

# TYSOE & DISTRICT RECORD

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**In this issue we consider:**

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- **We visit the Garden Allotments with Alan Lomas**
- **Discover more hobbies, BIG ones and well-travelled ones**
- **And take a 'Trip Down Memory Lane' in a 1930 Lagonda**
- **.... All this plus our regular contributors!**

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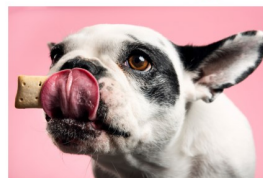
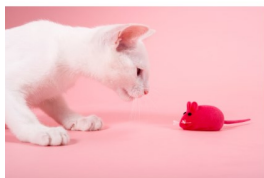
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**Money raised will go to  
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## VEGETABLE MATTERS

Excitement is building in the allotment. Not long to go now until the Tysoe Flower Show on Saturday 19th August. There are mutterings in the beds. Out in the far corner the beetroots are getting themselves worked up into a purple fury! Always moaning about something.

Meanwhile in the front two rows, the peas are feeling under pressure, their pods are reaching bursting point. It won't take much to make them go POP! If only they could be like the carrots in rows 3 and 4 - they're so laid back. "The Future is orange!" they keep saying. "We're working on our colour man. Just be cool."

On the back row, up against the wall, the runner beans are in training: tendrils curling, practising their breathing exercises and growing longer on the spot. There are fifteen in the team, but only ten will make it to selection. The rest will be left on the bench.

Team onion is a bit cocky. They know they are the cooks' favourite included in most recipes – chopped, sweated, fried in rings, grated in others. The more flavoursome the better. They are working on being the same size, shape and colour to take a red rosette.

And then there's the heavyweights: the marrows and pumpkins. A class apart! They grow so big the gardeners have to keep them separate, otherwise they'd send out their runners and arm-wrestle their next-door neighbour, given half a chance.

Moving on we get to the salads! Rows upon rows of lettuces: fresh, luscious greens, the taste of summer. But there's only room for one entry per person so the competition is intense.

So when you visit the marquee at the Flower Show, make sure you take a close look at the vegetables on display. . . there's more to them than meets the eye!

The Editor



# TYSOE



## FLOWER SHOW & FETE

Saturday 19th August 2023

from 1.00 pm

Cups to be presented at 4.30 pm

*featuring*

Suffolk Punch Horse Display  
SWWWC Gun Dog Display Team  
Charlbury Finstock Morris Dancers • Alpacas  
Martin Reed Farrier Display • Sheep Show  
Colin Hirons Dry Stone Walling Display  
Banbury Cross Archers • Shipston Bee Keepers  
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Shipston Town Band • Petticoat Lane  
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CAR PARKING - FREE



# TYSOE



## FLOWER SHOW & FETE

Saturday 19th August 2023  
from 1.00 pm

22 Any odd  
shaped  
vegetable



### SECTION A - VEGETABLES OPEN

#### ◀ CLASS 1 - TOP TRAY ▶

The TOP TRAY - three vegetables chosen from: Onions, potatoes, peas, runner beans, tomatoes, cauliflower, carrots and parsnips - see the Schedule for display details.



#### CLASS 6 - RUNNER BEANS ▶

#### ◀ CLASSES 2 - 4 POTATOES ▶

- 2 Collection of potatoes, 3 varieties x 3
- 3 Potatoes - kidney - coloured x 5
- 4 Potatoes - white round or oval x 5



#### ◀ CLASS 21 - GOURDS/ANY VEGETABLE ▶

21 Any vegetable not included in classes - up to 4 of one kind



#### CLASS 20 - BEETROOT ▶

20 Beetroot as grown 3 tops on



#### ◀ CLASS 24 - HEAVIEST MARROW ▶

### 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. Entry fee for class 1 = 80p, for all other classes 50p.

Then you bring your entry along to the marquee on the day of the Show between 8am - 10.45am.





Green fingered Gerald Hart

## PRIZE WINNING STORIES

Gerald Hart is a keen gardener and a former Flower Show Cup winner. The Record caught up with him to learn more about his Show experiences:

"I was in the big marquee when one of the regular exhibitors complained saying there was NO COMPETITION! So I thought *I'd show him*. The following year I put entries into every category and won the cup!

"I entered my courgettes twice one year, once under Sue's name, the other under mine. Sue won first prize and I came second. Another time a gent in the marquee was lifting his marrow on the display table. "That'll come second", I said "Why?" he asked. "Because I've got a bigger one!" I told him. My winning marrow was just over 20lbs and it grew on my compost heap!"



Faith Hall started showing 16 years ago. She is a regular prize winner. She began in the Home Produce section, there was no shortage of cake in her house! Next, she ventured into flower arranging. She grew a lot of her own flowers to keep costs down, sourcing dahlias and gladioli from reputable suppliers but even so had the odd surprise when her favourite gladioli 'Cream Perfection' turned out to be 'Green Star'. "There's plenty of watering, feeding and nurturing involved", she said. "You go into the garden the day before; right I've got three of those and three of those and you dig a whole row of potatoes to find five that are the same size. You can pull 3-5 rows of beetroot to get a matching set, (the same shape and circumference). You go round with a tape measure round your neck. You have to make sure you keep 'tops on' the veg. And when I started winning cups and trophies, it was as a result of all the hard work!"



Faith's winning veg tray



## ONE BIG HOBBY

As hobbies go, they don't get much bigger than an Aveling & Porter Steam Engine! Tysoe owner, Ryan Weston, attributes his love of steam to his grandfather who used to take him to steam rallies as a young lad.

Ryan is passionate about his oversized hobby. He knows all about its history, from how it was commissioned by William Elworthy in 1901, who put it to work in Taunton, Somerset. Then in the 1920s it was sold to the Derby family and spent the next 80 years in Cambridgeshire building roads. During World War II it was used to roll airfields.

A spell at Chivers Jam on one of their fruit farms came next, where it rolled the used preserve cans ready for recycling. Upon retiring, the engine was gifted to the Leys Boys School in Cambridge where it was used as a training engine for a boys' club at weekends. Ryan became the proud owner when it came up for sale after that.

Ryan made a noisy, hissing stop at the Peacock in Tysoe for a thirst quenching pint after taking the engine for a spin (or should that be a roll?) *You can see the Steam Engine at the Flower Show.* Editor



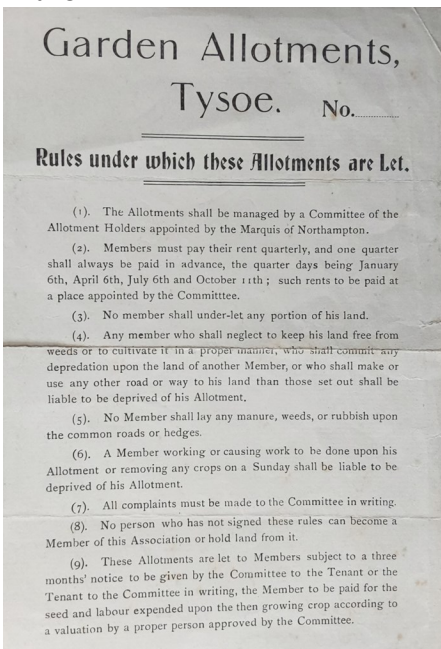


## GARDEN ALLOTMENTS, TYSOE

Not far from the medieval ridge and furrow fields in Tysoe, lie the Garden Allotments. Their history stretches back further than you might think. We spoke to Alan Lomas to find out more. His allotment association started when he was just three years old:

“My grandfather noticed that I liked digging holes in my father's garden, so he bought me a small spade and took me to his allotment where he let me dig holes. After a few visits he said, “don't you think it would be better to dig backwards rather than down?” so he got some of his plot cultivated for free.

My grandfather, Francis James Lomas, was one of the Marquess of



Northampton's agents for the allotments, as one of the longest-serving employees at Compton Wynyates. The agents had to pay the Marquess one lump sum of money for all the allotments, which then extended past the orchard right down to the ditch at the bottom of the field. The land there was blue and yellow clay and any new tenants started there. These were practice plots and if you made a good job there you were allowed a better plot as they became available. The agents were responsible for collecting the rent from each individual plot holder, if they collected all the money, they made a small profit.



They were also responsible for keeping all the boundary hedges tidy (all laid by hand), their bonus was to keep any spare wood for their fires. All the grass paths were cut with a scythe, no mowers back then. They also had to enforce the allotment rules which were quite strict (see facing page). Any new tenants were supplied with a plan of the allotments with their plot highlighted, this continues today.

My grandfather's allotment was roughly where the metal gate to the orchard is accessed from the public footpath, he had this plot for as long as I can remember until he passed away at the age of 88. My father's allotment was roughly where the orchard sheds are now, and I had my own plot next to his when I was still at junior school. I worked my own plot but also helped both my father and grandfather. We moved to where I am now more than forty years ago.

My father and I worked on our allotments together until covid struck and both my mother and father were classed as vulnerable and confined to their house. That was the end of my father's allotment career at the age of 89. During the covid lockdowns we were allowed to work our plots with government permission, as it was classed as food production and also our exercise.

Running an allotment is not easy. It takes many hours, especially if you want to keep it nice and tidy. We've seen lots of people come and go over the years, as they haven't appreciated the work involved. I've always loved working on the allotment and the exercise it provides, plus there's the added bonus of all the fresh vegetables. We eat everything in season and never buy any vegetables from the supermarket. I am in my 65th year in the allotments and hope to continue as long as my grandfather and father did, but you never know what the future holds."

It's wonderful to hear the allotments are thriving. It's always worth pausing to admire them as there's always a great deal to see, thanks to Alan and many others like him.

Matthew Harcourt



Allotment photos:  
Matthew Harcourt

## JACK OF ALL TRADES - MASTER OF NONE.



My first hobby started at the age of 13 in Denmark, when an old lady in the little town taught me CHINA PAINTING. Needless to say, I never finished the dinner service, I had intended to paint.

Moving to the UK someone thought, I might like making LAMPSHADES, which was very boring for a 20 year old. However older relatives liked the lampshades.



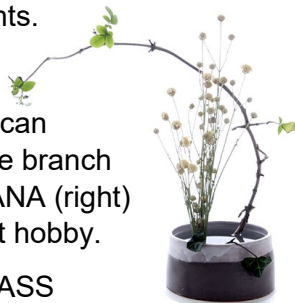
Later I had a go at covering old boxes and trays with embossed PEWTER. Again many benefited from these presents.



Then a move to Africa and I started WATER COLOUR painting of the African plants and bushes. The painting of the branch with coffee beans beat me! So IKEBANA (right) and MACRAME (left) took over that hobby.



Switzerland offered a course in GLASS ENGRAVING at the famous glass factory in Hergiswill. Good fun and useful for personal presents.



In Singapore I tried my hands at making SILK FLOWERS. What a slow process that was. First cutting petals and leaves. Then painting the silk cut outs. These are then ironed/pressed into shape, etc. My mother was eventually presented with a bunch of silk sweet peas.



I was happy to return to England and take up FLOWER ARRANGING and GARDENING.

Still, Jack of all trades, master of none. . . . . that's me!

Karen Baylis



As I walked around my garden and with my advancing years, there was a familiar plant name that I could not recall. Using an 'app' my 20-year-old grandson had got for me, I was able to photograph it on my iPhone and identify it as fuchsia.

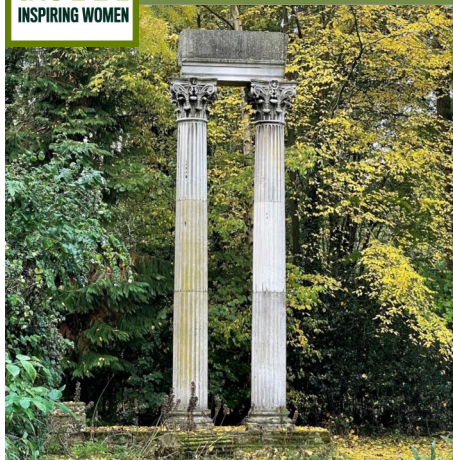
This simple act reminded me of all the gardening books, and other books of the natural world together with sets of different encyclopedia languishing on my dining room shelves, rarely opened.

It also took me back to my childhood in London in the 1950s sitting in a classroom surrounded by Shell Guides on Nature. These would cover subjects such as trees, shrubs, bushes, various wild plants amongst many other features of nature, e.g. The Country Code.

Like me, do you remember the excellent "I-Spy" series produced by 'The News Chronicle', the children's paper at the time? Once again the books covered a variety of topics from trees, birds, butterflies, to cars. As most children lived on three (old) pennies pocket money each week, at one penny per book most of us would have a handful. In each copy, there would be a number of sketches (no photographs) and you were required to note where and when you had seen these items. When all the items were ticked, you could send the book to the publisher who would send a large feather in return. If you completed all the books in the series, you would have enough for a chieftain's head-dress! Needless-to-say not many of us were wearing those.

What we did learn about the world around us has stayed for a lifetime. So, I can still recognise: ash, oak, sycamore, horse chestnut, weeping willow and many more common trees; as well as Queen Anne's Lace, hawthorn, dock leaves, burdock, crab apples, etc; Red Admiral, Cabbage White and Common Blue butterflies. Now we rely on Apps!

Mark Sinclair



Our speaker for July was Cherith Lowry who had travelled from Harlow in Essex to speak to us about the garden where she is a volunteer.

Cherith told us that the Gibberd Garden is an inspirational and fascinating Grade II listed garden. Created between 1957 and 1984 by Sir Frederick Gibberd, Master Planner of Harlow New Town and leading post-war architect, it is

acknowledged to be one of the most important 20th century gardens in the country.

The garden occupies 9 acres of a 14 acre site on the side of a small valley, sloping down to the Pincey Brook. It is full of sculptures and what Sir Frederick called 'decorative objects', including ceramic pots and items of architectural salvage. It has lawns, pools, streams and glades, a dramatic mature lime avenue, a brookside walk, a wild garden, an arboretum and a moated castle with a drawbridge.

In making his garden Sir Frederick fulfilled his ambition to create a work of art. It is loved and admired by garden designers, professional gardeners and the many visitors who are captivated by its unique atmosphere.

The garden can be hired for private events such as wedding receptions, parties, concerts etc as well as being open to the public on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Cherith said the garden is well worth a visit if you are near Harlow as it combines stunning design with whimsical humour. It is a garden to make you smile.

Eileen Mann, WI President

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## IN MEMORIAM

Ruth, Pam and Sally are sad to announce the passing of their sister Janet (Walton) on 15th June 2023 in Cornwall. Janet grew up on the family farm in Lower Tysoe and attended the village school and Kington High School. She then embarked on her lifetime career as a nurse, seven years of which were with the RAF. She settled in Cornwall 40 odd years ago but always returned to Tysoe to see family and friends. She will be sadly missed.

J. Gardner

## PRIZE WINNERS IN ST.MARY'S RESTORATION 200 CLUB

### APRIL

1st 8. 2nd 140. 3rd 15.  
4th 69.

### MAY

1st 127. 2nd 165. 3rd  
67. 4th 40.

### JUNE

1st 30. 2nd 64. 3rd 168.  
4th 8.



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### Offer Two: Traybake

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Small was £17.50 now **£14.88**,

Large was £32 now **£27.20**

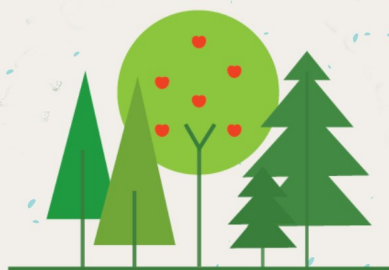


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## MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE IN TYSOE



On 19th July, a group of us walked around the Tysoe wildlife sites. This included St Mary's Churchyard, School Lane, the margins of the playing fields, the 'triangle' at the junction of Sandpits Road and Oxhill Road and the Island on Shipston Road. All the areas we've been working on



have acquired new species of wildflower this year. In the churchyard and School Lane this includes Wild Carrot, Musk Mallow, St John's Wort, Hedge Bedstraw and there is a welcome increase in Betony and Lady's Bedstraw (by a gravestone) in the churchyard. Whilst many of them aren't strictly wildflowers, the display in the 'triangle' has been particularly spectacular recently – many thanks to David Sewell for starting the initiative. We had a discussion about what to do there next year.

We're now in the period when butterflies are most abundant, David and others have observed a range of species in the verges and they have increased in number in the churchyard, especially Meadow Brown and Small White butterflies. Elsewhere Marbled Whites seem to be doing well.

One of the aims of the wildflower areas is to increase the amount of insect food for birds, bats and other wildlife. The Warwickshire Bat Group recently installed bat recorders in two locations in the parish – in gardens in Lower Tysoe and Westcote. Bats can be identified by the high frequency sounds they make whilst flying. The main species in both locations were Common Pipistrelles, but there were also Noctules and Soprano Pipistrelles. There were more species at Westcote, including Barbastelles, which are a rare species that do occur in surveys around the county. There were 200 identifiable sequences of bat sounds in Lower Tysoe over a week. For comparison, a bat detector in a wildflower meadow near Henley in Arden recorded nearly 10,000 sequences over a similar period. Lots of insect food there!

Rosemary Collier

## DOWN ON THE FARM - MILL FARM



It's the usual story with farming, you could do with rain in one field but need it dry for others. We planted kale which badly needs moisture to get it going, but we are now held up with haymaking with unsettled weather.

Because of my age and commitments, we put the farm into the mid-tier stewardship scheme to get a grant for low input/low output farming. This means keeping the stock at a lower level than normal and restricting the use of artificial fertiliser and chemicals. This is all to help the environment, wildlife and water quality, although the cattle do go to the brook to drink.

We lambed 110 ewes in April, with the invaluable help of Jane Ingram, and keep about 20 ewe lambs back from the previous year to be tupped for the first time, changing the tups of course to avoid interbreeding.

We have about 40 cattle of various ages which are the fairly rare Lincoln Red breed which suits us because of easy calving and the fact they thrive on basic rations. Also, I love the deep red colour of them.



For the first time in history we have not grown any corn due to the wet weather in March and April, so my 1961 combine harvester will get a rest this year from the perilous journey up and down Tysoe Hill!

Sam Belcher and I did all our own shearing this year, avoiding the expense of contractors. Unfortunately, these days wool does not make any profit at all. We have also replanted a new hedge and fenced it, had two ponds cleaned out and re-laid some hedges as part of the scheme. Lastly, we intend to replace a tumbledown hovel with a new building.

Michael Gibbs





## WOT A HARVEST!

Harvesting the summer soft fruit is in full swing! It is early this year due to the lovely warm spell after lots of rain, but no doubt the rather cooler, wet and windy period will slow things down.

We have had red and white currants, raspberries, gooseberries, tayberries, loganberries, blueberries and blackcurrants as usual, with a good crop. Even the summer raspberries are producing good fruit, despite having fewer plants. The big bonus this year is the cherries! After investing in fleece sleeves to cover them we've been able to enjoy the crop, rather than the birds beating us to it. Well worth it as they are delicious.

The trees have a good amount of fruit, so we are thinning them to encourage larger but fewer fruits. Still a few more weeks until to the first pickings. But apart from the apples, the harvest looks a lot less than last year's bumper crops.

Special thanks to Liz Atkinson for her excellent reports from the Orchard over the past decade.

If you would like to help, contact the WOT team: Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) or visit:

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



## FRUIT PICKERS' HARVEST!

Despite the showers things are growing well in the Orchard. This was the result of a morning's pickings. It was distributed amongst those Orchard members that wanted fruit and the rest was taken to the local care homes.

**Make a note - APPLE DAY is on 14th October when you can join in the apple harvest.**

## CREAM TEAS AND JAZZ

On Sunday 2nd July at 2pm, Jazz 59 began their first number and the garden started to fill with people in celebration of **National Thank You Day 2023**.

Originally we set the limit at 40, but somehow we landed up serving 74 cream teas, including the band and helpers! Using the opportunity for a fundraiser, we raised a wonderful £600, which will go towards running our dementia carer support service. The scones were delicious - thank you Tysoe W.I. and Claire at Shipston Lodge.

The music was great, Jazz 59 were joined by guest vocalist Ruby Lamont aka Julie one of the lovely nurses at Shipston Lodge. The weather behaved and we all had a lovely afternoon, all the stress of trying to find enough chairs and mugs was soon forgotten.

Heather and Paul Dowler

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

**MUSIC For Dementia**

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## MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S

My three month sabbatical was an opportunity for reflection, for rest and to re-energise. At the end of April, I set off to the Scottish Borders to walk St Cuthbert's Way, a 62 mile path



from Melrose to Holy Island. Lindisfarne (Holy Island) is off the Northumbrian coast and at the mercy of the wind and tides. Not an ideal place to live and work you might think, but in 634AD, when Oswald became king of Northumberland he invited an Irish monk, Aidan, to become Bishop of Lindisfarne. He wanted help to turn his people from their pagan roots and embrace Christianity.

Unfortunately, the weather was not kind and, although I walked over 100 miles during the four weeks of my pilgrimage, I did not cover every step of St Cuthbert's Way. However, I did walk over to Holy Island, when the tide was out, using one of the two ways onto the island (see above).

I imagined how the first pilgrims must have felt. They didn't have the neat row of poles showing them the way to avoid the quicksand, or the refuge points to climb into when the tide rushes in, as it does very swiftly. Nor did they have nice Gore-Tex waterproof and wind-proof clothing.

I can picture them carrying the essentials for survival and probably using a staff to test the ground on their way. It makes the challenges we face today seem insignificant, even before we consider the very austere life they must have faced when they reached the island.

At the end of my sabbatical, I returned to the thought of those first monks who were open to challenges or opportunities or new ideas, and pray that I may embrace the love that beckons, that calls us to risk all, seize the moment and live with God in these villages where we are all invited to be part of his community.

God bless  
George

Revd George Heighton

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## AUGUST DATES - BANK HOLIDAY ON 28th AUGUST

	<b>Every Friday</b>	Food waste collection 4, 11 18, 25
	<b>4, 18</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Green</b> bin collection
	<b>11</b>	Black bin collection
	<b>Every Friday</b>	Tysoe Dementia Café, 10am -12 noon, Tysoe Village Hall
	<b>Friday 4</b>	Friday Lunch Club in the Village Hall - contact Marion 680584 / Nicola 680058
	<b>Holidays</b>	Parish Council taking a well earned summer break!
	<b>Tuesday 1, 22</b>	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall
	<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Free coffee morning, St Mary's 9am -12 noon



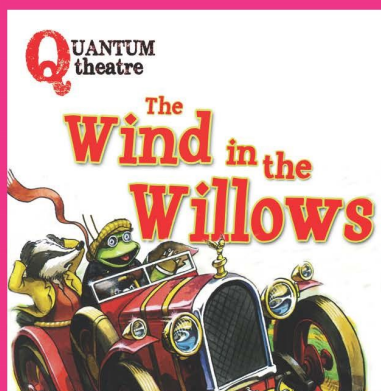
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## COSTUME DAY, STRATFORD, 20 AUGUST.

Stratford and festivals are two words which just go. Add the RSC and you're on to a winner! The company is hosting a one-day take-over of Bancroft Terrace and Gardens to



celebrate its top notch costume-making heritage. There'll be free performances, workshops, exhibitions and activities, plus a silent disco and craft market – literally something for everyone. After your festival fill, head over to the newly reopened Riverside Café for a glass of something chilled and a slice of homemade cake. To find out more go to: <https://www.rsc.org.uk/threads/costume-day>.

## STRATFORD BUTTERFLY FARM, NEW EXHIBITIONS



Better put your fear of creepy crawlies to one side, as kids will love spending the day with scorpions, spiders and snakes – not just butterflies. The Farm (which has just won the **Muddy Award for Best Family Attraction**), is also home to a 1,000 litre

aquarium filled with tropical fish and two Capricorn beetles, which were thought to be extinct until recently. For more information visit: <https://www.butterflyfarm.co.uk/attraction/>



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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

In July the Parish Council meeting heard a short talk from Nick Hull, Tysoe's Parish Warden for the Cotswolds AONB. He and his team have made repairs to the Parish's footpaths and will be continuing to do so with the help of the Parish Council.

There is information in the District Councillor's report, posted on the Parish Website [www.tysoe.org.uk](http://www.tysoe.org.uk), for any residents in need of help with paying bills.

Councillors have been discussing distressing traffic incidents within the village boundary, one involving a motorcyclist who is currently in intensive care. County Councillor Mills is working with WCC Highways to advise road users of the dangers, and Councillors, together with volunteers, are looking at speeding vehicles in the village.



Councillors wished to thank Gareth Attwell for fixing the broken picnic benches on the Recreation Ground, more work is being undertaken to repair some areas of the Children's play area.

The Parish Council is working with several groups to help others in the community access activities i.e. Lunch Club and Dementia Café. Do you know of someone who might be lonely, who might benefit from some help accessing the internet or enjoy a cup of coffee now and then? These are the people we are hoping to reach.

Finally, the Parish Council is still looking for land to build affordable homes for local people within the village, as agreed in Tysoe's Neighbourhood Development Plan, available on the Tysoe Parish Website.

There is no meeting scheduled for August. September's meeting will be held on Monday 11th. Enjoy the summer break everyone.

Charmaine Swift  
Tysoe Parish Clerk/RFO

## TYSOE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - COOKING CLUB

Cooking Club started this term at Tysoe School and we aim to continue in the Autumn Term. The plan is to use produce from our newly acquired raised beds in the future.

This term Cooking Club has made, and taken home to eat, cheese straws, scones, pizzas, chocolate chip shortbread, fruit salad and smoothies.

As you can see, the children have had great fun trying out recipes and tasting the results.





Tysoe Children's Group is a charity which relies heavily on fundraising efforts and donations from our community. Our Trustees and many parents, past and present, have done a fantastic job raising money throughout the year. We are now looking to form an official Fundraising Committee to amplify our efforts: support local events and help us plan and run an event next year to mark our **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**.

## FUNDRAISING committee

We are looking for people with a variety of skills and experiences to join our fundraising group. If you would like to learn more and can spare a couple of hours a month to meet, then we'd love to hear from you. Please contact [fundraising@tysoechildrengroup.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@tysoechildrengroup.co.uk)

Below are examples of where our fundraising efforts have gone over the past year, (see our Facebook for videos). Our goal, over the next 12 months, is to upgrade the outside space for our children.





## A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Without the imagination and kindness of our friends Ben and Christine, this 'trip down memory lane' would never have been possible. I cannot thank them both enough.



I am sure we have all had unforgettable experiences in our lives and I am no exception. Sitting behind the wheel of my 1929 fabric-bodied Lagonda and driving through the Sussex countryside was mine! You never forget the smell of the engine, the exciting throb of the exhaust and the regular battle with the gate change gears, together these things make up a wonderful and unforgettable experience in a car that was both a challenge and a delight to drive. As a young man with changing priorities that car had to go - a sad day indeed.

A long time has passed since the 1950's and memories tend to fade. A trip down memory lane began when I was invited to see what was 'outside the house'. I was speechless! There, gleaming in the July sunshine, engine happily throbbing was a most beautiful 1930 Lagonda, complete with Lagonda Owner's Club member John Sword waiting to show off the car and go for a spin. It was glorious!

T.H.W Ashby (Bob)



## WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? - THE HIRONS FAMILY

“Marry an archaeologist because the older you get the more interested in you they become”, so goes the old joke. The same goes for my thought process towards family history, the oral history I heard as a youngster now seems important.

The family name has been associated with Tysoe for hundreds of years, I believe the oldest gravestone found in St Mary’s was Paule Hirons (buried 1671). Oral history said there was a black sheep in the family and the spelling of the name was changed to distance the family from the scandal. After doing some research it becomes obvious that spelling wasn’t important in 1600 or 1700. In one branch of the family the spelling was different at three of the christenings.

However scandal was present in 1810 when Elizabeth, born to Sarah, was described as illegitimate. Then again in 1811 Sarah had another illegitimate daughter Hannah. Different terminology was used such as ‘single parent’ (very forward thinking of them) to ‘bastard child’. Infant mortality was high and it was common for most families to lose one or two babies/young children. Names seem to get recycled, William, Thomas and Richard were common. Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary also.

Where stated, jobs seem to be passed down the family-line from farmer to labourer and carrier. In later years more varied jobs crept in, such as in 1851: sawyer, brickmaker, gamekeeper, nail-maker. Fortunes were very varied from Richard Hirons paying taxes for three hearths in 1671, to Thomas Hirons (age 78) found in the Shipston workhouse in 1851.

The Hirons name crops up in all the local villages: Oxhill, Whatcote, Shenington, Wroxton, Horley and Ratley. Many of these villages I now work in and I often wonder where my ancestors lived and worked. Were they people I would have liked? If you could time travel would we survive in their world? What would they make of ours?

Facts and dates are a good record, but a story would bring them to life. So I would encourage everybody to write their story, it will be interesting in time to come.

Colin Hirons

## LOCAL CHARACTER - THEODORE LAMB (1880 – 1950)

Although not a Tysoe man, Theodore was a frequent visitor to the village. For many years until he died in 1950, he lived as a recluse in a shack on Sibford Heath. A skilled watch and clock repairer, he also repaired pots and pans. Theodore plied his trade around the local villages and people said they could always hear him coming because he rode a bicycle without tyres. Behind the bicycle he towed his trailer complete with brazier and fire.



He played various musical instruments and posed for photographs for which he charged a fee of half a crown (12.5p). He always paid for his small needs, although when his clothing, which was often made from sacks, became less than decent he was banned from Banbury and had to wait at the door of the village shop to be served. He was always totally honest and completely harmless despite his appearance. (I suppose he could be called a latter-day Hagrid from Harry Potter.) He was said to cover his body with lard in the winter to stave off the cold weather.

He was an immensely strong man and once pulled a chicken hut for many miles from Banbury to Sibford. It took him several days.

When he was a child, he witnessed his father fatally falling from a tree whilst fruit gathering. It is thought this caused him to choose the life he did, however another theory is that he was crossed in love.

He eventually contracted pneumonia and died, aged 70, in Banbury hospital, the nurses respecting his request not to cut his long matted hair – he said it would spoil his appearance! Money which he had entrusted to the vicar was sufficient to pay for his funeral, attended by many paying their last respects to a long-to-be-remembered local character. He is buried in the Friends cemetery in Sibford.

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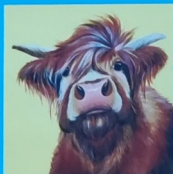


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### Great news for budding young tennis players!

As part of our commitment to ensure tennis is accessible for all, Tysoe Tennis Club is once again able to offer 4 x FREE junior coaching sessions for any primary school aged children - see below.

In addition, we will be running **Tennis Summer Camps** through our partnership with Tennisolutions. These will also operate on the same dates: Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August and include multi-skill fun, games and tennis based skills. The timings for these sessions will be from 10.00-15.00. Again, full details and prices are on the Tysoe Tennis Club website.

Happy Summer Holiday Tennis!

For more information about our social tennis sessions, where anyone can come along visit the website or contact Carol Spencer, our Club Secretary on email: carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk

**[www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk)**



Tysoe Tennis Club is holding 4 x **FREE Junior Coaching Sessions** for primary school aged children from **3.30pm-4.30pm on Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August.**

These are open to members and non-members and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Non-members should be from Tysoe or attend Tysoe Primary School. All equipment provided – just tennis shoes or plimsolls and suitable sports kit are required. **Booking is essential**, to request a booking form email [elaine.thorne@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.thorne@btinternet.com). For more information, please contact Elaine by email or call 07842 185701.



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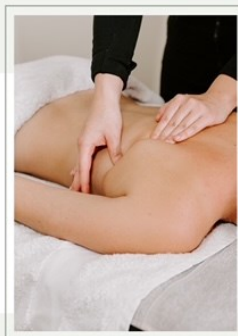
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