

# **TYSOE & DISTRICT RECORD**

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<h2>#TysoeSupportsUkraine</h2>	

### Helping Animals In UKRAINE

Following a successful day at the Tysoe Flower Show & Fete, the team raised £420 with activities such as crafts, face painting, tombola, raffle, lucky dip, dog treats and much, much more....

The raffle was a particular favourite, and it was interesting to see that our winners came from far afield to visit the show: 1st Prize – John from Adderbury; 2nd Prize – Chris from Tysoe; 3rd Prize – Margaret from Long Compton; 4th Prize – Pam & Bill from Stratford upon Avon.

Shirley and I would like to give a huge thanks to the Flower Show Committee, Jane Ellis for her time and amazing face painting skill, Glebe Farm (Brailes) for the generous gift of sunflowers and for all the other items kindly donated. Not forgetting the hard work from the ladies in the #TysoeSupportsUkraine team.

We continue to build the fund, which is in aid of two of the most active animal rescue groups working in Ukraine (Breaking the Chains and KARG), with more funds anticipated soon. We hope to be able to report on a final figure and let you know where the monies have gone.

Beki Benjamin



**WOW, WOW, WOW** – what a show it was! A show with something for everyone from the young to the “not so young” and all ages in between.

The main attraction – the Show Marquee – was host to a fabulous display of colour with folk from near and far displaying their garden produce, home produce, arts and crafts, photography and children’s masterpieces for all to see.

For the first time this year we welcomed the CCOTS choir singing a beautiful selection of songs opening the afternoon’s main arena attractions, followed by the first of two spectacular displays by the Gateridge Suffolk Punch horses and the very popular SWWW Gun dog display all wrapped up with the children’s races, closely followed by the presentation of the Show Trophies.

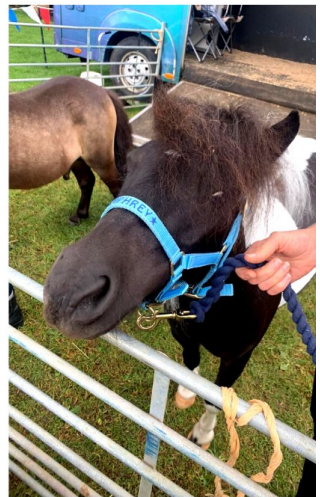
Delicious tea and cake were available from our lovely WI ladies who again put on a magnificent display to tease the tastebuds along with burgers, fries, etc. being provided by our very local Happy Herefords and delicious ice cream from Ridgways Ice Cream.

As always the popular dog show attracted many four legged friends and their owners to parade the ring; a multitude of stalls selling their wares from candle makers to walking stick makers, plants to bug-houses and many more besides. A fabulous display of restored vintage cars and tractors also attracted many punters.

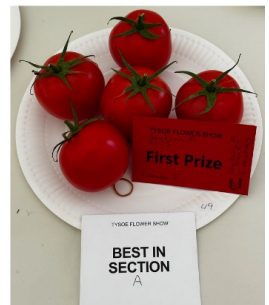
Should any profits be made from the show these are distributed to village charities/organisations so if you would like your charity/organisation to be considered please do apply to the committee c/o 7 Avon Avenue, Tysoe as soon as possible.

The flower show committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the show the success it was, and (almost) lastly the general public for attending. Should you want to be involved with next year’s show on Saturday 17th August 2024 do come along to the AGM at 8pm Tuesday 17th October at Tysoe Village Hall

**TYSOE FLOWER SHOW TEAM**







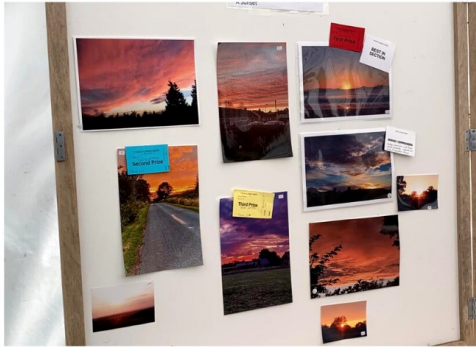


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## CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL!

<b>Award</b>
Trophy for most points section A
Best Exhibit section A
Trophy for most points section B
Best Exhibit section B
Trophy for most points section C
Best exhibit Section C
Faith Hall trophy - heaviest pumpkin Class 25
Trophy for best vase of sweet peas in show
Needham trophy for best vase of roses
Howard Butcher trophy for best vase of Gladioli
Rex Oliver trophy for best vase for best vase of Dahlias
Digweed trophy - best exhibit Class 76
Trophy to winner - novices flower arranging Class 79
Cup for the most points D
Sue Russell cup for best exhibit in section D Floral Art
Trophy for Class 80 Tysoe Residents
Trophy for most points section E
Cup for best exhibit section E
Deborah Williams Honeypot for most points in honey classes
Shipston Beekeepers Novice award
Dorothy Messer cup for the outstanding bottle of wine
David Goodenough cup for the most points
The Vicarage cup for the best liqueur Class 115
Tysoe WI Lyn Hicks memorial cup for best exhibit in section H
David Sewell cup for the best exhibit Section I
Best Photo Child
Best Photo Adult
Joan and Gerald Butcher trophy for the best root vegetable
Monica Lomas award for best effort in children's section
Banbury Marquee hire cup for best exhibit
The Littlewood cup for best exhibit in the show
Jack King trophy for the exhibitor who has made the best effort

## ... AND THE FLOWER SHOW WINNERS FOR 2023 ARE:

Details	Number	Winner
Vegetables		Pete Butcher
	49	Mrs R J Peachey
Flowers		Pete Butcher
	102	Diane Thorne
Local residents		J Butcher
	50	Mr R E Peachey
Class 25	91	Pete Butcher
	91	Pete Butcher
	26	Sharon Parton
	102	Diane Thorne
	50	Mr R E Peachey
Class 76	27	Henry Parton
Class 79	85	Miranda Forrester
Section D Floral Art		Faith Hall
Section D	26	Sharon Parton
Tysoe residents only	86	Faith Hall
Home produce		Jenny Tongue
Home Produce	41	Bridget Norton
section F		Douglas Netherclef
section F	0	0
Section G	31	Stephen Thorndale
Classes 112-114		Andy Deller
Section G class 115	50	Mr R E Peachey
Section H	102	Diane Thorne
Section I	75	Harrison Cooper
	97	Guillaume Lepeltier
	47	Ben Viollet
Section A-C	49	Mrs R J Peachey
Section I	97	Guillaume Lepeltier
Sections D-J	26	Sharon Parton
	49	R J Peachey
Sections A-J	7	Matt Warmington

## TYSOE WILDLIFE / FARMING ACTIVITY WEEK

At the workshop 7-11 August the children learnt about the different sorts of farming in and around Tysoe and where our food comes from. Every morning had a different theme: Monday saw a visit to see sheep with farmer Brian; Tuesday was all about soil and the wonder of worms; Wednesday arable farming and bread making; Thursday chickens and ducks were in the churchyard; Friday finish at Happy Herefords for a 'Hidden Cow' treasure hunt.



Visiting the sheep and learning about their lifecycle.



Chickens in the churchyard, from Cotswold Chickens.



Feeding cattle at Happy Herefords.



Our brilliant team



You couldn't make a jam sandwich without farmers



Learning about worms and making a worm hotel.



Our finale - singing Old Macdonald had a farm.

As a thank you for hosting us, there was a presentation about the farming week at St Mary's Sunday service. Lucy, Martha and Albert told the congregation about their personal highlights; Lucy loved the craft activities best, Martha enjoyed the science experiment about the four stomachs of a cow, while her brother Albert loved pinning the carrot nose on the scarecrow. We had some terrific feedback from parents. Sarah and Huw Crossweller wrote: "The enthusiasm for all things food and farming has been infectious. A huge and heartfelt thanks for providing our children with such a wonderful week."

Shirley and Rosemary, Tysoe Wildlife



## BREAD MAKING WITH SARAH

The Children's workshop was very fortunate to watch Sarah from the Corner Cottage Bakery give a bread making demonstration. The ingredients for her \*award-winning sour dough bread are: flour, water, yeast and salt – no additives or improvers. \*(She came second in Britain's Best Bread Competition in April this year). She takes great pride in sourcing locally, most of the flour comes from

Matthews Cotswold Flour, but the flour for her champion loaf was made from wheat grown around Wellesbourne, milled at Charlecote Mill, Hampton Lucy and baked at the Kineton bakery, registering under 8 food miles in total.

Sarah started life as a baker in Blackburn, Lancashire where she worked for ten years, before going back to college, then university. She spent the next 20 years in academia but after being made redundant, her partner



spotted the shop for sale in Kineton which she thought would make the perfect bakery. It was opened in April 2021, she now has a team of nine and is looking for alternative premises to open another!

There was no shortage of offers to taste Sarah's bread. Many of the children said "It's the best bread I've ever tasted!" Why not give it a try! For more information and opening times visit:

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





What could be nicer than resting in the shade of a parasol in the Peacock beer garden, a glass of chilled fruity cider in hand on a hot languid summer afternoon, accompanied by a sizzling sausage with sweet caramelised onions tumbling out of the bread roll?..... Perhaps also keeping an eye on the cricket scores as England trounced Australia on day 4 of their bid to regain the Ashes!

Alas, the weather gods decreed otherwise. It rained and it rained, such a disappointment. Nevertheless there was a decent turnout from the Tysoe faithful to support the festival; a joint venture by Jan at the Peacock and Monica from Happy Herefords.



Holly and Phil kept us entertained with a set of laid back summer songs to cheer the heart, despite the rainfall.

There were twelve different, very tasty sausages, a range of cocktails and ten ciders to choose from. Who knew there was such variety? Fanny's Bramble was a particular favourite!



So, although the weather might have let us down, there were lots of smiles and full tummies!

Alison Cross



## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE (for the early 1800s) \*

The Committee met as usual on Friday in the church vestry, chaired by the Rev Seagrave. Those present were the Churchwardens, the Overseers and several self-elected parish land owners. The main business concerned disbursements to the poor, the unemployed, the sick and the elderly. Many were to be housed with others: John Dodd was to go to William Hawtin who would give him a guinea, and the parish would clothe him. Similarly, William Mole was to go to Edward Watts. With regard to the unemployed: a man and his wife would receive five shillings, six shillings if they had one child and seven shillings if they had two. Rent was agreed on three cottages in Middle Tysoe and John Edwards was to receive ten shillings towards his rent. Help was also to be given to Sarah Caldicott of Upper Tysoe who was to be sent as an apprentice to Mr Smart at the cotton mills at Guyscliff in Warwick.

The Committee is working with coal merchants for a hundred tons of coal to be ordered from Banbury and Warwick at 18d per cwt and delivered by the 12<sup>th</sup> August to the Tysoe wharf. Concerns regarding the cost of parish bread and the amount of flour required for the parish loaves were to be looked into carefully.

The Committee has been happy to appoint surgeons Meads and Shelswell at a salary of four and a half guineas per year to provide care and medicines but with extra fees for treating venereal disease, dislocations or broken limbs and midwifery. The Constable for Upper Tysoe was now to be George Ainge, for Church Tysoe William Page and for Lower Tysoe Daniel Walton.

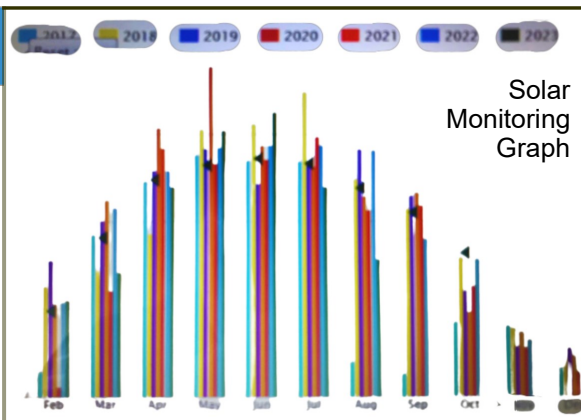
Issues regarding stone repairs to the turnpike road were deferred to a later date.

\*These selected extracts from Vestry Committee records are from between 1800 – 1826 and have been transcribed by Sue Hancox whose commentary will appear on the THRG website (<http://tysoehistory.org.uk>) from September (adapted here by John Hunter for the Tysoe Heritage Research Group—THRG)

## WEATHER REPORT

We always talk about it because it is so variable. Most of us think about it in terms of temperature, rain and wind and the impact they have on everyday life. I also think of it in terms of sunlight hours and water availability these days.

So although the August heatwave last year was exceptional it did not produce as much solar energy as you would expect because the angle of the sun is declining at that time of year. June this year produced a record for June over the last 7 years, but nowhere near May 2020's record on our roof! The second important measure is water availability. In June this year and August last year our harvested rainwater ran out. We had 7,500 litres available. It ran out in 2018 too.



The interesting thing is our response to these events. In terms of water harvesting we have added another 1000 litres of storage (we have added 750 litres at the WOT2Grow orchard as well). After the 1930s dust bowl in the States, they changed the ploughing practice to under stubble plough or 'stubble mulching'. This reduced the loss of the topsoil due to wind erosion. Mulching instead of digging (well I'm getting too old to dig as much anyway!) seems like another useful move therefore.

With the heat in June and the rain in July we have had good fruit crops such as cherries, plums, raspberries and blueberries (these were fried by last August's heatwave). Green vegetable crops have grown well this year, such as beetroot, cabbages, calabrese, carrots, cauliflowers and runner beans. Fed by the high humidity (even on Flower Show day) the potatoes succumbed to blight by early August. The farmers have been dashing through the narrow windows of dry weather day and night to get the harvest in! There is always much to do.

Mike and Sue Sanderson

## TYSOE FOOTPATHS UPDATE

July and August have seen good progress with the footpath waymark posts being refreshed to make footpaths easier to spot around the village. Over 100 posts have been cleaned and repainted with yellow paint, some new arrow discs added and around a dozen posts have been unearthed from ditches and refixed.



Part of the Centenary Way national path comes through the parish and we get a lot of long distance walkers using our paths in the summer months – over 50 on some weekends. Tysoe was previously known as something of a blackspot, particularly the section from Whatcote to Tysoe. The Centenary Way near to Whatcote actually falls in Compton Wynyates parish and is still not easy to navigate but the Tysoe section is much clearer this year and is well-used by local walkers from near the church across the fields up to Edgehill or around to Hopkins Farm.



The network of paths from the school through to Badgers Lane in Lower Tysoe is now well signed and cleared of thorns around gates. The overgrown section of bridlepath SS32/4 from the road just past Red Horse Close was cleared with a brushcutter team in August and now forms a pleasant alternative circular walk back from Lower Tysoe to Middle Tysoe.

Another key part of walks in Lower Tysoe - SS35 from the Lane End corner through to the network of paths in the fields behind Fountains Farm - has been cleared of overhanging blackthorn and the alleyway trimmed back, thanks to efforts by the landowner.



A team from Cotswold Voluntary Wardens (CVW) also cleared a 1-mile section of the Centenary Way path of undergrowth from Sun Rising Hill to King John's Lane in August and the entire path from below Old Lodge Farm through to the pub at Edgehill is now free of vegetation. A lot of ash was cleared last summer by the Upton Estate and, if you haven't been along this stretch in a while, there are now some fantastic new views opened up over to Stratford – try it out for a walk this autumn. CVW is organising **a guided walk along this section on Friday 15 September from Upton House car park, OX15 6HT**. Meet at 9.45am for an interesting 5 mile walk along to Edgehill. To book a place please call 0344 249 1895 or email [niventquery@capita.co.uk](mailto:niventquery@capita.co.uk)

**Join our volunteers!** All this maintenance work is carried out by weekly volunteer work party teams organised by CVW who cover the huge area from Edgehill to Charlbury to carry out this type of footpath conservation within the AONB and supplement the work done by Warwickshire and Oxfordshire County Councils. Work parties take place on Wednesday mornings and if you feel you could offer some practical help, join a growing team of friendly volunteers and put something back into your local countryside, then please get in touch.

Nick Hull  
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[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

August is traditionally the month in which we hold our Summer Afternoon Tea in the fragrant surroundings of Liz Percival's garden. This year, being mindful of the awful, wet, unseasonal weather we took out an insurance policy and booked the Village Hall...*just in case*.



How wise we were! The day dawned dull, windy, wet and definitely not a sitting in a sodden garden eating scones occasion. But not to be downcast, like the weather, we set to and up went the bunting; out came the pretty table cloths and sunflowers in vases were the next best thing to sitting in a flower filled garden.

Our afternoon tea-in-a-box was provided by Jenny from Catering Angel and was as delicious as always.

We began the afternoon with a glass of Prosecco each and raised a toast to Jane Kaye who will be sadly missed by all of us in the W.I. We now look forward to 6<sup>th</sup> September meeting where our speaker is telling us about "Recycling ...with a difference".

Eileen Mann, WI President

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### JANE PENELOPE KAYE

Trefor Williams of Jeffs Close, Tysoe and the children of the late Jane Kaye, wish to thank everyone for the many cards and letters of condolence that they have received following the sad loss of Jane. Thanks must go to R. Locke and Son for their sensitivity and professionalism, to Jacqui Franklin for the flowers and to the ladies who helped in the decoration of the church.

Jane was supported throughout by many in the village and she rests now in the churchyard of St Mary's where she was an assistant Churchwarden.

## LESSONS FROM THE WI IN RING REMOVAL



My wife Jackie can have an aphylactic shock if stung. On Saturday she was stung by two wasps and her hand and arm became swollen very quickly. She used two Epi pens which seemed to work, but a visit to A&E told us to remove her engagement and wedding rings as her finger was swelling. The engagement ring was not a problem, but, oh dear, the wedding ring refused to come off. However on Monday morning the WI came to the rescue as friends, Eileen and her husband Steve, popped in for a coffee. Eileen got out her satin tooth floss and managed to get the wedding ring off with help from Steve. So my wife is now ringless! Thanks to Eileen for her help. I always knew that the WI did things apart from making cakes and jam.

Alan Thompson



## WHITE HYACINTH CAKE DESIGN SEPT / OCT OFFERS! CAKE ON A PLATE



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6" was £9 now **£7.65**

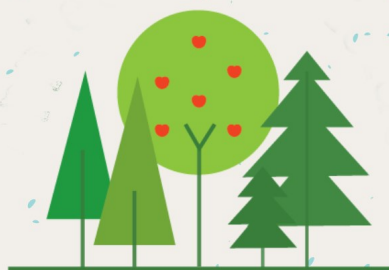
8" was £13 now **£11**

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## BOUNTIFUL BLUEBERRIES

One of the best things about belonging to the community orchard is getting punnets of fresh soft fruit every week in the summer and apples in the autumn. This year we have had a bumper crop of blueberries and lots of willing helpers to pick and eat them!



Blueberries are related to our native wild bilberry and need an acidic soil, so two large, raised beds were built several years ago to accommodate the bushes inside a large fruit cage, as the birds also love them. They also need plenty of water during the summer so the new water butts next to the cages have been greatly appreciated by those volunteers who water them every week.

With an emphasis these days on producing food locally and sustainably, the community orchard is an amazing resource for the village. Membership is open to all for a small fee. The Orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe.

Find out more – contacts below or message us via the website:

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

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)



**AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**TUESDAY MORNINGS - 19th SEPTEMBER  
& 17th OCTOBER**

**9am -12 noon - It's FREE!**

Includes **STAY AND PLAY**  
for mums and tots!

## SEPTEMBER DATES - WHAT'S ON

	<b>Every Friday</b>	Food waste collection
	<b>1, 15, 29</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Green</b> bin collection
	<b>1, 22</b>	Black bin collection
	<b>Every Friday</b>	Tysoe Dementia Café, 10am -12 noon, Tysoe Village Hall
	<b>Friday 1</b>	Friday Lunch Club in the Village Hall - contact Marion 680584 / Nicola 680058
	<b>Monday 11</b>	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7.15pm, Tysoe Village Hall
	<b>Tuesday 12</b>	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall
	<b>Tuesday 19</b>	Free coffee morning, St Mary's 9am -12 noon



 National Trust

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## OCTOBER - BRITISH SUMMERTIME ENDS 29th OCT

	<b>Every Friday</b>	Food waste collection
	<b>13, 27</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Green</b> bin collection
	<b>13</b>	Black bin collection
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	<b>Monday 9</b>	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary meeting 7.15pm, Tysoe Village Hall
	<b>Tuesday 3</b>	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall
	<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Free coffee morning, St Mary's 9am -12 noon

## THE TOWNSEND HALL



Our Trad Jazz programme will be kicking off again on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at the Townsend Hall, Shipston when Ian Bate-man presents **"It's Trad Dad!"**. A stunning line up of musicians covering the music of Acker Bilk, Chris Barber, Terry Lightfoot, Kenny Ball, and many more! Tickets are £12.50, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall), where you can bag your own table and seating, or for general availability seating from Clarke Electrical Services in town.

If you're keen, and why wouldn't you be, more fabulous Trad Jazz events have been booked for October and November – tickets now also available from the same address above. Take a look at our web-site, [www.townsendhall.co.uk](http://www.townsendhall.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook / Twitter.



# Live Music in Tysoe

Saturday Evening 21st October  
7pm -10pm - Tysoe Village Hall CV35 0SE  
Doors open 6.30pm - Bar available

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**Tickets £12 pre-booked or £15 on the door**

## MESSAGE FROM REV HEATHER

On a visit to Banbury this week placards told me to get ready for 'Back to School'! Not a message the children wanted to see in early August. But by the time you read this September will



be here and, with mists and mellow fruitfulness, the year will have turned the corner towards Autumn. We may linger outside hoping for an Indian Summer, or we might prepare for colder weather getting our woollies out. I wonder which season you feel most at home in?

In the wonderful psalm of praise (104) we read about God creating all the wonders of the earth and in v19 "the moon marks off the seasons and the sun knows when to go down". In verse 27 we say to God "How many are your works O Lord! In wisdom you made them all, the earth is full of your creatures. These all look to you to give them their food in due season." The seasons we experience in this part of the world are a valuable way to measure the passing year and they help us notice and treasure the natural world around us. It can be tempting to look back with longing, or wish the time away waiting hopefully for the snow...the first crocus...the return of the swallow...autumn leaves but its good to live in the present.

This is the season when we prepare for Harvest Thanksgiving. We already know this farming year has been difficult compared with last when there was no need to dry the grain coming off the fields. Many are now anxious about the rises in food prices. In faith we learn to trust God's provision and be thankful even in difficult times and seasons. Jesus gives us good advice when he says "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will take care of itself."

I pray you will be very blessed this season of Thanksgiving,  
with love

**Sunday services 11.00am, St Mary's  
Tysoe. Everyone Welcome**

**SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Fair at  
St Mary's Church, Saturday 9th  
December, 10.30am - 1pm**

*Heather*

Associate Minister,  
South Feldon Group  
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## T'AI CHI CHIH SESSIONS

T'ai Chi Chih exercises the internal organs as a gentle Moving Meditation, effort of no effort. It is not a martial art. When practised regularly, positive changes can occur as blood pressure and weight are regulated. Improvement in stress levels, sleep quality, coordination and balance also are experienced.



It is also called "Joy Thru Movement" as the 19 soft movements circulate energy in our body while we focus on the present moment. Relaxation starts to allow the body to heal itself. It brings a sense of joy and well-being, like an inner bath, and helps us to cope better in the daily challenges of life.

As an Accredited T'ai Chi Chih teacher, I am delighted to offer T'ai Chi Chih sessions in Shenington Village Hall with a new 8-week block starting on Wednesday 16th August at 9.30-10.30am, finishing on Wednesday 25th October, with a break before starting another block. I also teach on Mondays at 6-7pm (8-week block), also in Shenington.

The classes are suitable for everyone, no fitness or equipment are required and can be practised whilst standing or sitting. Just wear comfortable, loose clothing, firm shoes or socks protecting the ankles and bring a water bottle. The movements are repeated and the depth arrives with practice.

For Wednesday: 1st session is Free Of Charge as a trial (to include-form filling, etc) and then the 7 sessions following will be £56 (£8 each) in advance or £10 per week, whichever suits you best.

For Monday: 1st Session is Free of Charge as above and then the 4 sessions following will be £32 (£8 each) in advance or £10 per week, whichever suits you best.

If you are interested in taking part, please get in touch either by email: [vanessapetterson524@gmail.com](mailto:vanessapetterson524@gmail.com), by text or phone 07760 450697 / 01295 670934

Vanessa Petterson  
Accredited T'ai Chi Chih Teacher, Reflexologist, Reiki Practitioner



## WESTERN FRONT TALK

Kinton Regent Club Charity Lunch will be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** in **Kinton Village Hall**, meeting at **10.30** for coffee or tea.

The Speaker is Gillian Hawtin of Flower Thyme and her talk is entitled "Walking the Western Front, - Honouring the fallen and caring for the living".

In October 2022, Gillian walked 100km of the Western Front, through the Somme and Passendale battlefields, uncovering the stories of the Kinton men who went to war, at the same time, raising funds for the Army Benevolent Fund. A fascinating and moving story.

Tickets £25 to include tea, coffee wine, and a buffet lunch. There will also be a raffle. All profits to the Army Benevolent Fund. Tickets from any of the following: Flower Thyme 01926 640437, David Beaumont 01926 641076, Kneale Johnson 01926 930279, Malcolm Carter 01926 893134



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## HOBBIES: METAL DETECTING



Roman enamel  
brooch



Roman bell



Roman Polden  
Hill brooch

Some of you may have seen me out and about metal detecting. Over the years I have been looking into the History/Archaeology of the parish. The first thing is to get permission from the land owner/farmer to go on the land.

First we walk over the cultivated fields to see if any archaeology is around i.e. pottery stone, etc. If so we get it surveyed. Then I go over these sites with the metal detector. Most time you come home with bits of lead and junk, but then there are the occasional Roman coins and brooches.

On one site I found a Bronze Age gold twisted hair clip and a small bit of a Roman silver ingo. These have to be sent off to the Portable Antiquities Scheme to be recorded as do all the other finds over 300 years old. The gold and silver have to go through treasure trove, Warwick

Museum has these on display.

One of the not so good finds was in the ground about 300mm deep with a round end. Was it the end of an old tin? After removing it from the ground with my spade and cleaning the soil away I stepped back. It was a WW 2, R.A.F. practice bomb. I left this with the police!

All these metal detecting finds and the pottery from around the parish telling the history of the village, I would like to get them into a display cabinet and put on permanent display in the church, that is if we can get permission. I think that these all belong to the village, not to me.



Bronze Age Gold  
Jewellery discovered by  
metal detecting in 2018

Kevin Wyles

## THE MAKING OF TYSOE: GRAVE TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD



The Tysoe Heritage Research Group's churchyard survey data is now on the website. Already consulted by genealogists, there is a wealth of other material buried in the detail. We all make mistakes but the slips by masons on memorials are literally set in stone, and remain an embarrassment for centuries. One glaring error is visible on one of the grand memorials commemorating the Gardner family. On the stone dedicated to Sarah (d. 1848, Memorial no. 259) the mason missed out the "R" in Gardner, and he chiselled a caret (a little inverted V) to insert a small but perfectly formed letter above. I wonder if the family got a discount?



Unfamiliar texts sometimes catch carvers out when they add an epitaph to a formulaic dedication, as on Sarah Watts' headstone (died 1786, Memorial no. 61). The mason ran out of room for the penultimate line of her epitaph so the "-ght" of "might" is squeezed in with smaller letters between two lines. He didn't learn, and in the next line the last word "Light" is dropped below. In the church at the east end of the south aisle, on the wall plaque to Ralph Wilcox (died 1659, Memorial 502) the mason has inserted a caret for a missing "o" in "apologies" and has split "aga/in" with a clumsy insertion above the line (see top of page).



On early stones, however, words and even names split across lines are common, copying Roman-period inscriptions. The splendid in situ headstone to Alice Cottrell (died 1682, Memorial 103) splits "MEM/ORY", "DAU/GHTER", "HE/NERY" and "DECEAS/ED".

These examples, and others, spread over three centuries, give an insight into the craftsmen who created artefacts we can enjoy freely every day, on our doorstep. Check out where to find them on the THRG website <https://tysoehistory.org.uk>. David Freke

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

Sugarswell 19-12  
cottage



Hopkins family photo: George and Amy Hopkins (mum and dad) with their children from left to right: Pearl, Ivan, Pamela, Berrie, Norman and Reginald.

Alan and Elsie Hopkins  
1935?



1930



Alan and Reginald Hopkins



Amy Hopkins 1952?

## THE HOPKINS FAMILY FAMILY-TREE

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George Hopkins ----- Amy Berry
Born 16.09.1874                      Born 18.01.1880
Died 15.03.1930                      Died 06.06.1963

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Reginald	b 31.12.1905	married Jean	11 children**
Pamela *	b 10.05.1907	married Edward Smart	1 child
Ivan	b 04.11.1908	married Doris	2 children
Pearl	b 27.12.1909	married Bob	3 children
Norman	b 26.02.1912	married Margaret	1 child
Kathleen	b 04.09.1913	married Robin	1 child
Alan	b 19.05.1916	married Mary	7 children
Elsie	b 29.05.1918	married Joe Glenney	5 children
Margaret	b 09.01.1921	married Bill Mongey	1 child***

\* married in Tysoe church    \*\* 3 still in Tysoe                      \*\*\* in Tysoe

The family moved to Avon Avenue from Sugarswell Farm Cottage in the early 1920s. All the children went on to have their own families and grand and great-grand children. Alan still has one son in Tysoe, he in turn has one of his four children living here. Another son has grand children, so the Hopkins family span FIVE generation in 100 years.

Back in the early years the men worked mostly on the land: hedge-laying, thatching and harvesting for the Compton Estate and Upton House Estate. During the war my father, Alan, was in the Home Guard. Details about the other men's war work is unknown. Several of the women moved away to support the war effort in Coventry and Birmingham where they met their future husbands. Their children were all evacuated back to Avon Avenue, Tysoe at the height of the war.

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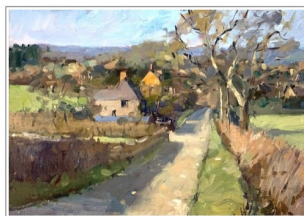
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## TYSOE'S CRICKET FESTIVAL– *definitely not 'THE ASHES'*

The Annual Village Cricket Festival, organised by Fred Price with lots of willing helpers, was played on Tysoe Playing Fields on Sunday afternoon 20th August. It featured a 3-way set of matches between Tysoe, Oxhill and Balscote, where each team competed against the other two. It was a sunny/cloudy/showery afternoon, and the atmosphere was upbeat despite The Lionesses' disappointing performance that morning. The teams from the three villages were varied in age, experience and abilities but shared an obvious passion for cricket.

The 3 matches were 10 overs per team and scoring runs proved a bit difficult to score. There was an excellent turnout of spectators who cheered and enjoyed the cricket. As well as some extraordinary skills and lots of sportsmanship, the players displayed a variety of interesting clothing! The matches were close and exciting, as all games went down to the wire:

- 1st match: Tysoe scored 59 runs and Oxhill replied with 57
- 2nd match Oxhill scored 65 runs, Balscote replied with 61
- 3rd match Tysoe scored 46 and Balscote replied with 42 runs.

**Some statistics:** there were 330 runs scored; 27 wickets taken; 2 players had to retire, under local rules, as they both reached 20 runs; 9 catches were taken but many were dropped; and over 35 players, umpires, scorers and announcers were treated under canvas to a fabulous English cricket tea, beautifully prepared by Beverley Cressman and her team.

A huge thanks go to the wonderful sponsors, to the brilliant volunteers, and to the spectators and the players for a memorable fun afternoon.

Tysoe looks forward to further success in 2024!

John Keayes



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### **Tysoe Tennis Club - end of season review**

The summer league is over for our teams with them having completed all of their matches.

Our mixed doubles team compete in the Banbury League, and are all but promoted as champions - they currently sit on top of the pile having only lost one match all season - some teams are still to complete their fixtures but whatever happens, it has been an exceptional season.

Our men's team compete in the South Warwickshire League and have finished in a credible 4th place having won 4, drawn 5 (more than any other team) and lost 4. Ahead of us were teams from Warwick, Claverdon and Henley who have the benefit of a large pool of players.

Our ladies put out two teams in the Evesham league. This can sometimes be a challenge finding players for every game but it does allow many new players to try their hand at team tennis.

The A team have enjoyed a very solid season finishing third in Division 3. The B team have just completed the season and needed a win on the last day to avoid relegation from Division 6 - unfortunately it wasn't to be and the team, despite great efforts, will play in Division 7 next year.

The whole season has been played in a great spirit, and the positive news is a number of players have been playing league tennis for the first time- and enjoyed the experience. As a club we look forward to continuing to welcome new members -remember we have "social tennis" most Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Thanks go to everyone who has played, the captains, organizers and occasional supporters !

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Colin Wilson

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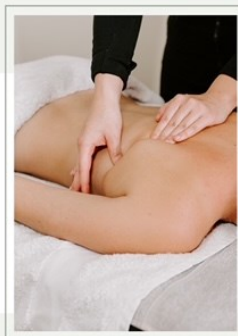
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