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In this issue we announce the winner of our 'Spring is Sprung' Photography Competition and experience life:

- Down on the farm this spring with Brian Parker
- Discover Tysoe from the back of a tandem
- Hear about a spine-chilling phone call
- Learn how the Churchyard Rocks!

... And there's more!



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Jackdaw Woes!

The Jackdaws built their nest so fast; The sweep came quick, but the die was cast. To remove the nest – a thousand pound fine, Perhaps followed up with prison time. To light a fire may be worse still; House ablaze and no fledgling trill! When Summer's here and fledglings gone, Then the chimney can be done. Till chimney's swept, don't light those sticks. Think warming thoughts of Jackdaw chicks!

Words by Chris Crane, illustration by Shirley Cherry

Did you know? You're breaking the law if you:

- intentionally kill, injure or take wild birds
- intentionally take, damage or destroy a wild bird's nest while it's being used or built . . .

You could get an unlimited fine and up to 6 months in prison for each offence if you're found guilty, according to the gov.uk website.

A MIXED BAG

While we usually have a single theme, this one is an exception as we've gone for a mixed bag!



Our 'Spring is Sprung Photo Competition' is one of our features (see pages 4 and 5). Although we did receive an alternative tongue-incheek entry (above) entitled: 'Broken daffodil in wet pothole,' as the witty wag said, "it encapsulates all that is Spring here – a windwreaked daff, large holes in the road and persistent rain." You'll be pleased to hear we awarded him a Rotten Tomato!

As the year progresses, the days grow longer and 'hopefully' the weather improves, we are more inclined to get active, whether it's preparing from the annual Windmill Run (page 8) or cycling on a bicycle or travelling two-up on a tandem (page 9) or even taking to the tennis courts (page 35), the choice is yours!

There's dark as well as light in this issue with a tale of the unexpected from Phil Walker. Be prepared to experience a chill running down your spine (see page 13).

The Record is delighted to share the news of Tysoe Children's Group 20th Birthday with some fabulous photos (pages 14-15). Congratulations to Yvonne Dillion, nursery manager, who has been at the helm for 17 years. Meanwhile there's been a 'Changing of the Guard' at the Village Hall (page 26) with Percy Sewell stepping down after a jaw-dropping 33 years. How impressive is that!

It is evident that creativity is blossoming in Tysoe as our various artists showcase their work at forthcoming exhibitions and Art Weeks – (pages p32-33). You will be amazed how recycled coffee pots can be transformed into tinkling tableaux by Melanie Charles. If you find your mind is buzzing with ideas, then perhaps you can give some thought to the Parish Council's 'Village Award Scheme' (refer to page 29) and what you think should be included.

So be our guest for our Tysoe cabaret and enjoy this 'mixed bag' of offerings for May.

The Editor



A big thank you to all those of you who took part in our Photography Competition. We received some strong entries. The Record Team did the judging (excluding the Editor). The winning entry, as shown on the front cover, was taken by Roland Cherry from a shortlist - pictured on the right:. These photos were taken by: 1. Stephanie Howles, 2 - 4, Richard Ellis, 5. Roland Cherry, 6. Nisha Williams.

HIGHLY COMMENDED ENTRIES >

STOUR SINGERS

SPRING CONCERT

featuring Haydn: Nelson Mass Mozart: Dixit & Laudate Dominum Purcell: Te Deum & Jubilate with

> Louise Wayman soprano Judith Le Breuilly mezzo soprano Matthew Pochin tenor James Birchall, bass-baritone and

The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Orchestra

Saturday, 18 May 2024 at 7.30pm St. Edmund's Church, Shipston on Stour Tickets £16 (accompanied children free) available from <u>ticketsource.co.uk/stour-singers</u>

or on the door





Solo artists appear by arrangement with Ann Ferrier Artists - Concert Directory International



< Laura Belcher

Matt Warmington >





< Martin Smart



Lucy Stevenson >

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FIND US ON FACEBOOK: 'LAURA'S TRACTOR RUN'

LAURA'S CHARITY TRACTOR RUN

is almost here!

Sunday 19 May 2024

MEETING AT HOPKINS FARM, LOWER TYSOE, CV35 OBN

FROM 9:00AM, LEAVING PROMPTLY AT 10.30AM MORE DETAILS INCLUDING FULL ROUTE, REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE PRIZES COMING SOON

£15 per tractor

DOWN ON THE FARM : SPRING HAS SPRUNG

At last, as I write mid-April, the sun shines and we have had at least two days without rain!

It's been a very long winter; not cold but persistently wet which has taken its toll in both financial and practical terms.

Cattle are generally housed during winter but, due to the wet weather, everything was inside early with the cows and young stock being brought in earlier than usual.

Extra feed is given to the pregnant ewes before lambing and this was proving impossible outside on saturated ground so they too had to come inside in December, which is very unusual for our system. This resulted in extra feed of silage and hay and additional straw for bedding. It's expensive and also takes more labour! The wet weather will have a knock-on effect for all of us.

Arable farmers have struggled to get crops planted and what has been planted is not looking good on the Warwickshire clay. This will not only affect straw prices but the price of premium wheat could push up the price of bread.

In terms of other climate related problems there is a relatively new virus to this country called Schmallenberg. As our autumns have become milder the virus is carried by midges from Europe (a levy-free import!) It infects sheep during early pregnancy. Lambs are usually born dead or with deformities. Our milder weather could see cases becoming more common. A vaccine can be used but is only available when the disease becomes more virulent!

We were fortunate with this year's lambing but some farms which started earlier lambing have encountered some heavy lamb losses.

Enough negativity, so I'll go to the garden and ponder over the late lawn cut, listen to the Larks, and watch the Swallows and Butterflies!

Brian Parker



2024 Tysoe Windmill 10k/ 5k run

SATURDAY 1st JUNE

10.00am start, Tysoe Sports Field, CV35 0SR

Climb Tysoe's pretty Windmill Hill Enjoy stunning views across the Cotswolds Races for all ages and abilities Beautiful bespoke age group prizes & Handmade medals by Penny Varley Ceramics

ENTRY FEES

10km run £20

5km fun run £6

TO REGISTER VISIT www.tysoewindmill10k.com

Registration is online only. Check-in on the day at the playing field 8.30am — 9.40am https://www.facebook.com/tysoewindmill10k

DISCOVERING TYSOE'S TANDEM TRAILS

As relative newcomers to this wonderful village, we've been eager to immerse ourselves in the picturesque surroundings that Tysoe has to offer. And what better way to soak up the scenery than on a bicycle made for two! Meet Daisy, our trusty tandem, which last year carried us back to England from Turkey on an unforgettable journey traversing 13 countries, each with its own distinct culture, history and landscape.

After so many weeks away, settling in Tysoe has rekindled our love for this beautiful country. Nothing quite compares with the sheer 'Englishness' of pedalling through Warwickshire's pretty landscape with its charming villages, thriving farming communities and historical landmarks, all set against a peaceful backdrop of lush green fields, hedgerows and rolling hills. The variety of terrain means we're never short of routes to choose from – from leisurely rides along quiet country roads to more intense hill climbs like Shenington Hill, Edge Hill, Brailes Hill and plenty more. But one thing's for sure: the uphill effort is always worth every wobble and wheeze as we're guaranteed the most superb views.

We are quickly learning to locate the many cosy coffee stops and welcoming pubs that provide perfect pit stops for refuelling. And with longer days and better weather on the horizon, we can't wait to explore more of what this beautiful neighbourhood has to offer.

If you happen to spot us (we're hard to miss in our high-vis gear atop our bright orange tandem!) please be sure to give us a wave. We're always up for a chat and eager to share our passion for the great outdoors.

See you on the road!

Peter and Emma.

(Emma has joined the Record Team)



EASTER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

The Tenebrae service on Good Friday by candlelight offered a time for quiet reflection. After each reading a candle was extinguished, symbolising the darkness and loss felt by Jesus' followers as they experienced his death. The church was plain and unadorned. Contrast this to the abundance of flowers on Easter Sunday when every window ledge,

pedestal and font was decorated most beautifully. It was a joy to behold!

Revd. George involved the children in his sermon which he likened to a TV crime drama where forensic evidence is analysed, but he surmised that there must be divine intervention to explain the rolling away of the stone in front of the tomb, and





so the Easter story was told and explained.

The service was well attended, including several families with children, no doubt enticed by the prospect of the Easter egg hunt afterwards, devised by Matthew Harcourt. The children had to work for their reward and find letter clues which when put together spelt the word RISEN!





SPEED MONITORING – NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This volunteer group carries out sessions on a regular basis, at locations selected by the Police on the roads in Tysoe. The group is supported by, but independent of, the Parish Council. It is also supported by residents, focusing on areas where people have expressed concerns. The aim is to deter the number of drivers who exceed the official speed limit, as displayed on the Highway authority signs. Even though the group signals their activity by wearing hi-vis jackets, some drivers still exceed the limit, while others use severe braking.

The Group has its own "speed gun". Records of those exceeding the limit are forwarded to the Police, who will issue a letter to, or for repeat offences will visit the vehicle's registered owner. Speed limits start immediately at the signs. These are NOT braking points. Within a speed limit common sense should be used, i.e. passing the Surgery entrance or in the village centre where lower speeds are appropriate.

The Group has training from the Police and welcomes new volunteers. If you are concerned about speeding, come and join us. Safety on our village roads is vitally important.

Chris Bell, email chris.bell@tysoe.org.uk

BRIAN'S BIZARRE GADGETS A PIT SAW



This is one of the many items that my grandfather passed on to me. It was used by two men. One man stood in a pit up to his head height. He held the saw handle. The other man stood on the ground above the pit and held the long handle. The man in the pit

pulled the saw downwards as it was easier and more effective to cut the wood on a downstroke, the man above pulled it up and so it continued until the log produced planks. Hence the name 'Pit Saw'. There was no other way in those days to produce planks from a log. (B-T-B).



COTSWOLDS FOOTPATHS UPDATE

This winter has been wetter than ever and paths have become incredibly muddy but hopefully the next few weeks sees drier skies and the chance to rediscover Tysoe's network of footpaths. Tysoe is a large parish with over 28 miles of footpaths and public rights of way, including 100 gates and stiles,

150 waymark posts and around 20 footbridges across streams and ditches. All these need to be maintained. Last year most of the yellow posts in the parish were cleaned and repainted by Cotswolds National Landscape to make finding paths easier.

Gates, stiles and bridges are the responsibility of landowners, not groups like CNL. Failure to maintain a stile or bridge can result in a damages claim to the landowner if a person is injured when using it so it is in landowner's interests to properly maintain them, or else contact groups like CNL for help. The public can report problems with stiles and footpaths via: https://rowreporting.warwickshire.gov.uk/CAMSWeb/ standardmap.aspx

Last autumn we worked with the Upton Estate to replace a rotted plank footbridge and reopen the path SS25a from Hopkins Farm across to Sun Rising Hill. Upton Estate also cleared a section of the path from the A422 junction by the natural burial ground up along the lower slope of Edgehill through to Westcote Manor that had been impassable for a couple of years.

CNL also organises guided walks in conjunction with the National Trust. There are a couple of local walks coming up this spring that you may wish to join, starting with:

• Friday 24 May. "Scenic Sibford". Meet at 9.45 at Grange Farm, grange lane/park lane junction, Swalcliffe OX15 5EX for a 6 mile walk along the eastern edge of the Cotswolds

For more information and to book places see: www.cotswoldsnl.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks-search. Bookings open 21 days before. Email: nteventquery@capita.co.uk or call 0344 249 1895. Nick Hull

A SCARY PHONE CALL . . .

The day my wife spoke with the infamous Reg Kray.

Our daughter (like so many) was a teenage fan of the band 'Spandau Ballet' so naturally when lead singer Gary Kemp was chosen to play the role of



the notorious London gangster Reg Kray in the Reggie Kray film 'The Krays' she had to see the film. That ignited her interest in crime generally and the Krays in particular. She became interested in the motives and reasons for crimes being committed.

She was later to become a prison escort officer but her first job was as a figurine painter at Stratford company, Country Artists. She learned that Reg Kray was held at that time in HMP Maidstone and decided to write to him. He wrote back several times and in one letter asked her if she could supply him with a small figurine to give to his niece as a wedding present. He said he would send our daughter a 'VO' (visiting order) so that she could visit him to take the figurine).

My wife used the local bus service on Saturday mornings for shopping trips to Banbury. The bus would return at approximately 1pm. One particular Saturday she returned laden with shopping bags to hear the phone ringing. On picking up the receiver, imagine her shock and surprise when the voice on the other end (in a cockney accent) said: "Hello Reg Kray here, can I speak to your daughter please?" They say that everyone has a claim to fame, I wonder if that is hers?

Our daughter did not subsequently visit him but he did continue to send her letters.

Phil Walker



TYSOE THEN AND NOW There's a wealth of information about Tysoe to be found on the THRG website from images of Old Tysoe to field names, oral history recordings to a Guide to Churchyard Lichens. Take a look: https://tysoehistory.org.uk/



From Tysoe nursery children, aged 18 months to 4 years, wear firefighter costumes to celebrate its 20th birthday; centre - Yvonne Dillon, nursery manager.

TYSOE NURSERY CELEBRATES 20TH BIRTHDAY

The nursery opened its doors in April 2004 following the refurbishment of the village's fire station which was decommissioned in 1998. It was established as a charity offering year-round children's services, including the main nursery, for the local community and surrounding villages.

Tysoe nursery continues to take inspiration from its old fire station setting and has two separate rooms dedicated to distinct age groups, 'Sparks' for 18 months to three years and 'Flames' three to five years. Holiday camps cater for children up to age eight.

Yvonne Dillon, nursery manager, who has been looking after children for over 17 years at TCG, comments: "We are excited to be celebrating our twentieth birthday this year which is such a huge achievement. Many of the little ones that joined us in 2004 will now be in their twenties. It's a huge testament to the care, love and support provided by staff here that many fondly remember their time at the nursery. "The Tysoe Children's Group has changed a lot over the last two decades. Originally, we had just one room in the nurserv for children aged three and up, with a maximum of twenty at any time. But as times change so has demand for childcare facilities younger especially for



Staff and children at Tysoe Children's Group celebrate their 20th birthday.

children. We opened our second room in January 2018 to accommodate younger children from 18 months," explains Yvonne.

"Likewise, when TCG first opened we offered other supporting services such as before and after school clubs, a walking bus and holiday camps as there was no other provision for these options in the area. Recently, we've worked with the Tysoe Primary School to relocate the before and after school club to their premises as government funding for school wraparound care comes into place."

"In 2018 the nursery named its two rooms 'Flames' and 'Sparks', ably led by Jo and Sarah respectively and, in 2021, we opened our dedicated sensory room and more recently the nursery has also benefited from an interior refurbishment post-covid with new equipment and learning resources," comments Yvonne.

Children aged three and above also take part in regular forest school sessions held at Badgers Wood with leader Sarah, where they can explore the woodland area and take part in bug hunting, bone digging and campfires. Younger children are outside in rain or shine exploring the nursery's immediate outdoor environment nestled in Warwickshire hills.

Tysoe Children's Group will be hosting a celebratory event for all children, past and present, their families, staff and wider local community at the Old Fire Station, Tysoe on 7th July 2024. Follow the nursery via Instagram and Facebook (@tysoechildrensgroup) for further updates or check its website **tysoechildrensgroup.co.uk**.

Tysoe C of E Primary SchoolPart of the FosseNurture, Serve, GrowMulti Academy Trust



FOSSE MAT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT SUCCESS!



We are delighted to be the current keepers of the Fosse MAT Inter-School Sports Championship trophy courtesy of a group of Year 3 and Year 4 children and their excellent effort at the Fosse MAT hockey tournament last term. The children had only ever played hockey at school during PE lessons and never in matches against other teams. They showed such teamwork, positivity and determination and came away winners for this tournament. We will keep the trophy safe until the next Fosse MAT tournament - unless we win rights to keep it again!

Thank you to Miss Simpson and the PE Leads at our other Trust schools, Moreton Morrell, Wellesbourne, and Newbold and Tredington, for organising this event. A big thank you to the parents and carers for transporting children and coming along to cheer the children on too.

Paige Allister

Headteacher



WALKING THE BEAT

The speaker at our meeting on Wednesday 4th April was Mervyn Edwards who is a former police officer with Thames Valley Police who retired having served 30 years and reaching the rank of Chief Superintendent. Mervyn's talk focused on when he served as a specialist firearms officer as a member of the Tactical Firearms Team for 15 years in three different ranks.



Mervyn visited us a couple of years ago when he spoke about the Newbury Bypass where he was the Police Commander and it was a terrific talk so we knew we were in for another great evening and we were not disappointed.

We learnt about the week Mervyn and the Firearms Team trained at a secret location in Oxfordshire in 1977 in readiness for the arrival and arrest of the then President of Uganda, Idi Amin, as he attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London. It was an intense week mainly focussing on how to deal with Idi's armed body-guards who had all pledged to lose their lives rather than allow harm to befall their President. Alas the training although useful and carried out under the watchful eye of the then Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees, was never implemented as Idi failed to arrive.

We also heard about the Firearms Team's role as Security at Chequers (the country residence of U.K. Prime Ministers), guarding Margaret Thatcher shortly after the Brighton Bombings and the use of the Firearms Team in other scenarios.

It was yet another excellent, informative and entertaining evening at Tysoe W.I.

On May 1st, Dr Katy Bellamy will talk to us about the neuroscience of sleep...a great opportunity for insomniacs!

Eileen Mann, WI President

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We've had a fantastic month of entertainment at the Social Club. Music from 'Mind the Gap' and the return of Pete Watkins - both provided brilliant nights of musical fun for all. A huge thank you to Josh Welsby for putting on a Games Night in the club with his take on Blankety Blank, Play your Cards Right and Beat the Chasers - an absolutely brilliant night was had by all.

Coming up in May:

- $\odot\,$ Saturday 4 Race Night £1 a bet with cash prizes for each race
- © Saturday 11 Music from The Jolly Rogers
- © Saturday 25 Music from Tres Hombres

Thank you for the continued support !

The club now has a WhatsApp group that anyone can join by scanning the QR code (see right). If Tysoe Record readers scan it, they can join the group and will receive updates on events.



Lauren, TSC Secretary



DON'T MISS Matt Jarvis Cleaver playing Rod, a Republican investment banker living on Avenue Q. He loves trading stocks and lives with his



best friend Nicky. It is a laugh out loud musical . The show is adults only +16.

30th May -1st June at 7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm) The Cooper School Bicester OX26 5TE. Call: 0333 666 366 or book online at: Ticketsource.co.uk/bcos

GREEN TIPS, LAUNDRY REVISITED

Firstly we need to consider the packaging; liquid and many pod capsules usually come in plastic containers which are not biodegradable and may not be recyclable. It is best to use those which are in containers made of recycled plastic and offer refill pouches.



Alternatively, powder, tablets soluble strips and sheets and some pods come in cardboard or paper packaging which can be recycled.

Secondly we need to avoid detergents which contain phosphates, chlorine bleach and optical brighteners as all of these may cause environmental damage especially to aquatic life. Instead try to pick products which use plant based oils.

None of this is easy and you may not have the time or inclination to study the small print on your detergent packet, but any small change you make will be of benefit .

Liz Layfield-Bell







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A free mums and tots* stay and play session.

Every Wednesday, starting from 10th April

9:30am-11:30am

@ Tysoe Primary School

*We would like to be inclusive so there is no upper age limit but please be mindful of the needs of small babies



This is a friendly and informal drop in session for our local community, a place for mums to meet and relax and little ones to play. No need to book, just sign in at the school office. Parking is available on site.

Free tea and coffee provided



Any queries please contact Rowena on 07824640902

MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE - NO MOW MAY!



Pollination by insects is important to most flowering plants, including many crops. Numbers of wild pollinators are limited by several factors including the abundance of nectar and pollen resources. There have been a number of studies looking at the value of different wild flowers to pollinators and, as an extension to this, looking at the benefits of mowing grass less frequently, as in 'No Mow May'. The amounts of nectar sugar produced by flower heads vary considerably, but of the common species found in unmown grass in Tysoe during May, amounts range through 0.02mg/day for speedwell, to 0.05mg for daisies, to over 2mg for dandelions. It has been estimated that about 935g of sugar are needed to provide resources for the lifetime of a bumblebee colony, equivalent to feeding, over time, from 438,000 dandelion flowers or 18 million daisies – a lot of flowers!

Leaving grass unmown for periods has great benefits in terms of providing pollen and nectar, and leaving the grass unmown for a month in May can make a significant difference. In a study near Cirencester, the nectar sugar value of No-Mow plots was three times higher than mown plots 3 weeks into the No-Mow regime on 20 May. When the mowing was delayed for even longer, until 11 June, the

No-Mow value was eight times higher than the mown area. Many of the verges in Tysoe will be taking part in 'No Mow May' again this year and as you walk around the village you might like to try and estimate how many bumblebees they will feed. You might also like to contemplate whether there are other areas of grass that can be left unmown, during May or even for a few weeks longer, and if you can leave the grass into June, some rarities like orchids may pop up!



Rosemary Collier

BIN COLLECTION AND RECYCLING IN MAY

Every Friday	Food caddies waste collection	
10	Blue & Green bin collection	Black bin collection
24	Blue & Green bin collection	
31		Black bin collection

MAY DATES - WHAT'S ON V			WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON	
	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Friday 10am-12 noon	Tysoe Dementia Café, Village Hall. Tel: 688376	
~	3	Friday	Friday Lunch Club, Tysoe Village Hall	
*	6	Monday	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY	
	13	Monday	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary Meet- ing, earlier time 7pm Tysoe Village Hall	
2	21	Tuesday	FREE coffee morning, St Mary's 9am - 12 noon. Includes Mums & tots.	
*	27	Monday	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	



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INDOOR CURLING - A NEW ACTIVITY WEEKLY IN THE VILLAGE HALL!

2pm mobile library outside Village Hall.

Starts Monday 15th April from 2-3pm. This is a free activity suitable for all ages and abilities and will run until mid-July (except for Bank Holidays). This activity is sponsored by Stour Health &

Wellbeing Partnership. All welcome.

Tuesday

For more information contact Sue Baxter 01295 670605



Wednesday 24th April 2024 Doors open 7.00pm Screening starts 7.30pm www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk

HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO TO REKINDLE YOUR RELATIONSHIP?

10th May - A short one-act play written by Tysoe's own Benjamin Keyser involving a bee, a pigeon and managing relationships!



National Trust

Tai Chi mediation

at Upton House and Gardens

Join Debbie Wild on alternative Wednesdays from 1 May in the Quiet Orchard £12 per session. Book online

nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse

For everyone, for ever



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Saturday mornings 10.30-12.00

St Edmund's Church, Church Street, Shipston Open to anyone. No referral or voucher needed. Donations of basic items can be left in the church porch between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Saturday. More collection points in the Co-ops and Tesco.

For information please check Facebook @<u>ShipstonFoodBank</u> or visit: www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk



CARERS FOR CARERS

NEXT MEETING Friday 24th May 10:30-12 noon Kineton Village Hall

This month Anita, a local massage therapist, will be on hand to offer some TLC. Your loved ones can join our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting. For more information, including help with transport, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com or visit or phone Gillian on 07947 893504 www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk



9am -12 noon - It's FREE! Includes STAY AND PLAY for mums and tots!

CHURCH CALENDAR DATES THIS MAY

At the beginning of this month we have Rogation Sunday, May 5th. *Rogation* is when we ask for



God's blessings on the emerging crops and on our human efforts to work for good with creation. In the countryside we pray for our farms and farmers, key workers with livestock, plants, earth and water. We ask God's blessing on our communities and connectedness in village and world.

On *Ascension Day*, Thursday, May 9th, we remember the risen Lord Jesus returning to heaven, and ask God to stay present with us on earth, a source of spiritual life and comfort. During the following 10 days we take time to pray, in churches, schools and homes, for the Holy Spirit to bring us close to God so we will want to live for justice, love and mercy.

Then on May 19th Churches everywhere celebrate the feast of *Pentecost* – Whit Sunday – as we recall the day the Holy Spirit first came to Jesus' disciples and turned them from terrified, persecuted strangers hiding in the city to confident, courageous disciples meeting openly who would soon come to be known throughout the Roman Empire and beyond as 'Christians'.

Rogation provides us with the opportunity to praise Creator God, to pray for blessing on the communities where we live. **Ascension** we focus our prayer to Jesus and **Pentecost** helps us to be open to the Holy Spirit at work in the world today. And then on 26th May we shall be in church for Trinity Sunday reaffirming our Christian beliefs in the God who creates us, and redeems and guides us when we come to Christian Faith.

If you would like to know more about joining in worldwide prayer go to www.thykingdomcome.global for inspiration, or join the church family to celebrate :

-Rogation Songs of Praise, 6pm Whatcote, South Feldon Churches -Ascension Day Service 7:30pm Butlers Marston, Shipston Deanery Churches I Pentecost and Trinity in your home church or online at www.youtube.com/thechurchofengland

> With love, Rev Heather Parbury; Associate Minister South Feldon Churches

NEWS



Tysoe Village Hall has been standing for almost a century and has become a cornerstone

of our community. Founded as a charitable trust by the Reverend McNulty, his forward-thinking vision to create a place for education and entertainment for parishioners is managed and supported by a committee of dedicated, unpaid volunteers.

For a third of this time (yes, that is 33 years!) Percy Sewell has chaired the Village Hall Committee. It rightfully becomes part of Tysoe's rich history to formally record and thank Percy for his tenacity in guiding the hall through both good and testing times to be the wonderful facility the village enjoys today.

At the recent Annual General Meeting, the committee said au revoir not only to Percy, but also to Chris Gibbs, Vice Chairman (and Committee member for even longer than Percy!), Ken Percival (Treasurer) and Jacqueline Sinclair. Following the AGM, Sue Baxter also resigned. Between them they have probably provided over a century of service to the hall. Tysoe owes each of you a debt of gratitude.

As incoming chair I had the pleasure to welcome many new members to the committee. It is pleasing to have Tysoe's clubs and societies represented, additional skills and experiences harnessed, and, with a number of younger members, help to ensure the hall remains relevant to all age groups.

Recently the hall has increased awareness through Facebook, website and email, as well as through The Record. From children to those in their 90's, your new committee will work hard to create a welcoming environment using our mantra - "The Hall for All". We will soon be announcing a number of events for the months ahead. If you have not yet registered at www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk - please do take a moment.

The committee looks forward to welcoming you to the hall.

Ben Viollet Chair of Trustees Tysoe Village Hall Trust

WOT2GROW UPDATE



If you walk around the community orchard



you may have noticed that there are some beehives near the nut glade by the shed. Bees need water and the original little pond had disappeared. So at the beginning of April some kind volunteers, who had some spare pond liner, installed a new one, which will also serve other wildlife in and around the orchard.

A suitable space was found between two laurels at the far end of what used to be the

sensory garden. This area had sadly become very overgrown over the pandemic and had almost disappeared except for some large sage bushes. Three large ash saplings were removed, and the pond dug out and lined; then the liner was weighted down with some rocks. Some large slabs were placed in the pond at one end to enable any wildlife to escape from the water. There are plans to insert a fence around the bee/pond area for safety.

The orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe. It is a beautiful and peaceful place abundant in wildlife, as well as bountiful fruit throughout the summer and autumn. We are privileged to have such a wonderful community resource in the village.

Allie Aves

To find out more contact: Miranda Forrester (680265), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) or message us via the website.

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Pear blossom starting to come out >





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Kineton & District Local History Group Meeting on Friday 17 May 2024 at Kineton Village Hall

Radford Semele: a History in Photos

by Anthony Hitchcox

New members and visitors welcome. Membership for the year £15 Visitors £3 per meeting.



An invitation to attend Tysoe's Parish Assembly Held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Tysoe June 4th from 7pm

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Hi Tysoe,

At April's Parish Council meeting, Chris Bell was co-opted and joined the team. Chris has invaluable knowledge about Tysoe and, with Adam Wyatt, works with the Traffic Group monitoring speeding into, through and out of the village. Councillors are hoping to organise traffic surveys to collect data which will show speeds and types of vehicles and drive times which will allow us to identify issues.

Both County and District Councillors reported on items of interest and support. Their reports, along with information and links on various subjects, including Domestic Abuse, Loneliness, MMR Vaccinations, the new Energy Efficiency Scheme (HUGS2) and the latest on the work at the Fred Winters and the Leisure Centres in Stratford-upon-Avon, can be seen on the Parish website www.tysoe.org.uk

Councillors were happy to grant a request from the Tysoe Children's Group for use of the Recreation Ground Car Park and some of the field for their 20th Anniversary Celebration Day on July 7th. The Open Gardens Group will also have their Open Days on the 6th and 7th of July – fingers crossed for good weather for the weekend and a good turnout.

It is hoped that work on some dead trees around the village will begin shortly and the hedges trimmed which are restricting drivers' view of the road at turnings, as identified on the village walkabout.

Councillors are considering running a Village Awards Scheme voted on by residents and are looking at ideas for the awards. They will be discussing this topic further at forthcoming meetings.

Finally, the Parish Council will be publishing Tysoe's Emergency Plan shortly. They have been working on it for several months and hope to have everything in place soon. Watch this space for further news.

> Charmaine TPC Clerk/RFO Email: parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk

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THE MAKING OF TYSOE: GRAVE TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD (5) THE GRAVEYARD ROCKS

The survey of the churchyard and Sandpits Road cemetery noted the types of stones used for the memorials. Aware of our limitations, we invited Dr Nina Morgan and Dr Phillip Powell from Oxford Natural History Museum to help us. They had made a geological study of Oxford's cemeteries and had an evangelical zeal to spread the geological word. With their help we were able to appreciate the different stones obtained from around the world visible on our doorstep. The geology of the memorials revealed much about status, industrialisation, and technology.

Before the mid-19th century almost all Tysoe's churchyard memorials were marlstone from quarries above the village. Stone is expensive to move, so local stone was the everyday resource except for elite memorials, such as William Clarke's in the chancel, made of Derbyshire alabaster, or the Ward family's wall plaques in the south aisle made of Italian marble and carved in London. The limited range of stone transportation can be appreciated when only a few miles from the Cotswold escarpment the memorials in Alveston Old Churchyard are almost exclusively Lias limestone, the local rock.

The development of cheaper canal and rail transport made more durable stone from further afield more accessible. We find sandstone from around Warwick, Kenilworth and the Forest of Dean. By the end of the 19th century, using better technology, very hard stones like granites from Cornwall and Scotland could be worked. There are several splendid Cornish granite memorials just east of the chancel near School Lane, and in the Sandpits Road cemetery a high proportion of memorials are granite. Steam ships meant cheaper international trade, and attractive Italian marble became available. In the late 20th century a highly polished "black granite", technically Gabbro, became popular and can be seen in Sandpits Road cemetery. See the THRG website www.tysoeheritage.org for an article on the churchyard geology, which is soon to be released as a leaflet.

David Freke

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TENNIS NEWS

Winter leagues end....summer league are here!

Never before has a winter schedule taken such a battering, as we all have, from various named storms! It has played havoc with trying to fulfil all fixtures.

The ladies doubles teams play in the Stratford District Leagues-the "A" team finishing mid table with 5 wins and 5 defeats whilst the "B" team managed 1 victory and 4 draws, but were spared propping up the table by Littleton who lost more games.

The "mixed" teams play in the Banbury Winter league. The "A" team had a strong season, sitting in second position. However not all teams in the league managed to complete their fixtures because of the weather .The "B" team took the honour of being the "most supportive team", with the other teams above them.

We do debate whether we can put two teams in both winter leagues but it does allow more club players to participate in competitive matches with other clubs and therefore allows everyone the oppor-

tunity to play some league tennis.

Summer starts with a bang!

Our Summer league season has started with a very hard fought win against Hook Norton, on a balmy April evening with play going on until 9:30pm. The Tysoe team of



Tysoe Tennis Club

Julie Smart, Nicki Campbell, Shirley Cherry, Pete Stubbs, Tony Wilde and Colin Wilson battled through to the final match with the contest poised at 4-4.

Nicki and Colin had to win their match to clinch victory, and managed to hold their nerve and do so to secure the first victory of the new season. The steady stream of spectators (mainly Labradors, Spaniels and Terriers) seemed to enjoy proceedings.

The season is underway!!

Colin Wilson

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