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FLOWER SHOW 2024

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- Read about our Summer of Sport and Outdoor Theatre
- Where have all our butterflies gone?
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PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH

Written by former Birmingham Poet Laureate Casey Bailey (GrimeBoy, Birmingham Rep) and directed by award winning theatre maker, Gail Babb (Stars, Tamasha - OFFIE'S Best New Play 2024), **Please Do Not Touch** is a brand-new co-production between China Plate and Belgrade Theatre, Coventry.

An extension of Casey's poetry collection of the same name, Please Do Not Touch follows the story of Mason, who is an activist. He's always been able to talk his way out of trouble, win any argument and speak out against injustice until an incident in a heritage house takes all that away from him.

“One of Birmingham’s best and brightest voices.” – Vanessa Kisuule. The play will be performed in the Squash Court Gallery at **Upton House on 27 and 28 September**. It asks important questions about colonial legacy, contested heritage and how stories are told, and the criminal justice system. For more information and to book (maximum 50 seats per performance) visit: <https://shorturl.at/SrHAI>

THE RECORD TEAM	GET IN TOUCH
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WHAT A SUMMER OF SPORT!



The Paris Olympics have just finished, and what a fortnight of sport action it was. Team GB did very well again, if not quite with the gold medal haul as previous Olympics. One particular highlight in our house was Bryony Page's Gold medal in the Trampoline. Bryony is a friend of our son Ben as they were contemporaries reading Biology at University of Sheffield. Bryony added the Gold to the Silver she won in Rio and the Bronze she won in Tokyo.

Another highlight of this summer was Sir Lewis Hamilton's extraordinary victory at the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. Lewis showed all his mastery of the changeable conditions and nursed his tyres to a famous victory, his first since controversially losing his 8th World championship to an incorrect decision by the (now sacked) race director. That victory was shared by an ecstatic Silverstone crowd which was a tribute to Lewis' enduring popularity.

England's men's football team were losing finalists for the second Euro Championships in a row. England came up short to a magnificent Spanish team, but can hold their heads up high and they were a tribute to their manager, Gareth Southgate.

England's Test cricket team have enjoyed a 3-0 series win over the once mighty West Indies (those of us brought up in the 1970s still marvel at such a victory). In the process England have uncovered some great new talent for the future, notably Jamie Smith the wicket-keeper / batsman at only 22 years old.

Talking of cricket, hot off the press, Tysoe's team of warriors fell well short of a semi-professional team from Oxhill (they had matching shirts!) – great to see/hear the thwack of leather on willow on the playing fields again. See John Keayes' match report on page 32.

Wimbledon also served up a great championship, but sadly without much in the way of British interest at the upper echelons, but it all adds up to an extraordinary summer of sport.

And now the football season is starting, let the madness commence!

Roland Cherry

TYSOE

FLOWER SHOW & FETE

Saturday 17th August 2024
from 1.00 pm



MEET THE TEAM WHO MAKE THE FLOWER & FETE SHOW HAPPEN:

Chairman: Steve Allen, Vice Chairman:
Andy McGinn, General Secretary: Jenny
Brown, Treasurer: Yvonne Dillon,
Flower Show Secretary: Jo Freeston,
Committee members: Sam Belcher,
Carol Botting, Becky Hancox, Ella
Harrison, Abhi Mahajani, Diane & Ian
McHardy, Bridget Norton, Rob Phillips,
Christine Tuffin and Honorary
President: David Sewell.



VISITOR REVIEWS

Isobel Watson
54m · 📍

What an amazing Flower Show yesterday. I can only begin to imagine the months of work that went into organising this fab event! Cakes from WI gorgeous as ever, traditional skittles and Aunt Sally. Superb falconry and Gun Dog display. Beautiful stalls.
And a note of appreciation to everyone who displayed produce! Some of the entries were very impressive while a couple of my own were for light relief only!
Special note about the African drumming workshop. Inspired addition - just fun!
Thank you to all the committee and others who helped to make the show so good.

All comments ▾

Sophy Forman-Lynch
Completely agree. It was a triumph! Well done one and all.
51m Like Reply 2 📌

Angie Smith
I echo the compliments , absolutely brilliant .
32m Like Reply 1 📌

Tysoe Flower Show & Fete
Bakayoko Music Company were the drummers, a fantastic addition to the show.
Just now Like Reply

Penny Varley Ceramics
Well done to everyone who contributed to this year's amazing **Tysoe Flower Show & Fete**. It was a resounding success and there were so many compliments about the whole event.
3h Love Reply Hide 2 📌



Malcolm Littlewood
54m · 📍

Congratulations to the Tysoe Flower Show and Fête for an excellent event!
😊

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Tysoe Village Noticeboard
Tysoe Flower Show & Fete · 22h · 📍

Like Comment Send

👍❤️ Steve Randall and 33 others

All comments ▾

Gayle Tom P Kins
Great afternoon! Well done **Steve Allen** and team
21h Like Reply 3 📌

Rose Morris
Thank you to everyone who makes the **Tysoe Flower Show & Fete** such a fun and friendly event 😊
I had a lovely afternoon
20h Like Reply 5 📌

Jackie Thompson
Brilliant afternoon. Thank you to all the organisers. Well done. I enjoyed it even though I was working on WI teas. We actually sold out of cakes. That's a first!!!!
17h Like Reply 3 📌

Debbie Welford
It was fabulous! Well done Tysoe! 😊
16h Like Reply 2 📌

👍❤️ Banburyshire Info and 30 others >

Ruth Todd
Super show today! Thank you to everyone involved
19h Like Reply Message Hide 2 📌

Emma Long
Lovely afternoon out 😊
20h Like Reply Message Hide 1 📌

👑 Top fan
Mick Horne
Brilliant afternoon out.
21h Like Reply Message Hide 2 📌

Laura Lepeltier
What a super show! Thank you to everyone who arranged it.
22h Like Reply Message Hide 2 📌

Gayle Tom P Kins
Well done **Steve Allen** and team!
22h Like Reply Message Hide 3 📌

Peter Looper
A truly wonderful show, perfectly set up and organised. Even the good weather was booked.
23h Like Reply Message Hide 1 📌

Comments shared on Facebook.



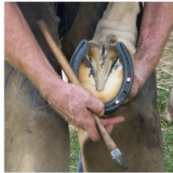
A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL PRODUCE, HOBBIES AND HANDICRAFTS:

Vegetables galore, fabulous flowers, floral arrangements, honey, homemade wines, painting and photography, knitting and needlework, baking and 'Death by Chocolate!'



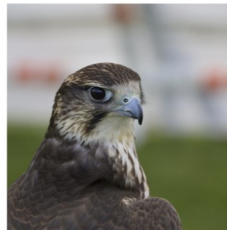
TABLE OF WINNERS

Award	Winner
Trophy for most points section A	Mrs. R. Peachey
Best Exhibit section A	Mrs. R. Peachey
Trophy for most points section B	Faith Hall
Best Exhibit section B	Mrs. R. Peachey
Trophy for most points section C	Mr. R. Peachey
Best exhibit Section C	Sue Sanderson
Faith Hall trophy - heaviest pumpkin Class 25	Mrs. R. Peachey
Trophy for best vase of sweet peas in show	Mrs. R. Peachey
Needham trophy for best vase of roses	Bridget Norton
Howard Butcher trophy for best vase of Gladioli	Diana Thorne
Rex Oliver trophy for best vase of Dahlias	Mrs. R. Peachey
Digweed trophy - best exhibit Class 77	Kate Daniell
Trophy to winner - novices flower arranging Class 80	Kate Daniell
Cup for the most points D	Faith Hall
Sue Russell cup for best exhibit in section D Floral Art	Faith Hall
Trophy for Class 81 Tysoe Residents	Faith Hall
Trophy for most points section E	Pauline Liggins
Cup for best exhibit section E	James Stevenson
Deborah Williams Honeypot for most points in honey classes	Mike Clarke
Shipston Beekeepers Novice award	Mike Clarke
Dorothy Messer cup for the outstanding bottle of wine	Andy Deller
David Goodenough cup for the most points	Andy Deller
The Vicarage cup for the best liqueur Class 116	Mr. R. Peachey
Tysoe WI Lyn Hicks memorial cup for best exhibit in section H	Angela Smith
David Sewell cup for the best exhibit Section I	Christine Tuffin
Best Photo Child	Guillaume Lepeltier
Best Photo Adult	Christine Tuffin
Joan and Gerald Butcher trophy for the best root vegetable	Mrs. R. Peachey
Monica Lomas award for best effort in children's section	Harrison Cooper
Banbury Marquee hire cup for best exhibit	Faith Hall
The Littlewood cup for best exhibit in the show	Sue Sanderson
Jack King trophy for the exhibitor who has made the best effort	Pete Butcher



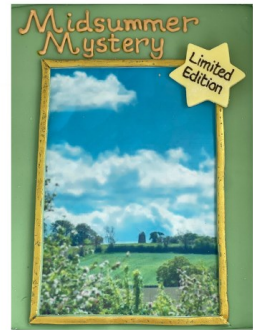
A CELEBRATION OF RURAL CRAFTS:

Dry stone walling, Banbury Cross Archers, Pottery Workshop, Farrier Display, SWWWC Gun Dog Display Team, Fen Falconry Display, Stratford Guild of Weavers.



FLOWER SHOW 2024

 **BREAKING NEWS - TYSOE POLICE NEED YOUR HELP** 



CASE SOLVED!

Well done to all those who took part in our first Midsummer Mystery. I can reveal the correct outcome was

Victim - Victoria Sponge

Murderer - Hyacinth Bouquet

Weapon - arrow

Motive - jealousy

Thank you for taking part, we hope you enjoyed it.



MIDSUMMER MYSTERY 2024



FROM TEACHER TO HEALTH COACH

Hi, I'm Hayley Tucker and you may have seen me around Tysoe with my two young girls and German Shepherd dog, Bella. I've been a Science teacher for 11 years but have recently retrained and qualified as a holistic Health Coach and here's *why* ...

When I became a Mum, I had no idea how much it would affect not only my physical body and sleep, but also my routine, lifestyle, diet and ultimately my mental health. I put so much into looking after my new baby, that I seemingly had no time left to look after myself.

Becoming a Mum has got easier, but what I personally found extremely difficult was knowing how to rediscover my own identity and get my own health back on track. I needed to find a way to reestablish my routines, stop the bad eating habits and start exercising again. There was plenty of advice out there, but none of it was tailored to me, my body and my challenges and without the knowledge or support I found it extremely difficult to do this.

So I've created Hayley Tucker Health to offer tailored coaching and health plans to busy women with growing families. Empowering them with the personalised knowledge, guidance, confidence and support to retake control of their health and wellbeing, so that they are set up to achieve their goals despite the challenges life brings.

What is a Health Coach?

A health coach is an expert in behaviour change to support, motivate and educate people to improve health and set personalised goals. As a holistic health coach, I address all aspects of a person's life affecting their wellbeing which includes nutrition, movement, relationships, mindset, work-life balance and more.

A health coach helps people feel their best through personalised lifestyle changes and holds them accountable to embed and sustain these changes. I will help you discover how to fuel your body, live a healthy lifestyle, and find the best wellness and health routine that works for you. Get in touch, email: hello@hayleytuckerhealth.co.uk or Instagram: [@hayleytuckerhealth](https://www.instagram.com/hayleytuckerhealth) Hayley Tucker

SUN RISING SUMMER REPORT

By the time you read this article, the season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness" will be just around the corner. The rhythm of the changing seasons is very apparent at Sun Rising and, as the nights begin to draw in, we are looking back over our Summer and at upcoming dates in our calendar.



Our Open Day in June was well attended, enabling visitors to learn more about the Burial Ground and Nature Reserve and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. It was held at the Longhouse, which is proving to be an invaluable addition to the site.

In July, we were treated to a musical extravaganza by the JuxtaSax Quartet (pictured above): a splendid way to spend a summer's afternoon! The band performed a wide range of music with the wonderful backdrop of the wildflower meadows.

Despite weather challenges, we held lunchtime events during Insect Week in July, as well as a butterfly walk. We also continued with our monthly flora and fauna surveys to monitor the development of various habitats and our progress towards our long-term vision.

Looking ahead, early Autumn will be busy with meadow clearing and volunteer days spreading green hay. The Friends' Annual AGM is on 14 September. The annual Planting Weekend is in mid-October for those with loved ones laid to rest there, and our non-religious Armistice gathering is on Monday 11 November: everyone welcome.

Plans for Christmas in the Longhouse on 21 December are in hand and we warmly invite you to join us. Leave a message on our Memory Tree, and enjoy festive music, mulled wine, nibbles and last minute shopping!

Details of events are on our website at sunrising.co.uk under "Community & Events". You can also sign up to receive our newsletter by emailing us as office@sunrising.co.uk.

Dawn Short, Friend of Sun Rising Trustee



APPLE DAY AT THE ORCHARD



**A COMMUNITY APPLE-JUICING EVENT
FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

**SATURDAY
12TH OCTOBER
FROM 1.00PM
TO 4.00PM**

- **TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES,**
- **PASTEURISED JUICE
FOR SALE.**

**JOIN IN TO HELP TURN
THE APPLES INTO JUICE
– IT'S LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**



Bring your own apples to juice if you have some, or just come along anyway! Windfalls are fine if you clean them first, there is no water supply at the orchard. Bring a clean container to take some juice home. Some car parking is available at the Community Orchard, located just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe.

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PROSECCO AT THE GEORGE



Each August, Tysoe W.I.'s monthly meeting becomes an excuse for cake indulgence....and cakes not made by ourselves for a welcome change....it is the ever popular August Afternoon Tea get together. This year we were royally looked after by the staff at The George at Brailes.

The weather was on our side as the rain stopped and the sun came out. We enjoyed a welcoming Prosecco on arrival while sitting in the lovely garden. The ladies looked splendid in their afternoon tea fashions (well, we need little excuse for dressing up.)...we could have been at a Buckingham Palace tea party such was the effort made.

The George had provided a plentiful and splendid afternoon tea spread that was much enjoyed by all. Two hours flew by helped by top ups of tea and the arrival of fresh strawberries and cream. We finished by singing Jerusalem (normally reserved for our AGM but a great afternoon felt as if it deserved a good ending note).

We now look forward to our September meeting when Kim Slater the CEO of our chosen charity, Warwickshire Rural Community Council, will be telling us about the good work they do for villages like Tysoe and their inhabitants.

Eileen Mann, WI President

Follow us on Facebook, email tysoewi1917@yahoo.com or visit www.tysoewi.com



CARERS4CARERS - FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

From 10:30 am to 12:00 noon, Kineton Village Hall. We're excited to have Jude Cranfield from the Stratford District Council's Older People Team as our guest to shed light on social services. Come enjoy refreshments and meet other local carers, while your loved ones join our Companionship Group.

For more information about our support group for carers, including help with transport to / from meetings, phone Gillian on **07947 893504**, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com

www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk



Tysoe Social Club

UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER AT THE SOCIAL CLUB:

Two new bands join us in September for their first performances at the social club. We are looking forward to welcoming:

- ☺ **The Coopers** on the **7 September 2024**
- ☺ **Medicine Men** on **21 September 2024**

We are going to begin trialling pop-up food nights at the club offering takeaway and eat in; these will begin in August 2024 - look out for updates online via our Tysoe Social Club Facebook Group and the Tysoe Village Noticeboard.

Tysoe Social Club, Main Street, Tysoe, Warwickshire, CV35 0SE

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday 7.00pm - 11.00pm

Tel: 01295 680 627 Facebook: Tysoe Social Club

Email: tysoesocialclub@hotmail.co.uk / tsc.secretary@hotmail.com

Lauren, TSC Secretary

BEGINNERS' UKULELE

Start learning the ukulele with this new 6 week course starting in September. The teaching is free but room hire and refreshments cost £20. Yes, you will need a ukulele and song sheets (or see them on a tablet), but you'll be given advice before you start. Plus you could join our ukulele group after the course.



Wednesday 4th September, 2 hours for 6 weeks at Wellesbourne Bowls Club. Email: beginnersukes@swift-mail.com

HATCHING, MATCHING AND DESPATCHING . . .

It is fair to say that church attendance has fallen significantly in the 21st Century, and yet Christianity is embedded deep in our psyche, whether we are conscious of it or not. I dare say a good number of readers of the Tysoe Record attended Sunday School or sang in the choir as children.

Yet people still turn to the church to celebrate and / or commemorate significant life events, from the pomp and ceremony of the King's Coronation to family events – hence the hatching (Christenings), matching (weddings) and despatching (funerals) as my father-in-law, a church of England vicar, used to describe them. Our own daughter was married in St. Mary's Church earlier this year and what a splendid occasion that was with its music, singing and readings, in the setting of our beautiful church (thank you George). The recent thanksgiving services for John Baylis and Michael Appleton, to name two former village stalwarts, were moving, memorable and packed.

St Mary's is a focal point of our village, constructed nearly 1,000 years ago. David Freke's 'Grave tales from the churchyard', (see page 29) provides a sense of its enduring history. But you don't have to be a 'believer' to appreciate the church. Alison Cross, a bell ringer, recently posted on Facebook: "David, our bell captain, said he'd just met a guy in church who heard the bells ringing and stopped to come in to pray. I'm not religious, but it made the hairs stand up on the back of my neck! It was a lovely moment for all who were ringing."

The church is 'a still point in a turning world', but there is danger that without our financial support we could lose this important community asset which belongs to all of us. In recent years the Methodist Chapel has closed its doors and we don't want the same fate to befall St Mary's. There is no room for complacency, we can't just assume it will continue to be here. However, if say half the residents of Tysoe were to contribute just £2.00 per month (less than the cost of a ½ pint of beer), then the funding crisis would go away and we could safeguard its future for more hatching, matching and despatching for ourselves and generations to come. A small price to pay I think you'll agree, so go on, sign up today.

The Editor

To sign-up for the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) visit: parishgiving.org.uk. Registration number 110611215. Call 0333 0021271 or contact David Dawkins on 01295 688234 for more details.

NOTES FROM ST MARY'S SEPTEMBER 2024

Here we are in September! I don't know about you, but for me this year seems to have flown by. They say it is an age thing. On Sunday 1st September at 3pm we will be celebrating the ministry of Rev. Heather as she retires, with a service of thanksgiving at St George's for all the churches of the South Feldon Group. Rev. Heather joined us four years ago this month, in the middle of Covid when we weren't allowed to meet socially. We didn't have an opportunity then to give a welcome party. Now we are not only marking her four years with us but also celebrating her twenty-five years in ministry as she moves on to her well-earned retirement. We hope as many as are able will join us to celebrate with her and with Philip, and wish them well for the future.

As well as being a period of transition for Heather and Philip, September is a time of change for many, especially for our children and their parents. We had our school leavers' service in church in July before the end of the summer term. We said farewell to pupils from Tysoe School who are taking their next step to a new school elsewhere this month. Also, some children will be starting "big school" for the first time, a time of significant change for them and their parents. Some of our young people may be preparing to leave for university or college, a bigger step with opportunities to meet new people and make new friends. For them all, their summer break will be over and the preparations for their next phase begin.

Over the last month or so our fields of wheat have turned golden and harvesting has been taking place. We begin to look further forward to our Harvest Festival service at 11am on 13th October.

God Bless,

George

Please note: No service on Sunday 1st September at St Mary's. Otherwise services are at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome.

Revd George Heighton
Email revgeorgeh@outlook.com
Telephone 01295 680 201



Heather's Farewell Service & Afternoon Tea

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024
3PM FAMILY SERVICE

St George's Church, Brailes

ALL WELCOME



ST. MARY'S CHURCH TUESDAY MORNING

17TH SEPTEMBER 2024

9am - 12 noon. It's FREE!

Includes *STAY AND PLAY* for mums and tots!

The
Children's
Society

'NEW TO YOU' SALE

Saturday 5th October

10am to 2 pm at St Mary's Church

**China, Pictures, Bric-a-brac, Quality Clothes and Raffle
Coffee, Tea and Cakes, Soup and a roll (from noon).**

All proceeds to **The Children's Society**

Contact: Gill Roache 680309





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MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE – WHERE HAVE ALL THE BUTTERFLIES GONE?



Brimstone butterfly

Whilst a few people have reported seeing good numbers of butterflies this summer, many have remarked on their absence. It's well known that Buddleia flowers are very attractive to butterflies and usually the Buddleia in our garden attracts plenty. However this summer there have been hardly any butterfly visitors. Dan Hoare, who is Butterfly Conservation's Director of Conservation, considers that 2024 is likely to be one of the worst years on record with regard to butterfly numbers.

The main issue has been wet weather. It's likely that species overwintering as eggs did badly, probably due to fungal disease exacerbated by the warm wet winter. The UK then had its wettest spring since 1986 and the wet warm spring caused very strong grass growth, which you will have noticed in the wildflower areas in the churchyard and School Lane. This is likely to have suppressed some wildflower species that caterpillars use as foodplants. In addition, heavy rain can be disastrous for species whose caterpillars live in the canopies of trees, such as the Purple Hairstreak (oak) and Purple Emperor (willow). Finally, the many dull and rainy days we've experienced don't favour butterfly mating and egg-laying, as butterflies are most active in sunshine. So, all in all, butterfly behaviour and life cycles have been affected severely.

There is no doubt in my mind that the world is now seeing the impacts of climate change (think of the very high summer temperatures in parts of continental Europe and recent wildfires in Greece and Canada). The Met Office predicts that, for us in the UK, there will be warmer and wetter winters, hotter and drier summers and more frequent and intense weather extremes. It will be hard for some species to adapt to these new conditions because climate change is happening so rapidly.

The Butterfly Conservation website is a great source of information and there is also an excellent free podcast about what's happening to our butterflies: <https://shorturl.at/MXATf>

Rosemary Collier

COLONY OF CATS IN TYSOE



Since April of this year, 63 cats have been removed from the centre of Tysoe. The Blue Cross, Sunshine Cat Rescue and Cats Protection took away as many as they could. The problem appears to have begun due to an unneutered female and male perhaps during lockdown and was mainly confined to Welchman Place and Middleton Close. Due to the locality, the issue largely went un-noticed by the rest of the village. (a female cat can get pregnant at four months and can get pregnant straight away after giving birth – and so the cycle continues if not addressed – I'll leave you to do the maths!)

One lady who helped the cats and kittens was Anne Jacques. For over two years she purchased food at her own expense. At times there were 25 cats sat on her lawn waiting to be fed. These cats did not belong to her...she just couldn't bear to see them go hungry.

Finally, on July 4th, when a young female cat was found deceased in the hedge of the playing fields, leaving five kittens alone, Tysoe Cat Collection stepped in.

Becky Hancox, Lucy, Chris and Lily Locke, along with myself and Anne, set about rescuing the remaining cats and kittens. Cats Protection gave us three humane cat traps which were a god-send.

The 5 kittens were immediately rehomed by kind-hearted residents. One tom cat had to be euthanized. Five semi-feral cats were taken by Cats Protection and rehomed in stables in Warwickshire. Two of these were found to be pregnant and our funds paid for their treatment. We have a female cat with five, 2-week-old kittens, along with 11 kittens still in our care. These are currently being processed through Hook Norton Vets as they all need neutering, blood work, flea and worm treatment and micro-chipping. Hook Norton Vets have given us an extremely generous discount through their teaching department for which we are very grateful.



We believe we still have 7 semi-feral cats, plus one sighting of a group of kittens waiting to be trapped around the Oxhill Road area but are waiting for the go ahead from Cats Protection before we can trap and process. Also, there's a suspected unneutered Ginger Tom we would like to get sorted, if you spot him or know if he belongs to anyone, please let us know.

Tysoe Cat Collection would like to stress how important it is to get your cats and kittens neutered so that we don't find ourselves in this situation again. **If this is financially difficult, please do not be afraid to ask for our help.**

At the present time, none of the 11 kittens are ready to be adopted due to their unfortunate start in life and early experiences with people. However, with the help of Cats Protection we have every confidence they will soon find their forever homes.














Lastly, we would also like to give a huge thanks to everyone who came to our coffee morning, to those that have given cash donations, the food and litter donations and all those that have donated to our GoFundMe page which is still running, see: <https://gofund.me/a5dc0a28>

Beki Benjamin

BIN COLLECTION AND RECYCLING IN SEPTEMBER

Every Friday	Food caddies waste collection	
13	Blue & Green bin collection	Black bin collection
27	Blue & Green bin collection	

SEPTEMBER: WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON

	Every week	Thursday	Dance & exercise Class (Free). 10.30-11.10am Contact Eileen Mann 680921
	Every week	Thursday	Pickle Ball and table tennis at the Village Hall 7.15-9.15pm - <i>give it a try!</i>
	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Friday 10am-12 noon	Tysoe Dementia Café, Village Hall. Tel: 688376
	4	Wednesday	Tysoe WI Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm Christine 780765
	6	Friday	Friday Lunch Club, Tysoe Village Hall
	9	Monday	Tysoe Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
	11, 18, 25	Wednesday	Craft & Laugh, Village Hall McNulty Room (2-4pm). Linda Johnson 680585
	11, 18, 25,	Wednesday	Tysoe Tots. Tysoe Primary School 9.30 - 11.30am Rowena m: 07824 640902
	17	Tuesday	St Mary's Coffee morning 9am -12 noon—it's FREE! (Inc Stay & Play)
	17	Tuesday	Mobile library 2pm outside Village Hall
	25	Wednesday	Film Night - doors open 7pm. 7.30pm film starts



MADE IN TYSOE

Find hidden creative gems on your doorstep
buy a gift for yourself or for a loved one and
support your neighbours

Tysoe Village Hall
Saturday 21st September 2024
10.00 - 16.00



Bring a friend for tea & homemade cake
Refreshments in aid of Muscular Dystrophy



Anton Lesser as Sir
Thomas More, Wolf Hall
Photo: Ed Miller BBC

Page to Screen

with acclaimed actor
Anton Lesser

Hear how book characters were brought to life on screen
and stage by Anton Lesser in this interview with TV
journalist Carole Foster

Shipston & District Literary Society event

7.30 Tuesday 24th September
St Edmunds Church, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4AP
Tickets: £10

Join us for the first event in the Shipston & District Literary Society's 2024/5
season. Tickets £10 from Tysoe Post Office or Eventbrite: <https://rb.gy/i81uyp>



Enjoy a fun evening with all of your
favourite ABBA hits! 28th September
Doors open : 7.00pm, show starts at 7.30pm
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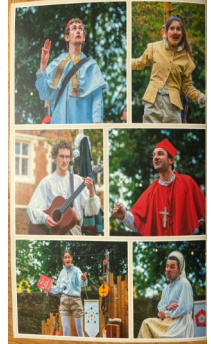


THE PLAY'S THE THING

Due to poor diary management and over-enthusiastic booking, we had three theatre visits in three nights, in the middle of August! The first was School for Scandal at the RSC, the others were open-air productions at Charlecote Park on the rear lawn, overlooking the River Avon.

School for Scandal is an 18th-century classic; a comedy of manners and society. The RSC's somewhat slapstick production had the cast and set drenched in bubble gum pink. An unexpected but light-hearted moment came when a stage trapdoor malfunctioned and the floor manager had to stop the show twice. The story is of hedonistic living, gossip, lax morals, and fake news.....sound familiar? It seems little has changed in the 250 years since it was written. It was, as always, a classy RSC production; the comedy and camp made for a great evening.

The two outdoor productions came courtesy of The Three Inch Fools, a touring company with a cast of four. The weather was perfect, we took picnics and enjoyed Comedy of Errors, and The Secret Diary of Henry VIII the following evening. The former was a break-neck version of Shakespeare's farcical tale of two sets of twins and mistaken identities; not easy to pull off with 4 actors, but with a little audience participation everything was resolved in a hilarious final scene. The second night saw us peek into Tudor times through the eyes of Henry himself....he didn't expect to be king, but as we all know, it didn't take him long to get into his stride! The Three Inch Fools, now in their tenth year, do a great job of telling the story with gusto and lots of laughs. We're looking forward to catching their tour next year already!



Alison Cross

Tysoe Heritage



Research Group

NEW GUIDES

The Tysoe Heritage Research Group has added to their library of broadsheets with the publication of a guide to the graffiti found in St Mary's Church (no, not an unfortunate outbreak of local vandalism, but a study of marks found on the walls and furniture dating back in some cases many centuries).

The pamphlet is available along with the other two (*A Geology Trail* and *An Introductory Lichen Trail*) in the church, price £1 each. Be sure to pick one up. They are packed full of information.



REMINDERS ABOUT RECYCLING

Congratulations to young Betsy Coatham who has been spreading the word about the importance of recycling to gain her Recycling Badge at Rainbows by painting messages on rocks and dotting them around the village. Keep a look out for them. (It proved tricky writing on a rock with a felt tip!). They contain the following advice:



- Recycle
- Use bags for life
- Don't waste water
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- Don't waste food
- Use things again
- Turn the lights off

THE MAKING OF TYSOE: GRAVE TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD (7) “SOME MUTE INGLORIOUS MASON” (APOLOGIES TO GRAY’S ELEGY)



Sometimes the memorials of village craftsmen include images of the tools of their trade, a mark of their identity and status within the community. The headstone Memorial 305 propped against the graveyard wall, commemorating carpenter Edward Watts (d.1849) with crossed axe and thigh bone, is Tysoe’s only example. But status can also be signalled through heraldry, and the arms of trade guilds and companies suggest an enhanced social position. Tysoe has a rare example of a village headstone displaying the arms of London’s Worshipful Company of Masons - a shield with three castles between a chevron containing an extended pair of compasses. This is Memorial 29 to James Eglington (d.1727 aged 74), which can be seen in the row of stones below the chancel window. There are only 11 headstones bearing the masons’ company arms discovered in a survey of thousands of headstones in several hundred graveyards in the area. How did village masons achieve this distinction? Blame the great fire of London of 1666. To speed the huge rebuilding programme King Charles II decreed that tradespeople engaged in the work for 7 years could join their London liveried companies, which effectively broke the closed-shop they operated in London. Many “foreign” masons responded, most returning to their parishes in the following decades, bringing metropolitan fashions, techniques and status with them. Our James Eglington was probably one of them. As was commonplace at the time his trade was a family affair, his father, another James, was active in the mid-17th century and his grandson, Samuel, worked at Compton Verney in the late 1700s. The Hitchcocks/Hitchcox families, Tysoe’s other masons, and contemporaries of the Eglingtons, do not appear to have joined this exodus to London, but they would have benefitted second-hand from the example of their neighbours. We can trace the great sophistication and skill exhibited by many local stone masons back to their seminal London experiences. Our graveyards are public testimony to the talents hidden in local communities.

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LEAZING OR GLEANING?

The end of harvest brings memories of myself as a small boy accompanying mother into the fields adjoining the Windmill to go leazing. Leazing is a Warwickshire term, I



believe in Oxfordshire it's called gleaning. It refers to the collection of wheat missed from the field edges by the binder or combine harvester. People could supplement their poultry feed considerably and there was often a rush to be first into a recently harvested field.

As a small boy I would often become bored and would wander up to the Windmill wending my way between the stooks of harvested grain standing like sentries to dry in the sun before threshing. I loved the panorama from the top of that hill looking down onto the deserted medieval villages of Lower Compton also known as Compton Superior and Chelmscote. Lanes and bridleways with evocative names such as Cherry Walk and Primrose Lane are visible, as are the gorse bushes on Winderton bank where the then Marquis of Northampton had a summer house built so that he could sit and watch the sunset. It was known as Sunset Harbour. Beyond Chelmscote deserted village the Old Salt Way (Roman Road) can be seen on its eventual journey to Droitwich. Turning the other way to look at Dassett Hills and its Windmill, I've heard a story that years ago brothers were the respective millers at Tysoe and Dassett Windmills and since each is visible from the other, it is claimed they rigged up some form of signalling system to each other by fixing lanterns to the sails.

True or not, (and I suspect it is!) it's a nice story!

People sometimes ask me where I would ideally like to live. My reply is: "Give me the rolling hills of South Warwickshire with their history and let me live there as a villager all my life long".

Phil Walker

(Photo credit: Garj Basi)

TYSOE'S ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH 2024



Sunday afternoon 18th August featured the Annual Cricket Match. Being scorer for this event over the last 3 years has helped me to learn more about Tysoe and this lovely area. The friendships and generosity displayed around the cricket match are impressive and is in my view one of the best bits of living here.

Unfortunately Balscote were unable to take part in a 3-way match, so it proved an entertaining, if somewhat one-sided, contest between old rivals, Tysoe and Oxhill. Both teams had players who were varied in experience and abilities, and it was encouraging to see some very young men playing. Local rules meant if any batsman scored near to 30 runs, they had to retire so as to give more players the opportunity to bat, and all non-wicketkeeper players got a bowl.

The match was 25 overs per team and Oxhill batted first scoring an impressive 174 runs for the loss of 5 wickets with 3 retirees. In reply Tysoe struggled with the early loss of its captain and eventually got to 113 runs for the loss of 8 wickets with 1 retiree. So, a comprehensive victory gave the visitors the Craig Marshall Trophy to celebrate their win.

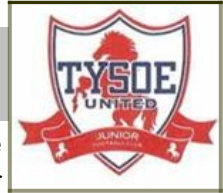
Both teams, umpires and commentator were treated to a great cricket tea. A huge thanks go to the generous sponsors, volunteer caterers and helpers, to the spectators and the players for another brilliant village afternoon. Roll on 2025!

John Keayes

(Fabulous photography by Ben Viollet and Peter Looper!)



TYSOE UNITED ADULTS / JUNIORS



Annual Report for Tysoe United Adults and Tysoe United Juniors. 2023-24 has been another busy year of football for both the adult team and nine Junior teams.

The adult team have had a very good season after moving from the Stratford Alliance to play in the Banbury Lord Jersey League in division 2 and finished 4th out of 9 teams. Tysoe adults continue to attract new players, plus players from Tysoe Juniors are also becoming regular players within the team. This season the adults for the first time entered a Sunday morning team playing in the Leamington & District Sunday League, but sadly due to low numbers after Christmas we had to fold the Sunday team.

The Juniors have had another good season with 10 teams this season with u7, 2xu9, u10, u11, u12, u13, & u18.

The u9, u10 & u11 all played their games in the Mid-Warwickshire in the u7-u12 Saturday Football

League, u12 & u13 played in the played in the Ambassador Evesham Football League, and the u16 played in the Coventry Sunday Youth Football League.

Next season all junior teams will be playing in the Ambassador Evesham Football League, this will make it easier for pitch allocations on a Saturday morning plus we will know what fixtures each team will have at the beginning of the season.

This year we had over 130 registered players to play in the above leagues and another 30 registered players just in the u7 age group who train and have played in a few end of season friendlies. This just shows that as a local village club we attract players from a wide range of villages and from the local towns, we also show we can compete with other teams from Stratford, Warwick, Leamington, Banbury, Tewkesbury and Coventry.

The Juniors continues to grow with over 40 Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, and parent helpers all who have been DBS checked, have completed a FA safeguarding for Children course and a FA introduction to First Aid in football.

Steve Allen

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Our Annual Club Tournament took place on a blisteringly hot August Sunday, under the watchful eye of Brian White who organised the tournament, kept scores and kept the matches moving along at pace. Thankyou Brian!

12 members took part, and everyone got to play against each other in mixed doubles. There was some very good tennis, close scoring and a competitive day was had by all, played in a wonderful spirit. After nearly 4 hours of play, Brian totted up the scores and announced Irene Beever as the Ladies' champion and Colin Wilson as the Men's winner.

It was pleasing to see some spectators, both canine and human. The legendary buffet was a huge success and, of course, the Pimms and lemonade with strawberries went down very well! Wimbledon, it may not have been, but great fun was had by all, and a highlight for members of our friendly club.

Colin Wilson

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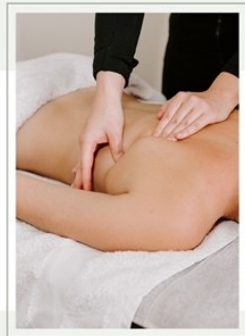
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