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Children celebrating Tysoe Nursery 20th birthday  
with Wellesbourne station's fire engine

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Tongue-in-cheek memories of some of Mary's challenges, catastrophes, lessons, experiences and thorough enjoyment from a lifetime of travels



## TO BEACH OR NOT TO BEACH?

MARY E. WHEILDON



## TRAVEL BOOK BY LOCAL AUTHOR

'To Beach or not to Beach?' combines the musings of an enquiring mind with a profound love of flora and fauna and a deep compassion for the world's inequalities. Rarely travelling alone, itineraries have enabled Mary to trek through jungles, cross lakes in dugout canoes and travel by skidoo across the 'Land of Nothing' behind the migrating reindeer of the Sami. Highlights and challenges are also part of expedition life: from witnessing the 5th King's Coronation in Bhutan to being dumped at a remote airport hours from the intended destination. We are invited to share the music, customs and environments of multiple regions. Mary also details the orphanages and hospitals that she has encountered, including Mother Teresa's. By the end, the reader will be much wiser about the less-frequented corners of the world. The adventures recorded are fascinating events in the life of the author, who, when she is not travelling, lives in leafy Warwickshire.

Signed copies available, price £20 (includes £2.05 donation for [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)) email [m\\_e\\_wheildon@hotmail.com](mailto:m_e_wheildon@hotmail.com)

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**(post Tysoe Flower Show)**

## A SPECIAL PLACE TO LIVE



Sometimes it takes extraordinary events to make you appreciate the ordinary. My husband and I had one such event recently, a near-death experience, whilst on holiday. We were fortunate to survive (a story for another time). Coming back to Tysoe after such a close shave was an unbelievable blessing. The soundscape here is so restful with wood pigeons coo, coo, cooing in the ash tree, a scream of swifts performing aerobatics overhead and the chimes of the church clock marking the quarter hours; the sum of the parts providing a sense of permanence and continuity. After such a traumatic time it was simply magic to sit in the garden with a cup of tea and soak up the ambiance of this special place we call home.

Roll up, roll up for the event for August - The Tysoe Flower Show – is an event that has been woven into the fabric of our village life. It is a wonderful celebration of life featuring rural crafts, including a farrier display and dry-stone walling; while local growers, flower arrangers and handicraft makers vie to win recognition for their skills in the show's extensive competitions. This year a 'Midsummer Mysteries' theme provides an extra dimension. The sleuths among you can root out the Agatha Christie titles around the show ground. Who knows, we might even discover our own Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple!

There is much to celebrate about living in Tysoe. It is the wonderful sense of community, plus the effort and commitment shown by the various committees and individuals who make it such a special place. Coupled with which, there is so much going on here as the pages of this issue of the Tysoe & District Record bear witness. Yes, it's true that travel can broaden our horizons but equally travel can also make us appreciate just how fortunate we are to live in this special enclave of rural Warwickshire.

**TYSOE**   
**FLOWER SHOW & FETE**  
**Saturday 17th August 2024**  
from 1.00 pm

The Editor

# TYSOE



## FLOWER SHOW & FETE

Saturday 17th August 2024  
from 1.00 pm

### SECTION I - CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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



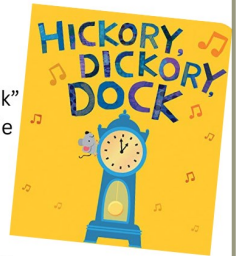
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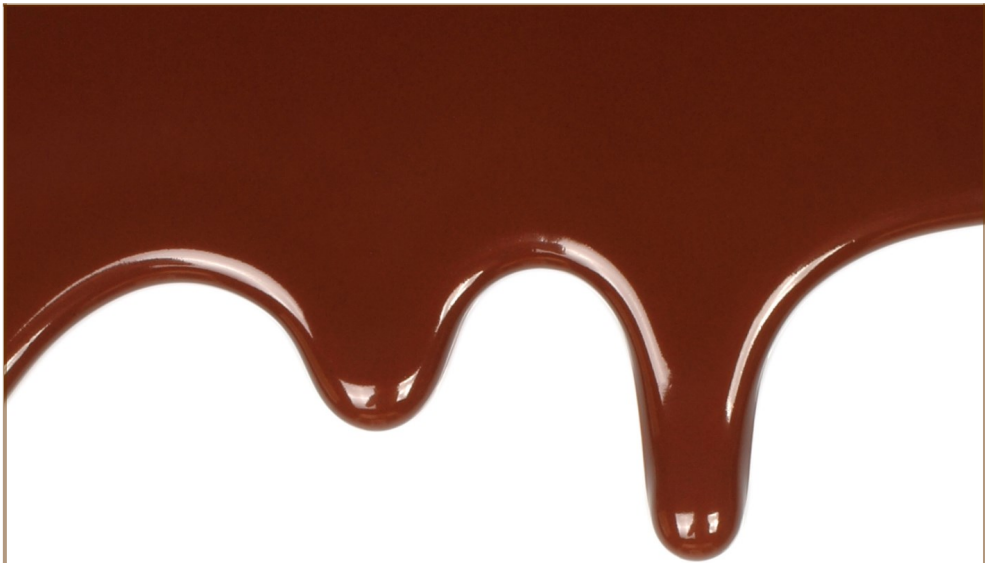
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#### TO ENTER

You will need to complete an Entry Form from the 'Schedule of Classes'. Hand it in at Tysoe Village Hall on Wednesday 14th August between 7pm-9pm. It is 50p to enter a class. Then you bring your entry along to the marquee on the day of the Show between 8am - 10.45am.





# *Death by Chocolate*

Demonstrate your cooking ability by baking a Chocolate Cake for the TYSOE FLOWER SHOW. Find the recipe in the 'SCHEDULE OF CLASSES'

... but will your kitchen look like a crime scene afterwards?

CLASS 90 MEN ONLY!

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## MARGARET GIBBS - OBITUARY



What a legend! Occasionally genuinely good people are found amongst us. Margaret was just such a lady. Although not born in Tysoe, you would never know it. Her knowledge of Tysoe and its inhabitants was encyclopaedic. She was a Lancashire lass, who moved South to remain with her family. Brought up on Nineveh Farm she married John Gibbs. The combination of her love of people, a desire to help them and her razor sharp brain rapidly endeared her to the village. She demonstrated a knowledge of Tysoe that would put Joseph Ashby to shame! Naturally public spirited, she was a stalwart supporter of the Chapel and was involved with many Tysoe groups including the Flower Show and latterly the Record. The latter she served as contributor, distributor and eight years as its Editor. She is responsible for the Record's sound financial standing today.

Whilst some may be apprehensive about the publication of her memoirs, she will be missed enormously by everyone. I consider it a privilege to have been ticked off by her for committing some editorial crime producing the Record as her successor. It's not every day one gets a roasting from a centenarian!

David Sewell



**CREAM TEA AND JAZZ IN THE GARDEN** turned out to be Cream Tea and Jazz not in the garden. Astutely, we had booked the Village Hall back in April as a pre-

caution against inclement July weather! The front of stage was given a garden makeover with colourful patio pots and Wilf's (Paul's dad) fragrant sweet peas decorated the tables. We were entertained by Paul and his Jazz59 band, plus the lovely Ruby Lamont on vocals. 75 cream teas were served and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. With the help of a raffle we raised £777.00 to support dementia carers locally.

Paul & Heather Dowler

## TYSOE NURSERY HOSTS 20TH BIRTHDAY PARTY



Tysoe Children's Group (TCG) welcomed current and past children, families, staff and the wider community for its 20th birthday party. Over the course of the afternoon, over fifty party guests took part in activities inspired by the nursery's home at the Old Fire Station.

Children were treated to a 'fireman scavenger hunt' with activities spread across the playground, including design your own uniform (colour the firefighter); decorate a snack (biscuit decorating); extinguish a fire (throw beanbags into the flame-coloured hoop); pin the ladder on the fire engine; and name the knitted firefighters – which will become TCG mascots (see photo - knitted by Carol Clark).

The star attraction of the afternoon was the real fire engine arriving from Wellesbourne station, and demonstrating key fire fighter equipment. Children also had the opportunity to sit upfront behind the driver's wheel.

Yvonne Dillon, Nursery Manager commented: "It was great to see so many coming to celebrate our 20th birthday party. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to plan, organise and host the party – I know the children, young and old, had a fabulous time!"

Children helped create a new sign to commemorate the occasion printing their handprints on three giant letters spelling 'TCG' which will be treated and proudly displayed on the nursery front gates.

As well as firefighting inspired games, Rose from Humming Bee, ran a special music and dance session while Steph from Mini Athletics conducted the 'firefighter's fitness test' as part of the day's scavenger hunt. Both run weekly sessions for TCG nursery children. We would also like to thank Iain Macpherson (one of the grandparents) for volunteering his time to tell the children a story at "Storytime". TCG



## MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS



Congratulations to our amazing Year 6 mathematicians who came away winners of the Alcester Grammar School Primary Mathematics Team Competition. There were over 100 other primary children in attendance making approximately 25 teams. Fantastic effort! Well done, Year 6.



Not to be outdone, four of our Year 5 children attended the Shipston High Mathsters Competition with seven other local primary schools. Our Year 5 children also came away victorious!

*Congratulations!*

Well done on your exemplary behaviour as well - it did not go unnoticed.



## THE FLOWER SHOW CRICKET MATCH

### THE ANNUAL CRICKET EVENT AT TYSOE

Sunday 18 August 2024 at 1pm.



The day after the Flower Show at the Playing Fields, Main Street, Tysoe, CV35 0SR

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**Adam Jordan – 07590 960992 - Oxhill**

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## FROM DELIVERY ROOM TO FORGE



July's meeting was very well attended as our members were intrigued to find out what made a successful, highly qualified midwife make a radical career change at the age of 51.



Diane Vernon traded her obstetric bag of instruments for a bag of blacksmithing tools which she first had to make herself. Di had always wanted to become a blacksmith, a great challenge both physically and intellectually. We followed her progress as she put herself through college as the only female on the course. Di's enthusiasm for her new craft was equalled only by the enthusiasm with which her forged garden art works were bought by our members.

August's meeting is our traditional afternoon tea which this year will be held at The George at Brailes.

Eileen Mann, WI President

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The  
Children's  
Society

## 'NEW TO YOU' SALE

Saturday 5th October

10am to 2 pm at St Mary's Church

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Coffee, Tea and Cakes, Soup and a roll (from noon).

All proceeds to The Children's Society

Contact: Gill Roache 680309



## FAREWELL FROM REVEREND HEATHER PARBURY

In February 2020 I retired from my posts of Rector and Dean in Berkshire, little knowing that 'coronavirus' would soon strike with Church leaders working all hours to respond to the pandemic.

We returned to Warwickshire and after talking with the Bishop and Archdeacon of Coventry and meeting Rev George and Drina suitably spaced in Tysoe vicarage garden, we came to live in Brailes vicarage to help out in the South Feldon Group of Churches as your non-stipendiary Associate Minister in these unprecedented times.

Despite the restrictions of Covid I soon got to know the faces of the many local people who met together for South Feldon zoom as more than 100 worshippers gathered twice weekly to enjoy music and singing, pictures, prayers, reflections and fellowship together from our own homes.

Then we were back in the church buildings, although with restrictions, and I was beginning to meet those who had not been able to worship together for the lockdown months. It has taken time to regain 'normal', and some are sad that life has not returned to what they remembered, or hoped for.

In our communities we have new ways to work from home, to shop and to enjoy time off. Many are grieving for friends no longer with us. Some are still fearful and find the changes to the community and culture around us difficult to navigate. Schools and churches as well as the health service are finding ways to work professionally with families and individuals whose lives and relationships were seriously disrupted

Now, four years on, I am moving on again. In recent months in our worship, and together as a group of parishes, we have been finding ways to count our blessings; to see where even now God is at work for good in our lives and villages; to ask where we too can be agents of change for the better.

For change happens wherever we are. Life and growth continue all around us. It may feel uncomfortable, and at times we might fight against developments we can't control, but God invites us to go with

Him into a future that not only could bring surprises we could never foresee and challenges that we could not imagine but blessings we have not expected.

I have received precious blessings in my time with you, met many wonderful people and faced some interesting challenges in ministry too. Thank you to Rev George and Drina, and to all who gave us a warm welcome in difficult times. Thank you to those who have supported us in ministry here through prayer and loving service. I pray for God's continued blessing on all of you sharing the life of Christian Faith and worship in our churches and schools, and blessings on all who live in the villages.

Please do come and join us in St George's Brailes for my final service as your associate minister on September 1st. Everyone, of all ages, will be very welcome. It will be family friendly worship! Please stay to enjoy the tea party afterwards. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

With love,

Rev Heather  
Associate Minister South Feldon Churches



*Heather's Farewell Service  
& Afternoon Tea*

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024  
11AM FAMILY SERVICE

St George's Church, Brailes

*ALL WELCOME*

## MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE IN TYSOE



The wet spring has supported plenty of plant growth. The wildflower seeds sown a few years ago are starting to pay off and there are 'new' species in School Lane and in the margins of the playing fields. The pink musk mallow (above) in the playing fields is particularly attractive and blue geraniums and scabious have appeared in School Lane. The plants in the 'triangle' at the junction of Sandpits and Oxhill Roads have also grown vigorously and are now being trimmed regularly. In contrast, it seems that the weather has had the opposite effect on insects, and, so far, it has been a very poor year for butterflies. On the facing page you will see a call for help with the development of Warwickshire's **Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)**, which will be Warwickshire's plan for supporting and improving biodiversity over the next few decades. It's important that as many people as possible provide their views through the consultation - which can be found using the QR code or this link: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nature-recovery/>.



# TYSOE SOCIAL CLUB

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3	<b>Live Music - 'Pete Watkins'</b> Music from 9pm
August 17	<b>Live Music - 'Jolly Rogers'</b> Music from 9pm
September 7	<b>Live Music - 'The Coopers'</b> Music from 9pm
September 21	<b>Live Music - 'Medicine Men'</b> Music from 9pm





Warwickshire Coventry & Solihull  
Local Nature Partnership

## Warwickshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy



The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) will be Warwickshire's plan for supporting and improving biodiversity over the next few decades.

It will be used to identify and prioritise many opportunities for nature improvements. These may be focused on particular areas, species or habitats.

48 LNRSs will be produced throughout England to link together to cover the whole country, forming part of a Nature Recovery Network.

Warwickshire's LNRS will be produced by Warwickshire County Council (the Responsible Authority), working with the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Nature Partnership (LNP).

## We need your help!

The Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull LNP is coordinating a major consultation exercise to assess the state of nature in Warwickshire, and find out what people want to see in the LNRS.

You can take part in the consultation by completing an online survey about your thoughts on nature in your locality.



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## WOT2GROW UPDATE



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This summer there has been masses of soft fruit to enjoy. This is shared among members and the surplus donated to care homes in the area. Anyone living in the villages of Whatcote, Oxhill or Tysoe are welcome to join and enjoy this wonderful harvest.



The membership fee of £25 until March next year includes fruit for the rest of the year. The orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe.

Allie Aves

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

Miranda Forrester (680265), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

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



**ST. MARY'S CHURCH TUESDAY MORNING  
20TH AUGUST 2024**

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

Includes *STAY AND PLAY* for mums and tots!



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TYSOE VILLAGE PRESENTS:

# Afternoon Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Now

DRINK TEA, RAISE MONEY, CHANGE LIVES

**SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2024.  
2-4PM**

Weather permitting this event will be held on Tysoe Playing fields; if we are unable to hold the event outdoors it will be held in the social club & village hall.

Alongside afternoon tea there will be Fun for the whole family, including tombola, raffle, games and activities for children - all in aid of Breast Cancer Now



## NGS TYSOE OPEN GARDENS JULY 2024



A lot of events happened in the village on the weekend of 6th and 7th July, including the NGS open gardens.

We want to give a big thank you to all the people who made the Tysoe Open Gardens possible and show what a thriving place the village is.

It is amazing how much help is needed in addition to the wonderful garden owners who generously allowed many visitors to see their gardens in aid of the NGS medical charities.

I will not mention names (in case I miss one) but you know who you are: thanks to those who put out, and took down at the end of the weekend, road signs; signs in the village to direct visitors to the gardens; put posters around the local area villages and businesses. The refreshment team who served teas to well over 100 people and for all those bakers who made and donated some delicious cakes.

Thanks also for those who loaned chairs, tables and the shelters, much needed as it did rain several times during the afternoons. Thanks to the car park marshal, the map maker and the other advertising initiatives to encourage visitors to come to the gardens.

Each garden needed helpers to cover the 4 hours each day we were open, to welcome visitors and sell tickets and plants. Thanks also to those who propagated and donated all the plants to sell. We talked to some lovely visitors and received many compliments about our gardens and I am sure a great day out was had by all.












Would you like to join open gardens in 2025? It would be great to have more gardens, however small, to showcase the wide variety of gardens in our village. If you are interested contact [sueandmike.s@gmail.com](mailto:sueandmike.s@gmail.com) by the end of August, as registration for 2025 is in September 2024!

## BIN COLLECTION AND RECYCLING IN AUGUST

<b>Every Friday</b>	<b>Food caddies</b> waste collection	
<b>2</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Green</b> bin collection	Black bin collection
<b>16</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Green</b> bin collection	
<b>23</b>		Black bin collection
<b>30</b>	<b>Blue &amp; Green</b> bin collection	

## AUGUST DATES - WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON

	<b>Every week</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	Pickle Ball at the Village Hall 7.15-9.15pm - <i>give it a try!</i>
	<b>2, 9, 16, 23, 30</b>	<b>Friday 10am-12 noon</b>	Tysoe Dementia Café, Village Hall. Tel: 688376
	<b>2</b>	<b>Friday</b>	Friday Lunch Club, Tysoe Village Hall
	<b>7</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	Tysoe WI Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
	<b>17</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TYSOE FLOWER SHOW &amp; FETE</b> from 1pm, Playing Fields
	<b>18</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>TYSOE VILLAGE CRICKET MATCH</b> Starts 1pm, Playaing Fields
	<b>20</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	St Mary's Coffee morning 9am -12 noon—it's FREE!
	<b>20</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Mobile library 2pm outside Village Hall
	<b>26</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY</b>



ABBA Night - 28th September



An evening with Michael Buble - 9th November

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# JAZZ NIGHT AT THE HALL

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Another busy period for your Village Hall Committee since our last update. Those that have visited recently will have smelt the aroma of fresh paint. The McNulty Room is now refreshed with a nod towards the hall's 1929 heritage. Many thanks to Steph and the team at Showhomes for their help in selecting the colour scheme and painting to their usual high standards.



The kitchen sub-group is grateful to regular users who provided valuable input on ideas that would update our food and drink preparation facilities. We are now focused on fund raising through grant applications and events to purchase and install those items that make the production of larger-scale catering more efficient.

Following a detailed energy audit and building inspection in July the hall hosted a Public Consultation where we presented an update on the volume of electricity the building consumes, the financial effect that has on cash reserves and of course hiring charges. Following a very positive public response the hall will now progress with a planning application to site solar (more accurately photovoltaic) panels on the South West (bungalow side) roof elevation, supplemented with internal battery storage. Projections are showing, even subject to the variable British weather, that we will make good inroads into the financial shortfall the increase in electricity costs has created. We hope to secure funding via external grants for this major capital project, to benefit the hall for the long term.

Events at your hall raise funds for reinvestment into our facilities. We are grateful to villagers who enjoy Film Club and have already bought ABBA and Michael Buble music night tickets, so do please come along and support this important village asset.

I'm sure you'll have fun!

Ben Violet  
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### GREEN TIPS. FOOD WRAPS

What do you use to wrap sandwiches and leftovers? For many of us the choice comes down to aluminium foil, often referred to as tin foil, or clingfilm. Traditional clingfilm contains plastic so



we might assume that aluminium foil is the better option. The production of aluminium foil starts with the mining of bauxite which is energy intensive and environmentally polluting, furthermore the production of aluminium requires vast amounts of electricity. Admittedly foil can be recycled but it would have to be used six times to offset the energy costs of its production. So cling film may be the better option or you could consider alternatives, many people use waxed cotton wraps or you can now buy compostable cling film made from corn starch which contains no micro plastics. I do remember my mother keeping the waxed paper wrappers from loaves of bread to wrap sandwiches, I suppose it was a case of waste not want not which is perhaps something we should all try to do.

Liz Layfield-Bell





Hi Tysoe,

Great news everyone! Cllr Amanda Venables was successful in a bid for Lottery funding to purchase 2 new defibrillators for Tysoe! The Parish Council received £3,950. This means there will soon be four defibrillators in the village. One at the Old Fire Station, one at the sports pavilion on the recreation ground and the other two will be housed in appropriate places so that they can be accessed by all.

The Tysoe Children's Group are hoping to upgrade their outside play area and equipment and have secured some funding which is fantastic. Tysoe's Parish Councillors have given their support to this project as they feel the group is a big asset to the Parish.

Further work has been carried out on the Children's Playground with more to follow. Some of the picnic tables have been damaged once again. This is sad to hear as they benefit so many visitors to the recreation ground.

Councillors have authorised the replacement of 3 streetlights in the parish that are not working, and hopefully there will be enough funds left in the budget to replace at least one or two more.

The Speedwatch Team have reported that surveys are being carried out around the Parish. Data received from these surveys will give a clear picture of the speed of motorists into, through and from the village and may help secure funds to help with traffic calming devices if it is felt they are necessary. **WATCH YOUR SPEED!**

Work begins shortly on overgrown hedges and fallen trees in Poolgate and where Church Farm Court meets Main Street. Councillors will also be organising work on trees in the village.

That's all until September. Enjoy Summer everyone

Charmaine

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## **THE MAKING OF TYSOE: GRAVE TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD (6) WHERE HAVE ALL THE GRAVESTONES GONE?**

Graveyards have an inbuilt storage problem. Land is limited but burials continue. There have been several responses to this problem, some of them in evidence at St Mary's in Tysoe. The Tysoe Heritage Research Group survey has unearthed them forensically. The early cemetery was close to the west, south and east of the church. The slight bank on the left of the path from School Lane marks the edge of this early cemetery. The simplest solution to overcrowding is to use the same ground again— the “Alas, poor Yorick” solution. This inevitably unearths remnants of earlier interments. The storage of disturbed bones in “charnels” was common in medieval churches, in crypts or special vaults. The result of “stacking” burials is that the cemetery ground level rises, and one often descends into a medieval church from the raised graveyard level, as at St Mary's.

Adding more land is common, and again St Mary's shows this. We don't know when the extensions to the south and south east were added, but land was added to the north-west of the church in the early 19th century, and again to the north-east in late 19th century.

Another solution is to clear areas and start again. At St Mary's only the section between the path from School Lane and the church wall remains relatively undisturbed. The whole cemetery south of the medieval cross was cleared in 1970, and most of the stones stacked against the south west churchyard wall. At least 30 stones got “lost” in this process, although some have been traced to the churchyard wall along School Lane, some more to the paving at the Manor, and one in a wall in Peacock Lane. We know about these lost stones because they were recorded in surveys in 1910 and 1970. But we can reckon that hundreds of unrecorded historic Tysoe headstones have been re-purposed over the centuries. THRG has recorded only seven 17th-century headstones stones in Tysoe compared with Warmington's sixty undisturbed examples. Where are Tysoe's lost memorials? Is there one in paving or built into a wall near you?

David Freke



The Community Choir of Oxhill, Tysoe & Shenington



## Summer Concert and Afternoon Tea Saturday 13th July 2024

Our summer concert was an enormous success and we would like to thank all those who supported us. We thoroughly enjoyed performing the songs which we have been practising this year. Of course we must also thank Anna our MD for her encouragement and commitment to CCOTS and Elsa our wonderful accompanist who is a massive support to the choir.

A final but massive thank you must also go to the Parish Councils of Shenington, Tysoe and Oxhill who have each given us a grant which has enabled us to build a website via Making Music. This website will enable potential new members to find us easily, the public to find out about us and for all members of the choir to find and use teacher tracks and music for our repertoire. This is a huge step forward from where we are now.

The website should be going live in the next few days and we will announce this as soon as it is.

Gill Marshall





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## HARVEST MEMORIES

Harvest end brings back memories of my dad, chickens and carthorses.

My dad kept a considerable number of chickens in an orchard on Epwell Road for which he paid the princely sum of £1 per year rent to farmer Spencer Taylor. The chickens were housed in three largish coops to each of which Dad had fixed substantial timber skids so they could be dragged and moved. The end of harvest would see a considerable activity in that orchard.



The field behind our house is known as the dairy ground in which Farmer Taylor kept a large carthorse. Dad was given permission to use the carthorse and after many expletives he eventually managed to capture said carthorse which was then harnessed up and attached to the chicken coops.

What followed was a latter day nomadic trek from the orchard to fields adjoining the Windmill. It must have been quite a sight, Dad leading carthorse, carthorse dragging chicken coops, myself with dog opening and closing gates and Mum bringing up the rear. On reaching the freshly harvested fields the chickens would feast joyfully on whatever grain had been left by the binder. I was charged with opening and closing the coops mornings and evenings.

This idyllic situation continued until the fields were due to be ploughed and thus the procedure would be reversed and the nomadic party would return to base and some form of normality.

I'll relate what I consider to be an amusing event relating to the foregoing. In Smarts Lane lived a lad called Freddie Grubb who was known locally as 'a bit of a lad'. Freddie visited Dad's chicken coops one morning, collected all the eggs, took them home, hard boiled them and returned them to the coops. Imagine Mum and Dad's surprise on using the eggs. Lads will be lads!

## MEN'S SUMMER LEAGUE



Tysoe Tennis Club  
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The Tysoe Men's team, consisting of a small band of just eight players, has been in division 5 for the past 5 years, and performed well without gaining sufficient points to escape into division 4.

This season started with some tough matches where they missed victories by very small margins and by the half way point of the season they were in sixth position with a mountain to climb if it wasn't going to be a repeat of recent season's. However, terrific victories against Littleton, Moreton, Chipping Campden and Alcester saw them rise up the ranks, and following a fantastic draw with top placed Inkberrow (the best result of any team against the top placed outfit) they needed just one point from their final match against third placed Bidford to secure the runners-up spot and gain promotion to Div 4. The tie last Tuesday ended in a 2-2 draw and so congratulations are due to the fighters of Tysoe's Mens Tennis - Julian Gardner, Tony Wilde, Ian Hook, David Fellowes, Colin Wilson, Pete Stubbs, Alex Menges and Philip Marshall.

Report by Philip

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# PICKLE BALL COMES TO TYSOE VILLAGE HALL!

The VH Committee are pleased to have received funding from the Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership to host Pickleball sessions, Thursdays at 7.15pm. For those interested please have a read on the website and come along for some light-hearted exercise.



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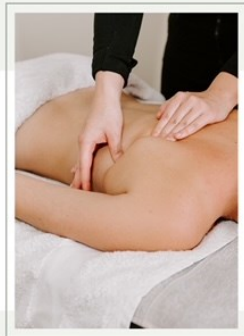
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