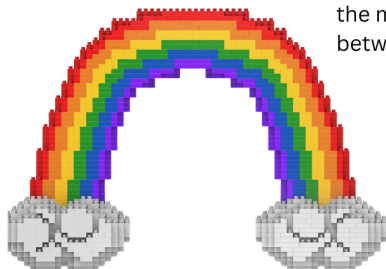
9 YEARS - 12 YEARS

- 129 Make six equal slices of Rocky Road, recipe to be shown
- 130 A Lego model of your own design.

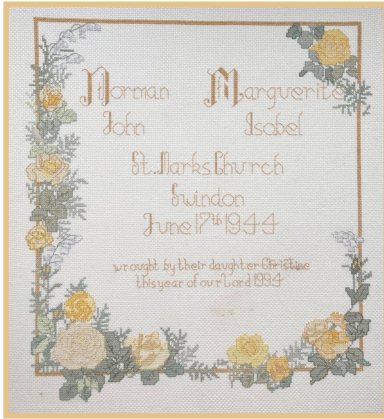


TO ENTER

You will need to complete an Entry Form from the 'Schedule of Classes'. Hand it in at Tysoe Village Hall on Wednesday 16th August between 7pm-9pm. It is 50p to enter a class. Then you bring your entry along to the marquee on the day of the Show between 8am - 10.45am.



A MODERN SAMPLER AND AN ANTIQUE ONE



My main hobby is the garden, but I have, on a couple of occasions, taken up needlework. The first was for my parents golden wedding anniversary. As they lived in Melbourne, Australia it couldn't be anything too heavy or breakable for the post, so I decided to make a sampler. I knew that several people in the village belonged to a sewing circle, so I decided to join them. They had lots of helpful advice and cross stitch really isn't that difficult so off I went!

One of the circle worked at Sulgrave Manor where there happened to be an exhibition of old needlework, she thought it would be an added attraction to have a modern equivalent. Sitting in the window seat of a Tudor manor stitching away remains a magical memory, though we didn't get much work done for all the visitors' questions!

Finally the project was finished. I decided to deliver it personally and had it framed which I thought sensible at the time but regretted when lugging it around the airport, also when my father noticed I'd mis-spelt my mother's middle name! Still he hung it and it moved with him after my mother died.

Christine Duke, Upper Tysoe Distributor

This sampler was created by my Great Great Aunt Elizabeth in 1820. She completed it when she was 9 years old. As you can see, the sampler is quite detailed and includes a verse, the names and dates of her family members and lovely flora and fauna.

This sampler is not only beautiful and a treasured possession, it has also provided valuable family history information.

Beverley Thorpe



MINIATURE AMBITIONS

My interest in miniatures really peaked when my lovely neighbour, Mrs Joan Bayliss, won tickets to a model railway exhibition in Leamington Spa. I was completely enamoured with the scenery and the detail of the buildings (not so much by the trains if I'm honest!). A year later I was gifted a pre-loved 1:12* scale shop with a flat above and I was hooked.



Clark, the art gallery assistant, takes a delivery of one of artist Belinda Keep's watercolours. Matt and his son were just passing and popped in to ask when opening day will be? "Watch this space", says Clark

I am hoping that you too may want to turn your hand to creating art (paintings, ceramics, sewing, furniture, woodwork etc) to display. When the gallery is named and finished I'm hoping to display it in the village for you all to enjoy. For now you will just have to book a personal tour!

My latest project is an art gallery celebrating local artists. It is a one room building in which I will display 1:12 scale art works. I already have beautiful pieces by Kineton Art Group members Sue Sanderson and Belinda Keep, a sculpture by Lisa Mahoney and, our resident Potter, Penny Varley, has done a first firing of miniature pots to add to the display.



"Fabulous" says Matt, "how much?"

Beverley Thorpe, 688250
or bjethorpe@yahoo.co.uk

Did you have a dolls house? If so we'd love to hear all about it. Do please tell us, the Record's contact details are on page 2.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BOGIES FROM YOUR BEARINGS?

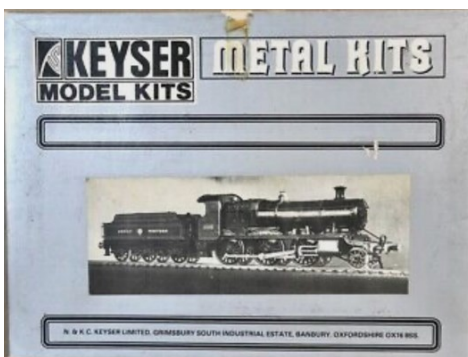
Hands up who knows what the initials G.W.R stand for? Or L.N.E.R? If so, you could be model railway enthusiasts!



My father, Ken Keyser started a business in 1962 to pander to your every whim, even those people that counted the number of rivets on a boiler band. The models he made were OO scale which as you all know

is 4mm to the foot or Hornby size. They were made from many different materials and using many different production techniques.

They were called **K's Kits** and were the first model locomotive kits to be made in white metal. What set them apart from any other was not only that the kits came with bodies, chassis, wheels and motors, but they were the best on the market. All these parts were made in our own factory which was initially in London and then moved to Banbury in 1972.



The range grew with new locomotive kits for home and abroad. At it's peak in the 1980's there were over 50 locomotive kits; with kits for France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Denmark and New Zealand. Rolling stock- wagons and coaches supplemented the range; first manufactured in metal, they would start the transition to plastic moulding.

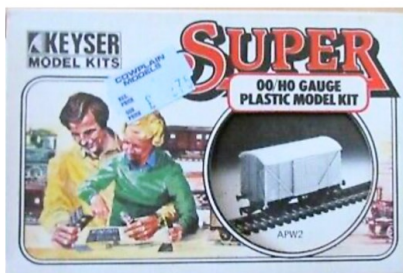


Graham featured in the Banbury Guardian 1980s.



Much innovation flowed from the Banbury factory and K's Kits were the pioneers in many areas, both in parts and the machinery to make them. The company thrived and supported Ken and his two sons, (both of whom were staggeringly good looking), until market forces dealt them a blow in the early 90's which forced the company to adopt a different path and develop the plastic moulding business which the brothers continued to run.

The company went on to grow into a plastics company with a state of the art toolroom and three other production sites, finally closing in 2004 after 42 years from its start.



The kit range has changed hands several times since our day and from time to time I get asked to help produce them again. The production secrets we had are mine to keep for good.

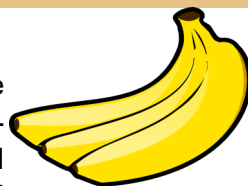
Graham Keyser

CALLING ALL MREs (That's Model Railway Enthusiasts to the uninitiated!) The Tysoe Record wants to know if you made K-Kits or if you saved up your pocket money for a Hornby train set. Perhaps were you more of a fighter ace and built Airfix models instead or you might have been crazy about Meccano. If so we'd like to hear from you as we have a hankering for a bit of model making nostalgia! Email: tysoerecord@gmail.com or call 01295 6680793

TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED!

TROUBLE WITH BANANAS

I started winemaking aged 10. I fell off my bike collecting elderberries, when my knee hit the bucket that I'd collected them in. The blow to my head put me in hospital but didn't put me off. It was hard keeping the hobby going whilst at Uni. On a weekend back home, I got a load of over ripe bananas. I used 5 gallon drums at this stage. Short of time, sugar, yeast and banana juice went in the drum in my parents' airing cupboard. I knew it was a risk. Sunday morning I got up to make a cup of tea and thought that's odd, the kitchen floor is sticky! My parents were not amused as the vigorous fermentation had pushed through the trap, soaking all the clothes in the airing cupboard... That was the end of winemaking at home. But I still had enough laid down to provide wine at our wedding.



Mike Sanderson, Upper Tysoe Distributor



CROSS HERE!

Mum's favourite hobby was dressing us up for the local carnival / parties. Here I am as a Zebra Crossing with two ball cocks. The only problem was that it was all completed rather last minute and I had to wear gloves as the gloss paint on the poles was still wet!

Liz Finlyson, Oxhill Distributor

MARMITE CONTORTIONS

Jigsaws are a family favourite but this Marmite puzzle had us flummoxed. The black Marmitey pieces proved really tricky to place until we hit on the idea of looking at the Andy Warhol Marmite picture on the reverse, upside down under the glass table. Needless-to-say there was one piece missing!



The Editor

THE JOY OF GARDENING



Gardening, learning, doing, looking, sharing must be one of the most popular hobbies in the country. To help us along in all those things we have had our gardening club in Brailes* for well over 20 years. We are a friendly sociable group living in and around Brailes and our abilities range from absolute beginners to expert. (*There's no gardening club in Tysoe.)

Generally we meet up each month, on the third Thursday. Throughout Autumn and Winter we meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and enjoy a selection of illustrated talks or demonstrations along with a raffle and a sociable cuppa and chat. Our programme themes are wide ranging from expert gardeners like Lottie Allen, Head Gardener at Hidcote Manor telling us how she developed her career, Mandy Bradshaw a journalist and photographer giving us her take on Chelsea Show, Dr Alison Foster illustrating how important plants are in medicine and Christine Ramsey giving us a seasonal demonstration of growing and using dried flowers for Christmas.

In the sunnier days of late Spring through Summer we have outings, to fairly local gardens but occasionally further afield too. Currently we charge a £10 annual membership. Our Autumn talks programme starts on October 19th. Visitors are welcome with a £3 contribution charge on the night. Come and see if you like us!

Pam Jordan (Chairman)

brailesgardeningclub@gmail.com



Exploring Tysoe's wildlife areas: There will be an informal walk around the wildlife areas in Tysoe on Wednesday, 19 July, starting at 6 pm in School Lane, next to the church. All are welcome.

TYSOE'S PARISH ASSEMBLY - 1ST JUNE AT 7.15PM

The dictionary definition of an assembly is 'a group of people gathered together in one place for a common purpose'. Our Parish Assembly was an opportunity for various groups in the village to tell residents and each other what they've been up to over the previous 12 months. Chairman, David Roache, opened proceedings, followed by reports from the Local Authority Ward members – Chris Mills WCC and the newly elected Malcolm Littlewood SDC.

There followed reports from the various village groups: Tysoe United FC, Tysoe Primary School, St Mary's Church, Tysoe WI, Dementia Café, WOt2Grow, Tysoe Heritage Group, #TysoeSupportsUkraine and the Tysoe & District Record. Not all the groups attended, but all the reports can be found on the Parish website at: www.tysoe.org.uk/

Here are a few highlights:



Tysoe United Adults and Tysoe United Juniors, presented by Steve Allen, Club Captain.

“2022-23 has been another busy year of football for both the adult team and 10 junior teams.

“The adults have had a very hard season playing a mixed level of 12 teams in division 1 of the Stratford upon Avon Football Alliance. However next season 2023-24 they are moving to the Banbury District and Lord Jersey League. Also next season there will be a Sunday morning team in the Leamington & District Sunday League.

“The Juniors (as reported in the June record) have had another good season with 10 teams this season with u7, and for the first time two u8 teams, u9, u10, u11, u12, u13, u14 and u16.” The various teams play in different leagues which sound a logistical nightmare!

On the weekend of 10th-11th June Tysoe Adults and Tysoe Juniors held their annual Junior football tournament with 65 teams taking part.

Editor's note: The popularity and success of the Tysoe United juniors is a truly remarkable achievement for a village club. Steve Allen and his dedicated band of helpers are to be congratulated.



Dementia Café, report by Paul and Heather Dowler

This is another incredibly impressive village group. “The Tysoe café remains open each week of the year, apart from a two-week Christmas break and, in addition to Heather and Paul, is staffed by a lovely volunteer workforce of seven, six from Tysoe and one from Oxhill.

Café numbers still fluctuate. There can be 12 people one week and 20 the next. The organisers commented that there are more people living with dementia in Tysoe who would benefit from the weekly contact.

The Café is supported by fundraising. They will be hosting a ‘Cream Tea with gentle jazz’ on 2nd July and a concert in the village hall on Saturday 21st October, plus an annual craft fair in December.”



WOT2Grow - report by Mike Sanderson.

“The Community Orchard is 13 years old and we still get 500-700 volunteer hours each year to build on the £56k of Lottery Funding that we received. Last year saw us with a record apple harvest. We juiced 250 bottles, pasteurised for us by Merrylegs at Alcester. As a Charitable Trust we cannot sell our produce, so we accept donations from members and visitors to our open days, Apple Day and the Wassail. We continued with our school visit programme (both Tysoe and Shenington Schools are members), donating excess produce to the local Care Homes.

We managed to keep our three Crab Apple trees alive during the record hot summer of 2022. These were donated by the three parishes of Whatcote, Oxhill and Tysoe. In response to the climate change we put up a shelter to collect more rainwater this year to water our blueberry bed. This shelter also provides a place to sit and enjoy the landscape.

Finally we are proud that Green Shropshire visited us last year to see how to deliver a community orchard.”



The new website www.tysoehistory.org.uk is an astonishing achievement by a group of dedicated volunteers from THRG (Tysoe Heritage Research Group). The content is very wide ranging, to quote: "At one extreme is the presence of settlers from prehistoric, Iron Age, Roman and Medieval times evidenced from geophysical surveys, field walking and landscape study, and at the other extreme is life in twentieth century Tysoe recorded through oral histories."

The site is a treasure trove of the history and archaeology of Tysoe housed under one roof. The navigation is clear and uncomplicated, especially given the extent of the information it contains. Kevin Wyles's book - 'From Thatch to Fire' is available as an online version and the photos of old Tysoe are easy to view.

The videos from the '1998-1999 Oral History Project' instigated by the then vicar, Revd David Knight, recorded senior local residents talking about their memories of their younger life and Tysoe generally. Included are the reminiscences of 100 year old Edgar Heritage - what changes he witnessed in Tysoe during his lifetime! - and also Dr Kay Greenway and the surprise delivery she oversaw in Lower Tysoe.

The Listed Buildings section explains their significance, while the 'Guide to Churchyard Lichens' is a delight to read. There is so much information that it merits repeated visits to really get to grips with its content. I know I will be a regular visitor.

All credit to THRG (Tysoe Heritage Research Group) and its many contributors for all the hard work that has gone into producing this fascinating compendium of all things Tysoe! Thanks to the group for organising the presentation about the website on Saturday 17th June at the Village Hall. It was well attended by villagers.

The Editor

TYSOE WI TRIP TO SHREWSBURY



On the 14th of June a group from the WI set off to Shrewsbury. Our excursion leader, Jackie Keyser, had planned a fantastic day in this historic City. We travelled by Shipston Link ably driven by Alisdair. On arriving we all boarded the River cruiser "Sabrina" (the name for the river Sever as given by the Romans). We enjoyed beautiful views along the river and photo opportunities. We listened to an entertaining commentary from our knowledgeable captain on the return leg. The afternoon was ours to spend as we wished ...some visited the Abbey, others enjoyed some retail therapy before returning to Tysoe.

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WHITE HYACINTH CAKE DESIGN

JULY OFFERS!

OFFER ONE: VANILLA CUPCAKES - Great gifts for teacher! Or for end of year picnics

Vanilla sponge, filled with raspberry jam, topped with buttercream and fresh raspberries. **Box of 4: was £9.60 now £8.16, Box of 6 : was £14.40 now £12.24, Box of 12: was £28.80 now £24.48.**



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WINDMILL RUN 3 JUNE 2023



Runners from the 10k race receiving prizes from Veronica Murphy (Steph's mum).
Photo credit: Joanne McGinn.

True to form, it didn't rain on Tysoe Windmill 10/5k run morning. In fact it was a beautiful sunny day, if a bit too warm for our runners. The first man in the 10k was Nicholas Downes (42.46) and the first female was Donna Allen (46.45)

The 5k run was won by Tristan Cullen (U14) (24.15) - pictured bottom left - his ambition is to run in the Olympics. Definitely one to watch! The first female over the line was Xenia - (24.57).

We had 161 entrants, almost back to pre-pandemic levels. The run is a real community event with support from Lord Northampton, Jonathan, Ridgways, Jervis and with help from our 30 wonderful

marshals. We even have our own eco-friendly medals made by Tysoe's resident potter Penny Varley.

**See you next year
1st June 2024!**





Fathers, grandfathers and others were served up a splendid cooked breakfast (with veggie options!) on Fathers' Day at the Tysoe Village Hall. It was yet another terrific community event made possible by Jenny, our Catering Angel, together with her dedicated team of volunteer helpers!



In total about 60 breakfasts were served, with cups and plates collected by young, polite and obliging waiting staff: Arthur, Evie, Huw and Caleb. A BIG TUMMY PATTING THANK YOU to everyone involved for providing such a great start to the day!

The next Community Breakfast will be held on 23rd July. Make a date for your diary! If you would like to get involved Fb message Jenny Brown or Amy Hollingum.



ALL ABOUT SWIFTS

The 'Day of Swifts' took place at King Edward VI School Stratford-upon-Avon on 17th June. At the evening event two nature writers Mark Cocker and Charles Foster interviewed one another about their work, while two eminent wildlife artists Alison Ingram and Jonathan Pomroy displayed their art and discussed their working practises on stage. All four share a love of this extraordinary bird. It was a fascinating event to attend. Here is a brief review of their books:

One Midsummer's Day

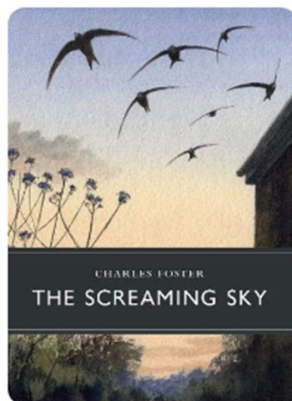


Swifts are among the most extraordinary of all birds. Their migrations span continents and their twelve-week stopover, when they pause to breed in European rooftops, is the very definition of summer. They may nest in our homes but much about their lives passes over our heads. No birds are more wreathed in mystery. Captivated, Mark Cocker sets out to capture their essence in this book.

The cover illustration is by Alison Ingram.

The Screaming Sky

This book by Charles Foster focuses on the Common Swift. For him they are mysterious beings. Swifts live in perpetual summer. They inhabit the air like nothing on the planet. They are not ours, though we like to claim them. They defy all our categories and present no passports as they surf the winds across the worlds. They sleep in the high thin air - their wings controlled by an alert half-brain.



Cover illustration by Jonathan Pomroy.

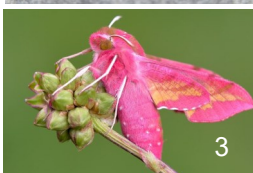
Happy reading!

The Editor

MOTH NIGHT RADWAY MEADOWS



Around 20 people joined members of the Warwickshire Moth Group on 17th June to survey the moths flying at Radway Meadows. It was a good night for moth flight, warm, dry and no bright moonlight. After a short introductory talk about how moths are captured and the aims of the event, three members of the group set up a total of 8 traps. These were of various sizes and shapes, some bought from specialist suppliers and some homemade. The traps were run using small generators or batteries. Once it got dark a variety of moths swarmed around the lights and some were captured in the 'lobster pot' traps – which were filled with egg trays to give the moths a place to settle. The group walked from trap to trap, carefully opening each one and examining and identifying the moths. These were recorded by the organiser, David Brown. I stayed until midnight but the moth trappers carried on for some time after that. Particularly attractive species captured included the yellow Brimstone Moth¹, the Beautiful Golden Y² and a Small Elephant Hawk Moth³ (bright pink). A total of 63 different species of moth were caught!



Images: Butterfly-Conservation.org

We think this is the first time that Radway Meadows has been surveyed in this way and the information will contribute to the Warwickshire species records and be sent to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust who manage the meadows as a nature reserve. The meadows themselves are magnificent at the moment, a carpet of yellow rattle, together with a variety of other flower species. They are a great example of how yellow rattle suppresses the more vigorous grasses - we're aiming for the same effect in the wildflower areas in the churchyard, School Lane and around the edges of the playing fields. This will take time, but yellow rattle is doing well in all these areas .

Rosemary Collier

DOWN ON THE FARM - UPTON ESTATE



Upton Estate is a 100% arable farm so we're currently gearing up for our busiest time of year. Before harvest starts we spend time tidying the grain stores and spraying the stores out to prevent mites and weevils. Machinery is cleaned down and serviced and the trailers are washed out and the brakes are checked.

Harvest starts with the oil seed rape, usually around the second week of July and it's followed by the winter linseed. Prior to harvesting the rape we spray it off in early July which is called desiccation – it kills off the plants turning them brown and crispy and making them much easier to combine. Manure is spread on the early harvested areas to increase organic matter and nutrient value in the soil. At Upton we have reduced cultivation across the farm to improve our carbon footprint and we now direct drill straight onto the stubble wherever possible.

At the beginning of August we cut the milling wheat which is used for bread making. The peas and the feed-wheats are harvested towards the end of August and finally, at the end of August/early September, the spring oats and winter beans are harvested.

After the wheat has been cut we drill the stubble with turnips for a local farmer who grazes his sheep on them. The sheep make excellent fertiliser! These fields will then be planted with oats next year which encourages birds and wildlife as oats are a low input cereal meaning minimal herbicides, pesticides and fertiliser are required.

When in storage, the grain has to be regularly monitored for moisture and insects. Fingers crossed for a dry August as we will otherwise be spending a lot of time drying grain!

Dave Thornton, Farm Manager at Upton Estate

Cream Tea and Gentle Jazz in the Garden on Sunday 2nd July in Tysoe



Tickets £12 - In Advance only
(so we don't run out of scones & cream!)



Please join us in our garden
from 2pm to 4pm

Windmill View Walnut Paddocks Epwell Road Upper Tysoe CV35 0TN

National Thank You Day 2023 - In musical celebration of the carers, the family members, neighbours & friends who change their own lives to care for people with conditions like dementia



Proceeds to:



Advice and Support for Carers of loved ones living with dementia in South Warwickshire
Contact Heather and Paul for tickets on 01295 688376

Sausage & Cider Festival!

HAPPY HEREFORDS & THE PEACOCK
SATURDAY 22ND JULY | STARTING AT 12 NOON

Happy Herefords are teaming up with The Peacock to bring you a fab Sausage and Cider Festival:



10 ciders,
12 different sausages
and live music from Treble 21.

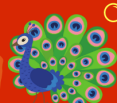


Kicking off at noon we will also have some cider based cocktails on the go and, not to be left out some mocktails for those drivers!!!

The only thing we can't arrange is the weather...



Come and join us!
Monica & Jan.



JULY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Every Friday	Food waste collection 7, 14, 21, 28
	7, 21	Blue & Green bin collection
	21	Black bin collection
	Every Friday	Tysoe Dementia Café, 10am -12 noon, Tysoe Village Hall
	Friday 7	Friday Lunch Club in the Village Hall - contact Marion 680584 / Nicola 680058
	Monday 10	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7.15pm, Tysoe Village Hall
	Tuesday 11	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall
	Tuesday 18	Free coffee morning, St Mary's 9am -12 noon



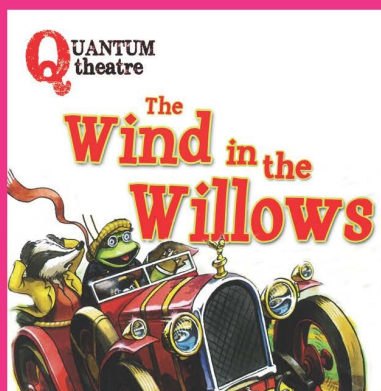
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Quentin Blake: Birds, Beasts and Explorers Sat 27 May - Sun 1 October At Compton Verney



Showcasing over 70 original illustrations by Sir Quentin Blake, this most celebrated illustrator and writer of children's books. This exhibition takes inspiration from recurring themes in Blake's work - birds, fantastical flying creatures and the joy of exploring in nature - as well as the flying creatures that call Compton Verney's grounds home. Visit: <https://www.comptonverney.org.uk/event/quentin-blake-birds-beasts-and-explorers/>

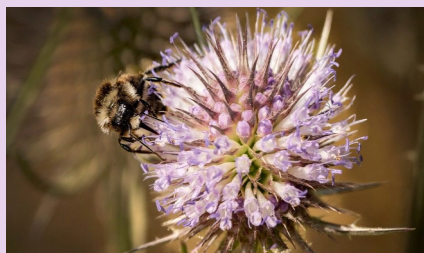
BUTTERFLY WALKS

Throughout July
Blackberry Farm



A great way to spend a couple of hours getting close to nature. For more info and to book visit:
shipstohomenursing.co.uk/events

FAMILY FUN: BEE WEEKEND with the British Bee Keepers Association (BBKA) Sat 8 July, 11.00am - Sun 9 July, 4.30pm. Visit: comptonverney.org.uk/events



Enjoy the buzz of Compton Verney and celebrate the pollinators who help to keep our planet green. Join a series of exciting, family friendly pollinator-themed events and activities included in admission!

Rotary Tour d'Ilmington



A FESTIVAL OF CYCLING FOR THE
FAMILY AND ENTHUSIASTS

Sunday 2nd July 2023

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STEVE EDWARDS MEMORIAL:

10 Mile Family Ride Starts @ 10am

DAVID LOCKWOOD MEMORIAL:

30 Mile Hilly Ride Starts @ 10am

100km Classic Ride Starts @ 8:30am

Good Causes

Live Music

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Free Parking

REGISTRATION & TOUR D'ILMINGTON 2023 INFORMATION

Prices Held from Last year!

Adults £18 Juniors (12-16 years) £6



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MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S



July again, and school holidays will soon be with us. Do you have plans? Perhaps going to the seaside, or maybe enjoying family time at the recreation ground or in the pub garden? Have you ever wondered how we come to use the words 'Holiday' – Holy Day – and 'Recreation' - literally 'made again' - when we talk about time off work and time to play?

From the earliest times people stopped their chores, which for many included serious physical activity, and spent time being still and resting. Some used the opportunity to connect with God during these quiet times. In Christian faith Sunday is traditionally the 'day of rest' as well as the day for worship in community.

'Keeping the Sabbath' is one of the Ten Commandments. Taking a Sabbatical, with time out to reflect theologically, rest physically and re-energise mentally, has long been seen as good practice in clerical and other professions. It is not 'Holiday' in the sense we now use it, but a time for re-creation involving study and often, for church leaders, discovering faith and worship in other contexts which can benefit the home church.

'Retreat' is another churchy word, but a lovely one because it describes valuable time away from the busyness of life to regenerate and be restored. I thoroughly recommend it to anyone willing to give it a go.

I've learned from experience that a few minutes quiet time deliberately set aside every day, can work wonders. Try practising a few minutes of mindfulness with your children. Your village church is a place of peace and quiet and is open to everyone, every day. Do make use of it. Bring the children during the holidays. You might find God is there offering to re-create you. Many have found peace there. It might be just what you need too.

Would you like to take part in a themed Quiet Day / Retreat? If so let Revd Heather know.

With love and prayers,

Revd Heather

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

On 28th July Gill and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. I first met Gill in one of those discos where the lights show up dandruff and bra straps. That was 55 years ago. Gill soon went off to teacher training college in Liverpool and I concentrated on a finance career with Massey Ferguson.

We were married in July 1973 in Green Lane, Coventry and lived in our first home there until 1975 when I was moved to London where we

lived in Hampton. Gill continued her teaching career and I climbed the greasy pole of my career. In 1978 I was again moved, this time to Toronto. Gill moved out pregnant and we came back in 1981 with two gorgeous daughters.

We lived in Napton for another three years until I surprised Gill once again with a move to Des Moines, Iowa where we lived for, yes, another three years. Spending the years from 1985 to 1988 in the US was a memorable experience. Our girls were old enough to enjoy it and Gill led a life of enforced leisure being a "Resident Alien".

In 1988 we came back and lived in Northend where Gill resumed her teaching career. I eventually left Massey Ferguson for pastures new, and we moved to Tysoe 25 years ago, probably the best thing we ever did.

We may not fit the accepted norm these days, but we have been blessed to have enjoyed the last 50 very eventful years. We now enjoy an extended family with three wonderful grandchildren.

Having been snatched from the cradle by Gill was no bad thing and, as an institution, I can certainly recommend a long and happy marriage. We have been lucky and we both agree that living in Tysoe is undoubtedly one of the contributors to that luck.

David Roache, a lucky man.

HAPPY
Anniversary





AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN TYSOE

One of the drawbacks of living in an idyllic village like Tysoe is the high price of housing. This presents a problem for both our young and elderly residents. Many of our young residents have to leave the village to find homes they can afford whilst our elderly residents find it difficult to maintain larger family homes but have no, more affordable, alternatives within the village.

As part of the work carried out to produce our Neighbourhood Plan we conducted a Housing Needs Survey which indicated that up to 27 affordable homes were needed within the village. Assuming that the Cameron Homes application to develop land off Sandpits Road is eventually given permission this will provide 11 affordable homes leaving up to 16 still to be provided.

We have earmarked a sum of money (circa £400,000) levied by the District Council on previous developments in the village which could be used to part-fund a suitable development, but this needs to be utilised by the end of this year otherwise it will be lost to the village. However, finding a suitable site continues to be an insurmountable problem. Any site, to be suitable, must be walking distance from the village centre and, to be financially viable, must be obtainable at reasonable cost. The Parish Council has considered the site of the redundant Methodist Church but this is currently proving very difficult. We would be happy to consider any other suitable site and would welcome suggestions from residents. We need up to an acre of land.

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On Wednesday 14th June, we had the opportunity to hold our first house competition. It was so lovely to see all the children get fully involved in the archery competition and cheer each other on, showing some amazing sportsmanship.



It was a very close competition with Windmill winning with 35 points, Sunrising with 31 points and Edgehill with 26 points.

WINDMILL	SUNRISING	EDGEHILL
35	31	26

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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Carol Clark, our Treasurer, is a very gifted person, having just taught herself how to build a website for THRG - see page 14. In this piece she talks about her passion for researching family trees.

Me (aged about 6) - "Mum, do you have any brothers or sisters?" Mum - "Yes, Uncle X and Uncle Y". Me (with 500W lightbulb moment) - "Ohhh! so who's your Mummy and Daddy then ...?". Luckily Mum shared my interest, she'd kept a small suitcase full of papers, photos, and other bits and pieces, which I loved looking at.

Before the advent of computers, all family history research had to be done by writing letters or making personal visits to Record Offices, churches and so on, which was very slow going. The fact that I, and many others of my era kept going has to be testament to our devotion for our hobby. Now so much information is online, although it is as well to check. I have found my Clarks (common name) attached to the wrong family trees.

Through my paternal grandmother's Harris family, I discovered I'm related to several old Tysoe families. And with so many local families also inter-connected, I've extended my own family tree to include as many Oxhill & Tysoe families as I can find time to research; the combined structure now has over 8000 individuals.

My maternal four times great uncle from Devon was convicted at Exeter in 1830 for stealing a sheep and sentenced to death, later commuted to seven years transportation. The trial document describes his poverty and previous good character, the local vicar and eight villagers petitioned for his pardon. The poor fellow died in 1832 on board a prison hulk off Dartmouth prior to sailing to Australia. He left a wife and three young children, the youngest born at about the time of his conviction.

On mum's side, there was a history of affairs, illegitimate offspring among grandma's sisters, with three of the five children tragically dying young. Further back, I found a connection to the moderately wealthy Pontifex family of West Wycombe - how grandma would have loved that!

Carol Clark

TYSOE FOLK - GEORGE (PUDDING) HANCOX

Fifty yards beyond Badgers Lane on the Kinton Road you will see a small group of trees surrounded by a fence. It was here that George (known as Pudding) Hancox lived for several years in a hen house that local farmer Gerald Gibbs of Badgers Farm had transported from Stratford Market for him.

George worked cutting hedges and clearing ditches amongst other activities for local farmers, particularly for Miss June Ball of Tysoe Vale Farm. He was a very independent man with simple needs. He loved making little windmills from tins and cans that he cut open and on passing his hut, these could be seen and heard whirring merrily away.

Despite his austere existence, George was a well read man who could speak widely on a whole range of subjects. He was a regular member of the local chess club held at the Peacock. He would be seen languidly cycling to the pub, his cap set at a jaunty angle and a 'roll up' cigarette drooping like a willow branch from the corner of his mouth.

A wooden bridge over the ditch and a handrail provided access to his hut. The handrail was adorned with a reflector, no doubt an aid to safe arrival at his home on a dark evenings return from the Peacock.

Eventually father time caught up with Pudding and he moved into a small bungalow in the village, but was never as happy as he was in his hen house with his windmills for company.

Apparently the name 'Pudding' came from the old rhyme "Georgie, Porgie, Pudding and Pie" as there were four Hancox living in Tysoe when he was young, each of them was given a nickname.

Phil Walker



After 35 years living in a horse box in Tysoe (above), George ("Pudding") Hancox, 82, relaxes in the luxury of his new home (below), unbothered by the telephone. (Photos by Mark Williamson.)





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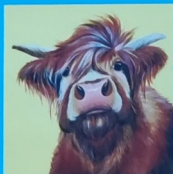


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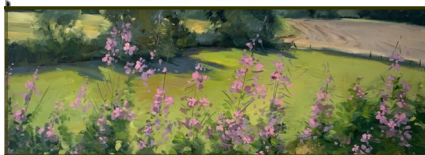
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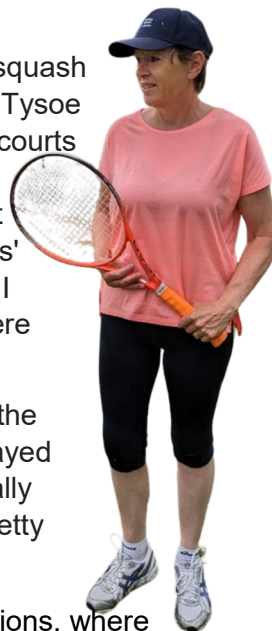


It's never too late to pick up a racquet! Catching up with Jackie Keyser

I played a little tennis at school, but then took up squash until I accepted that I was too old for it! Moving to Tysoe nine years ago, each summer I would look at the courts and think about how nice it must be to play in the fresh air and (sometimes) sunshine, but never got around to joining. Then, last year, 'Rusty Racquets' was announced, and, as I couldn't be any rustier, I joined and thoroughly enjoyed it, especially as there were players of my age and/or experience.

Since then I have joined the club, I participate in the practice sessions and, as I have a pulse, have played for the B team! I have always found everyone really supportive and helpful. The post match cake is pretty good too!

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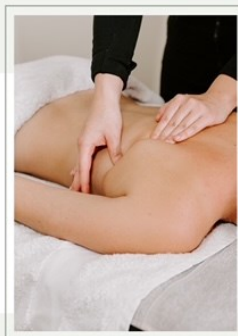
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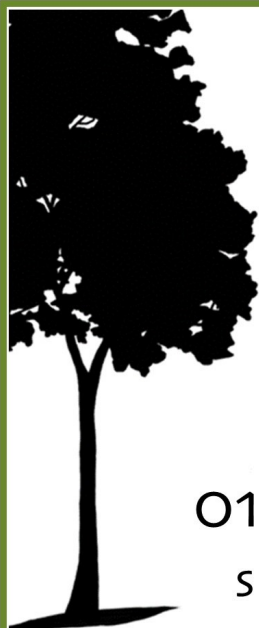
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