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Pictures of their favourite books: Super Worm by Mila Williams and James and the Giant Peach by Aurelia Williams

We're turning 'bookish' in this issue, focusing on BOOKS and READING, which coincides with World Book Day on 7th March.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOKS



A key theme issue of this Record is all about books and the importance of reading.

Did you know that the number of people reading books - for centuries the most reliable barometer of civilisation - is falling? In the UK almost half of adults never read. This is a worrying statistic and rather ironic in this advanced age - when "particle accelerators crack atoms like walnuts, cars guide themselves suavely down motorways and all the world's knowledge fits into the metal and glass box lodged in my pocket." so says James Marriott writing in *The Times*. And yet IQ levels are falling. "The most plausible explanation", he continues, "is that digital technologies are making us less literate, more distracted and more prone to outsourcing everyday cognitive problems to computers."

So how to counteract this worrying trend? Rowena Heap is a firm believer in 'the transformative power of reading' see her article on page 4, where she champions the importance of reading to toddlers to further their speech, language and emotional development. It is reassuring to discover there are children living in Tysoe who have a genuine love of books, starting as young as three! We are grateful to the Williams sisters, Alice and Anna Paterson and Martha Billinge for sharing their favourite stories with us.

But reading is not just about literacy, it is a mark of civilisation. The Bookworm, writing on page 5, celebrates the beauty of the earliest manuscript books, long before the invention of mechanical printing. It is important that we value books and literature to avoid slipping into another Dark Age. I am grateful to Percy Sewell who arranges for copies of the Record to be bound into book form by 'a lovely man near Brackley' who is now employed as the master book restorer by the TV programme 'The Repair Shop'. Who knows, even copies of the Tysoe Record may come to be treasured tomes in years to come. Keep reading!



The Editor

WHY READ?

Why read? It's a simple question with infinite answers. Perhaps you are like me and enjoy reading for pleasure, or maybe you have to read for work, that a large part of your day is spent reading documents, papers or emails. But whether it is that your preferred method of relaxation is to sit

somewhere comfy with a good book or you simply read as a matter of functionality; it cannot be denied that reading is a key part of our daily lives and as such is a vital skill. I have tried to pass on my love of reading to the many children I have taught at school. Books are so much fun, especially when read aloud; they stimulate the imagination and open up our minds to cultures and countries far beyond our immediate reach.

As an educator I also believe in the transformative power of reading, that those who develop the skill in the foundation years go on to be more successful in so many ways. Research has proven 90% of a child's brain has already developed by the age of 5 and reading is a key way of children not only acquiring the skills of speech and language but it's also a huge factor in social and emotional development too. If a child is read to daily as an infant, they will likely be exposed to 78,000 different words a year - a phenomenal vocabulary! Also through books children identify with characters who may share similar life experiences and through these characters they learn how to express and manage emotions.

Reading is also a wonderful bonding experience, sitting together, looking at pictures, talking about what they see and hear. Having that special time together shows a young person they are loved and time with them is valued. I could go on and on extolling the virtues of reading with children, but ultimately I have written this little piece in celebration of **World Book Day on Thursday 7th March**. So if you are wondering how you could do something with a young child but don't feel up to kicking around the park, then pull up a chair, take out a good book and open their eyes and ears to another world.

Rowena Heap



FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS

'Don't judge a book by its cover' is a saying that urges us not to put faith in outward appearances but to consider what lies within. It's certainly true that the most important ingredient of a book is the content – the thoughts, the opinions, facts or stories that the writer is trying to convey. It's also true that from the earliest manuscript books, long before the invention of mechanical printing, great efforts have been made to make books effective communication tools by use of illustration and decoration as well as words.



Fine C19th Florentine binding

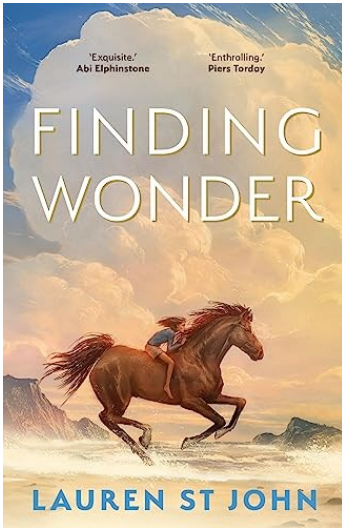
As printing technology has developed, along with the range of papers and other materials to print on, the unit cost of book production has reduced significantly even as literacy and interest in reading books has increased. Every age has therefore produced, read and collected books - and many have been passed on to successive generations. As a result we have a wealth of available volumes, many of them fine examples of the work of the craftsmen who produced them – authors, typesetters, printers, designers, bookbinders.

Turning the pages of a book printed 300+ years ago and thinking about who may have read it over that time always causes a shiver to run up one's spine. There is a similar sense of excitement in opening a new edition of a classic novel beautifully designed and produced with modern methods and that you are the first reader to open. Add to this the anticipation of the content!

Pick up a book. Look at it, feel it, and read it. You don't get these pleasures with a tablet....

The Bookworm - Digby Norton

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."
– J.K. Rowling



BOOK REVIEW: FINDING WONDER BY LAUREN ST JOHN

This book is great for people who love horses, mystery and a little bit of magic. Ruby Thorn (Roo) has lost her mother and lives with her father. But the father dies right at the start and she moves in with her aunt Joni. However the aunt has a nasty boyfriend who hates children so they both have to run away.

Incredibly they then win a million pounds in the lottery. Roo buys her dream horse, called Wonder Boy, when she finds out he is for sale. But the day before she picks him up, Wonder goes missing. Roo and her aunt drive about in their campervan (called Bluebird) to do some detective work. But wherever they go, another show horse disappears, which makes people start to suspect that it is they who are the thieves.

Can Roo and Joni prove themselves innocent and save Wonder and the other horses before something dangerous happens to them?

My favourite character is Roo, because she is adventurous and loves horses. At one point she has to ride bareback across Dartmoor on one of the fastest horses in the country. She is also a kind person, because even though she sees someone in a horse stall that they shouldn't be in, she gives her the benefit of the doubt and they become best friends.

In this book there are so many twists and turns and you don't know what is going to happen next.

The theme of the book is drama, adventure and mystery. The author makes you think everything is perfect but then suddenly something appears, and everything is lost.

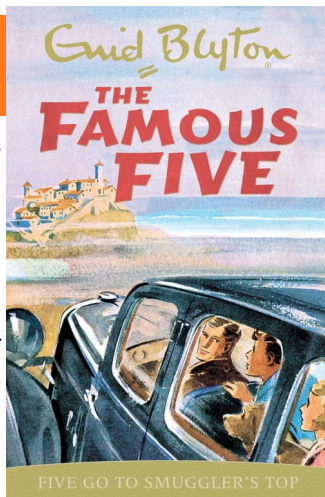
In summary, I really love this story. It is my favourite book and I recommend it to young horse lovers.

Review by Alice Paterson age 11

THE FAMOUS FIVE: FIVE GO TO SMUGGLER'S TOP BY ENID BLYTON

There are 21 books in the Famous Five series. Enid Blyton wrote this one in 1945. I have read 10 books so far.

The Famous Five is about 4 children (all cousins) and a dog called Timmy. The siblings are called Julian, Dick, Anne and their cousin George. They are all staying at Kirrin Cottage in Kirrin Bay (based on Lulworth Cove) in the school holidays with Uncle Quentin, George's dad. Uncle Quentin is a scientist. In each book they have a new adventure.



In this book a tree has fallen down on Kirrin Cottage so they have to go and stay with their uncle's friend, Mr Lenoir, at Smugglers Top. At the house they meet two children called Sooty (Pierre) and Marybelle, who is Sooty's half sister. Mr Lenoir despises dogs, so they have to hide Timmy in the house in a secret passage. In the house there are lots of eerie and mysterious hidden underground passages.

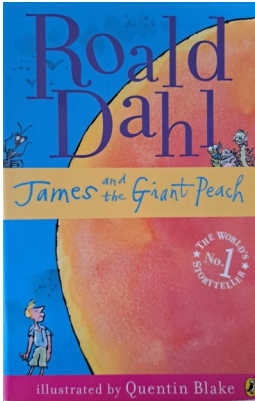
Uncle Quentin comes to stay with the children and Mr Lenoir. Smugglers Top is built on a marsh and Uncle Quentin has a clever idea to drain the marsh. One night Uncle Quentin and Sooty get kidnapped by a local smuggler called Mr Barling. He does not want the marsh drained as he needs it to smuggle!

The children and Timmy search all the passages to find Uncle Quentin and Sooty. Timmy attacks the smugglers and allows them all to escape. The police then capture the smugglers. The best news is Mr Lenoir now likes dogs as Timmy saved the day!

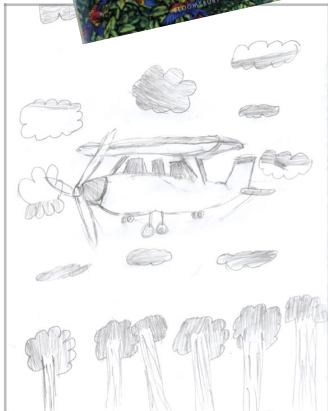
I like the adventure because it is the children and the dog who solved the mystery and not the adults. I like reading adventure novels because you have to try to guess what is happening.

Even though it was written 80 years ago it doesn't feel that long ago. I give this book a 5/5.

Review by Anna Paterson age 9



Review by Aurelia Williams age 5



Review by Elina Williams age 7

My favourite book is James and the Giant Peach

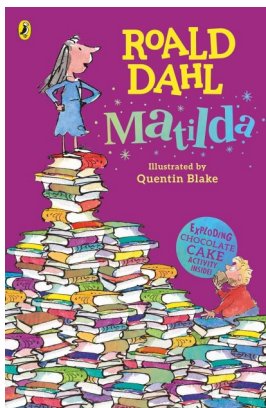
By Roald Dahl

The book is about a boy called James. One day a man gave him some seeds and James dropped them and each Giant Peach appeared in his garden! James goes into the peach and meets a centipede, spider, silkworm, old green grasshopper, earthworm and ladybird. They go on a adventure together. My favourite bit was when they were flying through the air and they met some cloud men that are making snow out of clouds. I wish I could play up there when the moon twinkles like stars.

The Explorer

by Katherine Rundell

The Explorer is an exciting adventure book. It's about four children whose plane crashes so they have to survive alone but their rocket ^{that} they made takes them to a mysterious ruined city. The four children's names are Con, Lida, Frel and Max and they have a sloth ~~name~~ named Baen. Once I started reading it I couldn't put it down. I really like it because it gives you ideas for great experiences later in your life. It also includes notes on other Explorers and reviews from other authors. I loved it so much that I want to read it over and over again. The book also has a very colourful creative front cover.



THE MOBILE LIBRARY

We discovered the mobile library when we moved here with mum who had vascular dementia. We couldn't leave her in the house on her own, so having the library so close meant we could take it in turns to change our books. We still use it, as we learned to appreciate all it had to offer. Friendly regulars greet each other and recommend stories they have enjoyed, or authors they think others would like, or just gossip.

The choice on the bus is limited but the catalogue of Warwickshire Library Service can be browsed at home and books ordered online: library.warwickshire.gov.uk/, or by the driver on the bus. If you can't consult the catalogue at home, the driver will look it up for you on the bus and tell you if it is in stock. The bus comes once a month. Books or audio books are loaned, on a mobile library ticket, for three months so you don't have to worry if you are on holiday or need to miss a month. Next call **Tuesday 5th March at 2pm**, outside Tysoe Village Hall. Sue Hancox

Roald Dahl - Matilda

by Martha Billinge
Book Review

The book Matilda is a very unusual but an interesting book. It is packed with drama and excitement. But the main thing that I love about this book is the characters. This is because these characters are extremely unique in a way that you won't expect. There is Mr and Mrs Wormwood, Miss Honey, Miss Trunchbull and girally Matilda. Matilda's parents (Mr and Mrs Wormwood) are mean and silly and think Matilda is a little rodent in the house. But Matilda is very intelligent and always wins the battle against her awful parents and horrible headmistress. Miss Trunchbull is the head of Crunchem Hall with a beastly behaviour. Her niece, Miss Honey, who is the teacher of Matilda, thinks she is a huge clever-clogs. Matilda changes her life and Miss Honey's by shocking headmistress with cleverness and making her leave Miss Honey's stolen cottage. Then Miss Honey ^{moves} in with Matilda, away from her cleverless family. I do love this incredible book and the characters because it's so lively and interesting and really has got a good texture. You never want to stop reading it!

Review by Martha Billinge age 11.

Our speaker for February was Tysoe W.I.'s very own "Knitting-Jennie", Jennie Rake. We are used to seeing Jennie knitting away in our meetings and producing her colourful and intricately crafted Fair Isle wares. Since retiring from running her own Fair Trade shop Jennie has taken up knitting having been inspired by Kaffe Fassett and his designs.



Jennie's talk took us on a pictorial tour of the Shetland Isles and its wonders of knitware and colourful yarns (most of which, it seems, Jennie cannot resist buying on her annual trips to Shetland Wool Week). Visitors worldwide come to Shetland Wool Week from places such as Hawaii, the States and even further afield...it is a Mecca for knitters! Jennie and her husband, David are now regular visitors to Shetland and her enthusiasm for its scenic beauty and history was evident in her talk.

Our ladies admired Jennie's handiwork including the specially designed "beanie" hats...each successive Wool Week has its own specific design created by an islander.

We had a very enjoyable hour learning about the history of the Islands (there are more than 100 although only 15 are inhabited); their geography and culture and of course the history of Fair Isle patterns in knitting.

Thanks to Jennie we now know that wherever you go in Shetland you are sure to find...beautiful scenery, sheep, yarn and knitters!

Our talk for March is "Life as an Emergency Doctor...Coventry, Warwickshire, Northampton Air Ambulance" given by Dr Scott Castell.

Eileen Mann, WI President

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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Christingle is celebrated anytime between Advent and Candlemas - early December to early February. The orange is the symbol of the world, the red ribbon shows God's love for the world and the blood shed by Jesus, the cocktail sticks with sweets and dried fruit represent the four corners of the earth and the fruits of the earth and the Candle is the light of Christ. On Tuesday 30th January in the afternoon Tysoe school were welcomed to St Mary's for a Christingle celebration. The day before a group of supporters had made the 120 Christingles. Thanks to Bart at Tysoe Stores, who supplied the oranges at cost.

The children assisted Rev George in the service by reading the bible and leading prayers. They also sang their hearts out with the Christingle chorus. The Children's Society provided all the candles and red tape to raise the profile of children in this country who have a poor start in life. They offer counselling and support services nationwide. If you would like to have a collection box in your home for loose change, please let me know. The boxes are collected in once a year and the funds sent to the Children's Society.

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**Carers4Carers monthly meeting Friday 22nd March
10:30 - 12 noon at Kineton Village Hall**

Come along for refreshments and the chance to meet other local carers. We'll be welcoming a (human) speaker from Dogs for Good, hopefully accompanied by a four-legged friend! Your loved one will be welcome to join our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 17th March 7pm Tysoe Village Hall - quiz in aid of Carers4Carers. For more information about our support group for carers, including help with transport, phone Gillian on **07947 893504**, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk



Tysoe Social Club

Upcoming in March 2024

- ☺ **Saturday, 9 March 2024** - the ever-popular local performers Barney & Jerv return to the club to provide a night of musical entertainment
- ☺ **Saturday, 16 March 2024** - Easter Prize Bingo - all welcome, come along for a night of family fun
- ☺ **Saturday, 23 March 2024** - new to the club, 'Mind the Gap' a local Pop & Rock Covers band join us for the evening

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday, 7.00pm - 11.00pm.

Membership is £10 for the year and includes benefits such as use of our Pool, Snooker and Darts facilities plus a wealth of other perks. We do offer hire of the venue for a £50 charge as a contribution to cover our costs - members may hire the venue at no charge. Please contact tsc.secretary@hotmail.com for any hiring queries.

GREEN TIPS



You can find small sponges / scouring pads used for washing dishes in most kitchens. They are cheap and convenient. We use them then bin them, but these sponges (made of synthetic fibres: polyester, nylon and polyurethane) are not biodegradable and accumulate in landfills where they remain for hundreds of years, plus they shed microplastics whenever used which can end up in watercourses and eventually the sea.

There are alternatives such as: cellulose sponges made from wood cellulose and sisal, loofah scourers, bamboo dishcloths, coconut brushes and bamboo scrubbers. These do tend to be more expensive but they last longer than the synthetic sponges. Everything has an environmental impact but these are much kinder to the environment than the little sponges.

Liz Layfield-Bell

WAYS TO HELP PROTECT OUR WATERCOURSES



Ah yes, rain, still! These days it ends up in our watercourses principally from sewage works, highway drains and runoff from fields. In the 1970s industry also contributed. Leeds Bridge, Castleford was often affected by scudding foam (in photo) from wool washing mills in the Aire/Calder valleys. They used anionic detergents as a degreasing agent.

So to products. That's what my children call personal (shampoo for example) and home cleaning aids (washing powders, surface cleaners). These come in bright coloured packaging and contain varying amounts of benzene-sulfonates and phosphates. These are components of anionic detergents. They end up at our sewage treatment works. These chemicals are not removed by conventional treatment methods. They can be removed by expensive energy using techniques (think carbon capture).

Brightly coloured products are available in our garden centres. Leaving aside the pesticide ranges, the rest make things grow. They contain various proportions of N:P:K. Lawns look good and plants produce. What isn't used goes into the soil and when it rains is washed into our rivers and lakes. Our farmers have long known this.

In our rivers the nutrient load is not visible. The SAFE Avon (<https://safeavon.org.uk/>) citizen science project is collecting data to broaden the evidence base locally. In our lakes, with warmer summers, algal blooms occur (the Americans prefer the term cyanobacteria). If Haweswater, Ladybower and Vyrnwy suffer the same fate as Windermere, then water supplies to our major cities will be impacted.

So we can make a difference by reducing the inputs of N:P:K we add to our environment. Don't use and removal will cost less. It may encourage more diversity in our water environment. That's worthy of an award.

Mike Sanderson

MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE IN TYSOE

The Triangle!

The 'triangle' at the junction of Sandpits and Oxhill Roads is undergoing a makeover. Last year, David Sewell and I sowed a variety of wild and cultivated flower seeds and, when they flowered, the effect was pretty spectacular. Some more topsoil has been added during the winter and we're now going for a semi-permanent option with 3 zones, all focused on pollinating insects. One will contain cultivated perennial plants, one will be sown with colourful garden annuals, and the third will contain wildflowers. This should provide the insects with nectar, and us with something to look at year-round. The perennials already planted include snowdrops, winter-flowering hellebores, verbena, sedum and foxgloves. Primroses and some bird's foot trefoil are the first wildflowers, with seeds to follow, and there are some seed packets of blue/pink/mauve 'pictorial meadow' flowers for the third area. All will take time to grow – but watch that space!

Rosemary Collier



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WOT2GROW UPDATE

Work in the community orchard has continued throughout January and February despite the weather, and the annual Wassail in January was a big success.



The apple trees have been tidied up and further pruning will take place after a training session with Waterperry Orchard on the 2nd March. One of our members has also been busy updating the orchard map to show the location of the different varieties.

The red and white currants have also been pruned, along with the blueberries, to encourage a full harvest in the summer.

Membership is open to all for a small fee, and members get fruit every week during the summer and autumn. Please come and join us!

The orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe. Find out more from the contacts below or message us via the website: www.wot2grow.co.uk

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



SPECIAL TEA AND CAKE FOR MUMS!

Make Mum's weekend delicious with freshly brewed tea and mouth-watering cake for £5! Offer applies to Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March. Other menu options available as usual. *Go on spoil her, she's worth it!*

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Tues - Sat 9am- 3pm

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Tysoe Village Stores
and
Tea Room





A NATURE SPECTACULAR

Many of you will be familiar with bird murmurations – flocks of birds twisting and turning in synchronized formations, like the Red Arrows on speed. The birds gather in huge flocks for protection from predators such as birds of prey as they head to their roost sites.

Wading birds also use similar murmurations, notably Knot, a small grey wader that breeds in Arctic Canada, but spends its winter feeding on the Wash in Eastern England on both the Norfolk and Lincolnshire sides. The Wash is internationally vital for over-wintering wading birds, and last weekend the editor and I witnessed colossal flocks of waders – Curlew, Oystercatchers, Godwits, Lapwing in the tens of thousands, and most notably 45,000 Knot. The birds perform their spectacular murmurations when the high tides (7m +) drive the birds off the mudflats to a tiny corner of the Wash where they perform their astonishing displays as they await the retreat of the tide so they can head back out onto the lovely mud which is full of their food. The overwintering birds need to rebuild their strength for the long migrations back to their breeding grounds in the far north, where the long daylight hours enable them to maximise their chances of successful breeding.

This is one of nature's wonders, open to everyone. You just need to get yourself over to Norfolk and be prepared for an early start! You can find dates of the 'Spectaculars' on the RSPB Snettisham website - <https://www.rspb.org.uk>. There's another coming up on 13th March, but the big flocks occur in September and October with > 100,000 Knot.

Roland Cherry



NOTICE OF THE TYSOE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE MCNULTY ROOM AT 7:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2024

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME

ALL/ANY NOMINATIONS OF NEW CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION ONTO THE COMMITTEE TO BE IN WRITING, SECONDED AND RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY NOT LESS THAN 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE AGM

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Donations of basic items can be left in the church porch
between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Saturday.

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Our Facebookpage www.facebook.com/ShipstonFoodBank or visit:



www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH 2024

Sunday 3rd: 3rd Sunday of Lent

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th: Mothering Sunday

11.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 17th: 5th Sunday of Lent

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th: Palm Sunday

11.00am Family Worship

Thursday 28th: Maundy Thurs-

day. 7.00pm Holy Communion
followed by vigil

Friday 29th: **Good Friday**

7.30pm Tenebrae – a service of
light and dark with readings and
music

Sunday 31st: **Easter Day**

11.00am Holy Communion

FROM THE VICARAGE...



We are celebrating an early Easter this year on March 31st.

Our extra day for Leap Year arrived with Lent already well on the way, and Mothering Sunday will soon be with us followed quickly by Passiontide and Holy Week. When I was in school this week we were seeing if we could remember the seasons of the Christian Calendar leading up to Lent, beginning with Advent. How are you at times and seasons?

Do you ever feel the year is going by just a bit too quickly?

Or do the days drag a bit for you just now?

Time can seem a very elusive concept. To quote a great man:

“Time is relative; its only worth depends upon what we do as it is passing.” Albert Einstein

There are two Greek words for time, Kronos and Kairos.

Kronos measures. We can count the seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months years marking them with a watch, diary or calendar. Kairos signifies a good or proper time, suggesting a right time for action, or stillness. How can we measure this?

In Ecclesiastes, wisdom literature in the Old Testament, the preacher tells us there is a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, and much more to give us food for thought. The chapter tells us equally about life’s pleasures and challenges.

All play a part in our lives. It is our response to the time we are given, and the way we use it that will measure the ‘right time’.

With love, and asking for God’s blessing on us all as we seek to use our time wisely,

Revd Heather Parbury

South Feldon Group of Churches
Tysoe vicarage: 01295 680 201

MARCH DATES - WHAT'S ON

	Every Friday	Food caddies waste collection
	1, 15, 29	Blue & Green bin collection
	8, 29	Black bin collection

	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Friday 10am-12 noon	Tysoe Dementia Café, Village Hall. Tel: 688376
	1	Friday	Friday Lunch Club, Tysoe Village Hall
	5	Tuesday	2pm mobile library outside Village Hall.
	10	Sunday	Mother's Day - 11 am church service
	11	Monday	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary Meeting, earlier time 7pm Tysoe Village Hall
	19	Tuesday	FREE coffee morning, St Mary's 9am - 12 noon. Includes Mums & tots,
	29	GOOD FRIDAY	7.30pm Tenebrae service St Mary's
	31	EASTER SUNDAY	11.00am Holy Communion
	31	Sunday	Clocks go forward - don't forget!

S. Swan Singers

Friday 22nd March, 7.30pm
St Peter's Church, Kineton

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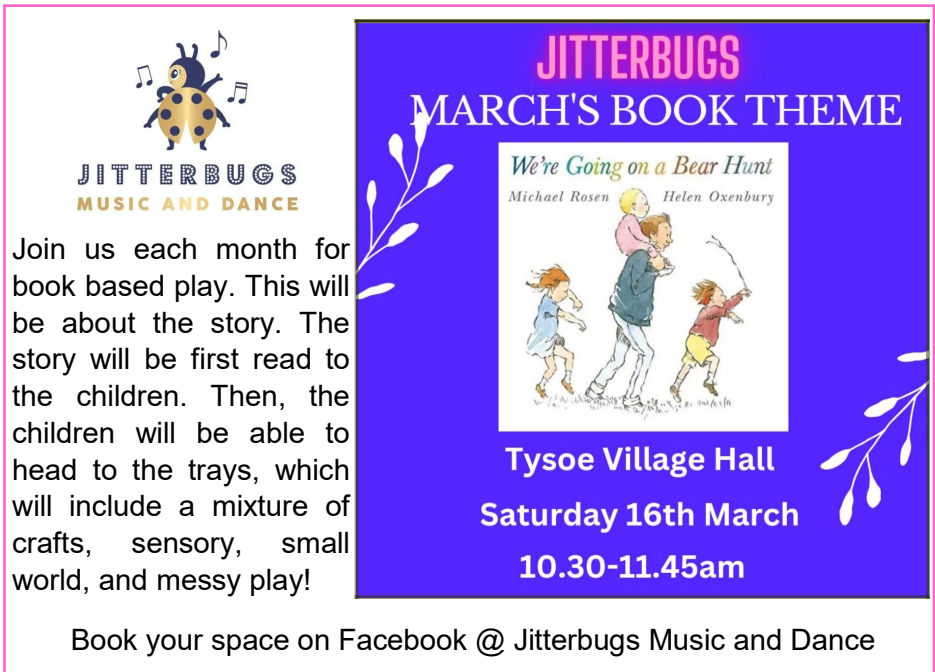
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Help us keep Tysoe special!



Hi Tysoe,

At this month's meeting Councillors discussed the many issues raised by the village walk around. Cllr Roache has spoken with WCC Highways regarding the many potholes in the village. A copy of the TPC's report and photos was given and is awaiting a formal reply. There are also various trees and hedges in the village that need attention and we ask all residents to please check their land and ensure that any hedges or trees that need attention, be tended to. There are some obscuring the view for drivers turning corners and or pulling out. With regard to blocked drains which are causing issues with all the rain this winter, again I am tasked with contacting WCC Highways.

Tysoe has a new PCSO looking after neighbourhood policing in the area, this is Jennifer Read who can be contacted via email at jennifer.read@warwickshire.police.uk

Various planning applications and amendments were discussed, for decisions please see the Parish Council minutes published on the Parish website www.tysoe.org.uk or the latest will shortly be placed on the Parish Council notice board across from the village hall.

The village's Road Safety Team has been busy manning the speed gun and checking vehicles speed into and out of the village. The Parish Council hopes that drivers will think about the dangers of speeding and watch their speed in and around Tysoe. Once a large amount of data has been studied, it is hoped that a new speed limit may come into force within the village and roads in and out of Tysoe.

Our playground will be undergoing repairs shortly, ready for the better weather and lighter evenings. If you should see any damage to this area, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Charmaine

Tysoe Parish Clerk/RFO

Email: parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk



Congratulations to Margaret Gibbs, (the Record's editor from 1991-2007) on achieving her hundredth birthday on Saturday 17th February 2024. Margaret is currently at Claverton Manor, Whitnash.

Just imagine the changes she's seen in her lifetime.

Kinton & District Local History Group

Meets on 3rd Friday of the month at Kinton Village Hall.

Talk for 15th March 2024

Local Rogues and Villains

New members and visitors welcome. Membership for the year £15

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Tysoe Heritage



Research Group

New to the THRG website this month is The Tysoe 36, the illustrated text of the talk given by Professor John Hunter in the Village Hall last December commemorating the 150th anniversary of the emigration to New Zealand. It can be found under the Projects option.
<https://tysoehistory.org.uk/>



BRIAN'S BIZARRE GADGETS



These two flat irons were used by my grandmother, during and after World War II. It was customary to use a pair, as one was heating up as the other was cooling off, then swapping them over until the ironing session was complete. (B-T-B)

THE MAKING OF TYSOE: GRAVE TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD (4) EPITAPHS



Volunteer
David Low
getting
down to
deciphering
an epitaph.

Genealogists record family details on gravestones, and often ignore other historically significant material on them. But epitaphs are a popular target for comment. Sometimes it's their literary qualities, more often it's the quirky content which catches the attention. In less prominent script than the main inscriptions, epitaphs can be difficult to decipher. Tysoe Heritage Research Group volunteers were sometimes only able to read a few words, but googling these could often reveal the full quote. Less than half the gravestones have epitaphs, and few before the 19th century. Epitaphs on the gravestones of the yeoman class (only the well-off could afford a headstone until relatively recently) are usually formulaic, but they reveal the social and religious concerns of their times.

The few late 18th centuries epitaphs remind us of our own mortality and need for repentance, with the "As I am now so you will be" type of warning. Later the emphasis moves to the hope of salvation and resurrection, the release from earthly cares and pain, and the loss felt by those left behind. The sources of 19th century texts are mainly the Bible and hymns. The choice of hymn can reveal religious affiliations, like the Methodist verses quoted on two late 18th-century Watts family memorials (Memorials 60 and 61). In the 20th and 21st centuries epitaphs have become more personal, as religious observance has become less institutional.

Among the poignant expressions of remembrance and loss there are a few quirky epitaphs. On Memorial 248 to William Kinman (d. 1790) and his wife (d. 1796) is a bitter reflection on inequality - how the rich will always prosper and the poor suffer. Recent family history research suggests that these Kinmans were made bankrupt. Another sad stone (Memorial 253) records the death of Anne Townsend "who was in Bedlam until January 29th 1848 when she died aged 82". See the THRG website for full details: <https://tysoehistory.org.uk/>

David Freke



FUTURE OF SHIPSTON LINK

Covid has not helped the Shipston Link! Although the normal service has now resumed passenger numbers are still down on pre-pandemic figures. To remain viable there must be a demonstrable need supported by passenger figures or the service will cease. The Link covers the following places, albeit on different days: Tysoe, Oxhill, Idlicote, Whatcote, Honington, Shipston, Burmington, Stourton, Cherington, Whichford, Long Compton, Chipping Norton, Little Compton, Ettington, Halford, Tredington, Blackwell, Ilmington, Stretton on Fosse, Todenham, Moreton in Marsh, Barton on the Heath, Brailes, the Wolfords, Wimpstone, Preston on Stour, Stratford, Banbury and Sutton under Brailes. Full details of services can be found on the website <https://shipstonlink.co.uk/>



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19TH CENTURY EDUCATION IN TYSOE

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Joseph recalled that the new school building was barn-like with windows too high for children to see out and doors too heavy to push open, so they must have felt like prisoners! A total of 200 children attended the school in 6 classes, with only one college-trained teacher, Mr. Dodge, who mostly taught the senior class, leaving the remainder to be taught by pupil teachers or even 'monitors'.

There were very few lessons other than reading, writing and arithmetic. The infant class spent most of their time chanting the alphabet and then numbers up to 100. Simultaneously the next class were chanting tables and even and odd numbers, so it was a very noisy place. Sums and dictation (writing) were produced using chalk on a slate. Very occasionally Mr Dodge would teach a different lesson, like drawing on their slates and once a biology lesson.

Quick learners, such as Joseph, must have found it frustrating, as reading could only progress at the slowest learner's pace and valuable time would be wasted while children stumbled over words.

It was a very unequal society, as boys were frequently beaten for minor misdemeanours, whereas girls were not. The girls enjoyed sewing afternoons each week, whilst the boys simply had more sums or dictation, and would have to stay in for extra time (detention) if they were tiresome or misspelled words.

School life was very different from today's enriching experience but most children in the village attended Tysoe's first National School as their parents saw the benefit of them learning to read. Certainly, it provided a good foundation for Joseph Ashby who became a champion for allotments and campaigned for a Parish Council on which he served for many years. He was also a District Councillor and Magistrate.

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The church kneeler project was started in 1970 by Mrs Grimsley of Lower Tysoe. The Fleur-de-Lys kneelers, of which there are 20, were the first to be stitched, while the other 61 with pictures have been added over the years. They make a colourful and beautiful addition to our church, all lovingly and painstakingly stitched:



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A directory of the kneelers was started in 1977 by Chris Baker and Mim Kitchen but left unfinished. Carol Clark has completed the work with photographs and a history of each one, recording who worked it and its dedication. This is now on display at the back of the church, together with an updated book of the Millenium Tapestry squares. Thank you to Carol for her many hours of work.



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THE BENEFITS OF TENNIS!

Both ladies and mixed tennis teams continue to play in their winter league matches, with mixed success - the highlights being very good wins against Inkberrow for the ladies and a victory against Hook Norton for the mixed. All teams are sitting mid-table in their respective leagues.

Winter sees a list of jobs to do at the club to ensure we continue to offer good playing facilities and surfaces for members and visiting teams alike. In January the club invested in some work to improve the strength of the perimeter fence. Some of you may have noticed that it was leaning quite heavily at both ends and this has been rectified. This work was at a cost of several hundred pounds to the club and we would really appreciate it if you could discourage your children from using the fencing as goals whilst playing in the field or going onto the courts to play football. We welcome new junior members to come along and give tennis a try but please only use our courts for tennis!

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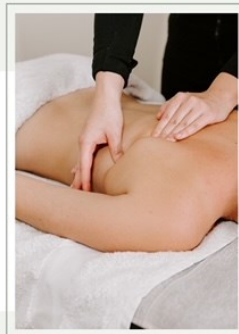
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