

PARISH ASSEMBLY **2025**

Help us keep Tysoe special!

WELCOME



TO THE 2025 PARISH ASSEMBLY

We are so fortunate in Tysoe, provided as we are with a wide array of clubs, organisations and institutions that enrich our lives and provide care and wellbeing to our community.

Within this publication you will find reports from many of those organisations providing an insight into what they have done over the last year.

It never ceases to amaze me how rich and diverse these organisations are. I can only conclude that Tysoe punches way above its weight in terms of offerings for residents.

If you haven't sampled at least some of what is on offer you are certainly missing out. I will not name any individual organisations as to do so would be unfair on those omitted.

Suffice to say that Tysoe is fortunate to enjoy such riches and it is due to the tireless and unstinting work of volunteers that residents can enjoy them.

Many thanks to all who volunteer so willingly, you help Keep Tysoe Special.

David Roache

Chair - Tysoe Parish Council



TYSOE PARISH COUNCIL

It has been another busy year for your Council. In no particular order, these are the things that have occupied us this year:

- We have reviewed over 30 planning applications and saw off the application to build a large industrial gas plant in the parish.
- We have commented on the recent draft South Warwickshire Plan and held an open meeting in the village to explain the pertinent issues in the Plan.
- We have conducted traffic surveys at the entrances to the village in order to gather data to support traffic calming measures and to improve the safety of residents.
- We participated in the Hedgerow Heroes scheme with CPRE Warwickshire to re-lay the hedge on the playing field. Many thanks to CPRE and the volunteers who helped with this.
- We have carried out repairs and maintenance to the playground equipment to ensure the continued enjoyment and safety of children using the facility.
- An Emergency Plan has been compiled to ensure that we have a measure of protection should the village be faced with a major emergency. We will be publicising details of this in the coming months.
- We have installed two new defibrillators in the village and new cabinets for the existing units thanks to National Lottery funding. Three training sessions have been organised and we thank Shipston First Responders for their invaluable help and advice on this project.
- Our search for a suitable site for a small development of affordable homes has continued. We are committed to providing suitable accommodation for those residents with a strong Tysoe connection to be able to live in the village.
- We continue to support a number of village organisations with small financial grants and donations to ensure that the village can provide a varied, lively and caring network for residents.
- Finally, we have been able to keep the rise in the Parish Precept to 5% which means that for a Band D property the precept will be £67.89 compared with the Stratford-on-Avon District Council average of £84.13

All residents are welcome to join our meetings on the second Monday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. My thanks to all Councillors, who give their time voluntarily, and to our Clerk, Charmaine, who does such a wonderful job in keeping us in order.

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COUNCILLOR MILLS

The leaders of the six District Councils in Warwickshire were invited to develop a joint submission proposing local government reorganisation in the county. An interim plan was required by 21 March 2025, with full proposals submitted to Government by 28 November 2025. Should the proposals for Unitary Authority be accepted, it will eventually result in the dismissal of all District and Borough Councils, bringing all Councils under one umbrella. There is a lot to do and therefore, a decision for a Unitary Authority may not be until 2027/28. There is no Public Consultation.

Summary - Warwickshire County Council is in a relatively good financial situation which enables us to make sure Social Care is a priority for our most vulnerable residents in Warwickshire. In England, devolution is the transfer of powers and funding from national to local government. It is important because it ensures that decisions are made closer to local people, communities and businesses.

Through a white paper the Government aims to establish devolution deals for all areas in England.

In March 2024 Warwickshire County Council became one of only four councils to secure a Level 2 Devolution Deal (the Deal). The Deal included the transfer of three key sets of functions and funds, covering the responsibility of allocating Adult Skills Fund delivering 19+ further education and skills provision from August 2026 onwards, the planning and delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund from April 2025 onwards; and devolution of Homes England compulsory land assembly/purchase powers to be concurrently held with and exercisable by Homes England.

The Government has set out plans to move away from the current two-tier system of district and county councils in England. This is relevant to Warwickshire County Council and the five District and Borough councils in the county (Nuneaton and Bedworth, North Warwickshire, Rugby, Stratford District, and Warwick District).

The Government has indicated that this will mean creating councils with a population of 500,000 or more, but there may be exceptions to ensure new structures make sense for an area, including for devolution, and decisions will be on a case-by-case basis.

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COUNCILLOR LITTLEWOOD

Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) is responsible for the following services, including Social Housing, Planning Applications, Council Tax Collection on behalf of Warwickshire County Council, Waste Collection, Environmental Health, Leisure Facilities, Parks & Open Spaces and Local Economic Development.

SDC owns a very small number of dwellings which are mainly used to reduce the cost of placing homeless families into B&B accommodation, but the Council works closely with the Housing Associations in order to place families into permanent rented accommodation as quickly as possible. Note that SDC does not have any statutory powers to force Housing Associations to house anybody but does work in close cooperation and provides lists of families on a waiting list through Home Choice Plus. In addition to Planning & Building Control, SDC's planning policies require a developer to include a mix of homes of varying sizes. Where developers decline to provide Social Housing mix on their sites SDC secures funding for Social Housing from developers through Section (S)106 contributions.

SDC is responsible for waste collection but not waste management which is the responsibility of the County Council. SDC do however own a share in a recycling company based in Coventry. This handles all of the District's recycled waste and receives a return on the joint investment with several other authorities through the sale of the processed material.

Under this Government's Local Government Reform described in the English Devolution White Paper (December 2024), the five District and Borough Councils will be merged with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) by the target date of 2028/29. This should create a single "Unitary Authority" which will assume the above responsibilities along with those of WCC. A recent review of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has created a need for the current Planning Core Strategy to be reviewed and replaced before 2031. Consultations have been carried out and responses being assed with a view to report findings this summer.

As Member for Tysoe Ward, I try to work closely with all Parishes within the Ward and remain an open-minded contact for resident's issues and happy to help wherever I can.

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COTSWOLD NATIONAL LANDSCAPE

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.

The largest project that CNL volunteer work parties have carried out in the past year was to completely rebuild the flight of steps down from Tysoe windmill to Compton Wynyates lane.

Although this falls just over the boundary into Compton Wynyates parish this walk is enjoyed by many Tysoe residents and was becoming increasingly hazardous to use. This work was carried out over six weeks in November/December 2024.

Other work carried out includes the following work in the parish, in conjunction with Warwickshire CC:

- Centenary Way, from Sun Rising House to the Castle Inn, Edgehill. 9 fallen trees removed and cleared along this path, which is now fully open for walkers from this spring
- Centenary Way path along Edgehill to King John's Lane, mowed and cleared last summer. There are plans this spring to replace several sections of rotted edge boarding this spring where path edge is steep
- Mowed and cleared the initial section of bridleway SS32 from Lower Tysoe Road to Lane End
- This spring there is a project to refresh yellow posts and update waymark arrow discs where they have become broken or faded
- CNL have also organised guided walks in conjunction with the National Trust, including several from Upton House car park along to the Castle Inn, Edgehill

Martin Smart has become CNL Parish Warden for the adjacent Compton Wynyates parish, and assists for Tysoe parish.

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COMMUNITY CHOIR OF OXHILL TYSOE AND SHENINGTON

This year the choir has grown in strength and numbers.

Following a move in September from our venue in Shenington School to Oxhill Village Hall for Wednesday evening rehearsals, our numbers were swelled by new members from a little further afield.

With valued members coming from Wroxton, Hornton and the Pillertons as well as our foundation villages we now have between 25 and 30 singers each week under the brilliant leadership of our inspirational and enthusiastic Musical Director, Anna Harcourt.

During the last 12 months we have raised money for ourselves and two charities, The Tysoe Dementia Café and Cancer Research. We've done this by running an afternoon tea concert, holding a Christmas Fair in Shenington and Carolling in all three villages.

Alongside that we've sung at a number of local events and took part in the Tysoe Remembrance Day event last autumn. We'll be there again in May for the VE80 celebrations and have learned some traditional songs especially for the event.

We enjoy a couple of social events each year where our members get together to eat and sing – always a very popular event.

We have tackled some challenging music this year as we have improved in quality and we're now planning to provide a real treat for the audience at our Summer Concert on 28th June with a Les Miserable medley and a beautiful arrangement of a Billy Joel classic along with a variety of songs from several genres.

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DEMENTIA CAFÉ / COMMUNITY HUB

Tysoe Friday morning dementia café ran every Friday morning through the year apart from two weeks at Christmas. Of the five cafés we run it is the smallest, not surprising though given the size of our village.

The biggest challenge is encouraging local people with dementia and their family carers to come and access the support and friendship that is available on their doorstep. Of the many reasons for this the most common is a perceived stigma associated with the condition. In our other locations we have a good working relationship with the GP surgeries and this two-way communication makes it much easier to encourage people to attend.

May was a busy month. We used Dementia Awareness week to put on four local roadshows in villages where we have no café - Brailes, Kineton & Ettington plus Wellesbourne where we ran one alongside our weekly café.

We also attended the Tractor Run as we were one of the benefiting organisations. It was a beautiful sunny day and the sight of so many assorted tractors was amazing!

In July we held our annual cream tea and Jazz fundraiser. Sadly the weather meant we were in the Village Hall rather than our garden, but it was no less enjoyable. Our second fundraising event was the Christmas craft fair and coffee morning at the end of November.

In August we hosted a second cream tea, as a "thank you" for our volunteers. The weather was beautiful, so we were in the garden this time. Across the cafes we have a team of 30 volunteers, without them the cafés would not be able to run.

We would welcome a few more volunteers in Tysoe, having lost a couple of our regulars, due to other commitments.

We would also like to record our thanks to Tysoe Parish Council for covering the cost of our rent and Bart in the local shop for assisting with the supplies of our refreshments.

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THE FRIENDS OF SUN RISING

While the natural burial ground is run by David and Emma Restall Orr from Tysoe with their small team, working alongside them is the charity, The Friends of Sun Rising (FOSR). Registered with the Charity Commission (number 1181570), it has a board of trustees representing those with loved ones laid to rest and the local community.

The company manages the natural burial side and the nature reserve on a day-to-day basis, while the broad purpose of the charity is long-term: when there is no longer an income from burials and memorials, FOSR will take over its care, maintaining the site as a place of memorial and a haven for wildlife.

Last year FOSR held or supported nature walks, events focusing on grief, and fundraising events, including a local saxophone quartet and a Christmas fair. Our AGM, held in Tysoe Village Hall, was followed by a talk on The Birds of Sun Rising.

At many events, our stall sells local honey, jams, jellies, chutneys, greetings cards, tea towels and more. We support volunteer days such as mulching trees, raking hay, cleaning plaques and planting bulbs, and a regular once-a-month volunteer group who help out with seasonal tasks through the year.

This year there are a wide range of events, including many nature-oriented days, our Open Day (31 May), a watercolour painting day, an art auction, and our biennial Roll of Remembrance, when the names of all who are buried at Sun Rising are read aloud.

This year's AGM will be followed by a talk by Tysoe's Rosemary Collier OBE on making space for nature.

Sun Rising has about 350 subscribing Friends, an active mailing list of over 1500 recipients, an extensive website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

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PARISH OF TYSOE WITH OXHILL & WHATCOTE

This is the first joint report from the new parish of Tysoe with Oxhill and Whatcote which resulted from the merging of the previously separate parishes. In 2024 Bishop Ruth provided our temporary episcopal cover whilst the process of selecting a new bishop took place. Bishop Sophie Jelly was appointed in November and will take up the post in June.

On 1st September 2024 we said farewell to Rev Heather as she retired from many years of ministry in Coventry and Oxford Dioceses. We held a United Farewell Service and afternoon tea to celebrate her time with us which was very well attended.

Since then, we have managed to maintain our pattern of services across the churches thanks to support from Jill Tucker, Glyn Evans, Jennie Rake and Susan Bowden-Pickstock, who joined us in Tysoe at the end of April. In addition to our normal pattern there have been baptisms, weddings and funerals, as part of our care for families in these villages and of course our school services which were wonderfully led by the pupils from Tysoe School.

Shipston Foodbank has been supported by our churches and our school which enables them to provide essential care for those in need including those in our villages

I would like to thank all those who support by either dropping items in to the collection points, or supporting financially, without you many people would struggle to survive.

All of this could not happen without the dedication of the volunteers who fulfil many unseen roles critical to welcoming people into God's house. I would like to thank all who have helped and supported inside and outside of this building to share the love of Christ amongst neighbours and friends.

God Bless

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TYSOE BOWLS CLUB

Tysoe Bowls Club is thriving and holds three sessions on Tuesdays (morning 10.15 – 12.15 afternoon 2.00-4.00 and evening 7.30 – 9.00) and one on Friday evenings 7.30 – 9.00 all in Tysoe Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome and we cater for all abilities and skill levels.

The first 3 sessions are FREE, after that it's £3.00 every time you play and membership is £10 p.a.

The Tuesday afternoon session is played using small carpet bowls, all other sessions use the bigger bowls.

So why not come and see what makes bowling so much fun. Every game is different, and we mix friendly competition with serious socialising!

You will be made more than welcome.

Tysoe Bowls Club was formed in January 1996, using loaned mats and equipment. The club was so successful that 12 months later it had raised funds from grants and local councils, purchased two mats and equipment and increased the number of sessions from two to three.

For more information please do get in touch.

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TYSOE CHILDREN'S GROUP

Tysoe Children's Group is open to all children between the ages of 18 months to 8 years, offering a range of year-round services to meet the needs of families in the local community and surrounding villages. As a childcare provider the charity works in partnership with families to provide the best possible educational experiences for all the children cared for.

Early years education is provided in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework and Ofsted standards, ensuring that as an early years childcare provider the charity meets the learning, development and care of children from 18 months to 5 years of age across our two rooms.

The last year has been one of celebration, change and stabilisation. Tysoe Childrens Group celebrated the wonderful milestone of being operational for 20 years, first opening its doors in April 2004. The whole community were invited to an open day in July to celebrate with the staff and children. Our successful fundraising has enabled us to continue improving our setting and environment with the newly completed resurfacing of the playground.

There has also been change to the Government Early Years Funded hours, from April 2024 working parents of two year olds were able to request 15 hours of free childcare. Currently all requests for funded hours have been provided.

Like previous years there continues to be a focus on staff training, ensuring staff have the skills and knowledge required and were supported to carry out their job roles.

Increased numbers of children requiring greater levels of support remain and training reflected this. Members of staff are being supported through Level 2 and 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeships, with 2 members of staff completing their apprenticeships and gaining qualifications.

Website : <https://tysoechildrengroup.co.uk>

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TYSOE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Safety on our Roads

The independent Tysoe Community Speedwatch (CSW) team supported by Residents, the Parish Council and officially by Warwickshire Police - is made up of volunteers who are concerned at the small number of drivers who do not drive within the speed limit or lower speeds that consider the risks on roads within Tysoe.

With a Primary School and Surgery at one end and a Nursery school at the other end, Main Street through the village has risks that require thoughtful adjustment of speed by drivers.

The formal assessment criteria are based on the marked speed limit.

Speeds are measured with equipment at approved points with safety notices posted. The equipment can monitor speed of traffic approaching and leaving the location.

The majority of monitoring points are in residential areas, the evidence of the need is demonstrated by the example of speeds on the Oxhill Road.

This stretch from Main Street, in the 30mph limited area, has been the subject of two formal traffic surveys as well as CSW sessions, where recently in an hour 10 vehicles out of 32 were travelling at speeds more than the limit, in past sessions even some up to 50/60 mph.

The information collated by the CSW team is sent to Warwickshire Police Road Safety team for verification and action.

Year to date

- Sessions - 14
- Vehicles Monitored - 1158
- Reported to Police - 32

Volunteers are always welcome - after clearance the local team can provide training

Organiser: Councillor Chris Bell

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TYSOE CURLING CLUB

Tysoe Curling Club was formed in July 2024 under the sponsorship of The Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership and was a free activity.

However, this funding has now ceased, and we run independently.

We play in Tysoe Village Hall every Monday afternoon from 2.00 – 3.00 p.m (except Bank Holidays).

We charge just £1 a week to play. It's fun and just a little bit competitive!!

Indoor curling is suitable for all abilities. Don't worry about being able to bend down, a lot of our current players use a curling stick to propel the curling stones towards the target.

Join in the fun and laughter by landing your curling stone skilfully on the target or try knocking your opponent's stone off the target and send them flying in all directions!

Drop in on a Monday or contact Sue Baxter for more information.

Organiser : Sue Baxter

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TYSOE DANCE & EXERCISE CLASS

I am pleased to report that the class is going strong and is well attended by villagers (and some from further afield) who wish to remain fit and supple in their retirement years. We are mostly female members but we do have one, very spoilt, male attendee.

The class exercises to music with some seated exercise concentrating on mobility and the maintenance of muscle strength as we age.

Our aim is to avoid the Doctor's Surgery and to keep active whilst enjoying ourselves and having fun.

As well as exercise and stretching we always include a dance element in the class which can cover different styles of dance from the salsa to the Can-Can via the waltz.

The class has been running for many years and we aim to continue to be active within the village for some time to come.

We meet each Thursday at Tysoe Village Hall, 10:30am to 11.30am - there is a charge of just £4 for each session.

Organiser : Eileen Mann

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TYSOE & DISTRICT RECORD

Another year on and another 10 issues of the Tysoe & District Record later!

We continue to keep tabs on village life - from the Tysoe of yesteryear to the present day, following the seasons with nature notes and farming updates and covering the numerous events taking place in our reinvigorated Village Hall. With such a vibrant community, there is plenty of material to fill the pages. Our June/July and November 2024 front covers featured the remarkable spectacle of Northern Lights over Tysoe.

The Tysoe Record's website launch

Earlier this year saw the launch of www.tysoerecord.org. It has enabled us to provide on-line subscriptions for both readers and advertisers. We are incredibly grateful to Emma Tompkins for designing the website for us, with support from Ben Viollet.

Since its launch, nearly 30% of our readers have subscribed in this way, saving time and return trips for our volunteer distributors. Interestingly, we have seen a significant increase in subscriptions to our email option which has the added benefit of reducing our carbon footprint.

We also post printed copies (and send emails) to villagers who have moved away so they can continue to keep in touch with Tysoe! As a local publication, we are very pleased to continue our long-standing relationship with Tysoe Children's Group - who print each edition to a very high standard and spot the odd typo that has slipped through the proofing net. The other benefit of the website is that it is easier to keep an up-to-date list of What's On, allowing Emma, who looks after our social media, to provide 'live' links from the Tysoe & District Record Facebook page.

Great Team work!

I would like to thank the other members of the Record Team: Carol Clark, Treasurer and Subscriptions Manager, Jude Canning, Distributions Coordinator and Helen Keayes, Editorial Assistant and Ben Viollet, Advertising Manager for their time and commitment, plus our 15 distributors without whom the Record would not be delivered.

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TYSOE FLOWER SHOW & FETE

The Tysoe Flower Show & Fete attracts thousands of people from far and wide. Each year it evolves, becoming bigger and better. We have now spread over two fields, to allow even more attractions.

There is a different main ring attraction each year, this year we see the return of Gattridge Punch Shire Horses. There are many side attractions including Morris Dancers, a dog display team, a dog show for members of the public to enter their beloved furry family member, there's sheep and alpacas, as well as classic cars and vintage tractors & machinery.

There is a variety of music, fairground rides, children's entertainment and of course plenty of food & drink stalls catering for a wide variety of tastes.

The Tysoe Flower Show Committee endeavours to give you a great, fun day out for the whole family. Certain factors influence the amount of profit that is made, the weather being the main contributing element. After allocating reserves for future infrastructure, for example gazebos and tables, we are then able to distribute any remaining profit to the various charities, clubs and societies in Tysoe.

Any organisation is welcome to apply for a donation by emailing tysoeflowershow@gmail.com to be considered for next year's profits.

Occasionally we decide to support an organisation outside of the village if there is benefit to Tysoe residents.

The committee looks favourably on those applicants that are able to assist with the physical work of setting up the show on the Friday and/or on show day packing away, this is usually between 4.30pm and 7.00pm

Please mark your diaries for this year's show, which will be held on the Playing Fields on the 16th August 2025.

As ever, it's a highlight of village life here in Tysoe

Website : www.tysoeflowershow.org.uk

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TYSOE HERITAGE RESEARCH GROUP

Another active year was enjoyed by THRG whose purpose is to explore the origins and development of Tysoe and its people from prehistory to modern times. Membership of the Group is free and open to all and its research is posted on a dedicated website (www.tysoehistory.org.uk) which is continually supplemented. Anyone wishing to find out more should email thrg@gmail.com

There is also THRG representation at village events such as the Flower Show and 'Made in Tysoe'. THRG is a Working Party of the Parish Council.

Over the past year the Group continued to pursue research across a number of fields. Some of the results appear in the Tysoe and District Record such as the regular series of Grave Tales from the Churchyard and a recent feature on early motor racing up Sunrising Hill.

Two additional broadsheets were published, one on the geology of the memorials in the Sandpits Road cemetery and the other on the obscure graffiti to be found inside St Mary's. Both are available in the church.

The Group was also active in the field and a programme of archaeological test pitting has commenced to trace the geographical extent of medieval Tysoe. Work also took place clearing and recording an early designed garden in the Parish.

Research continued into the way the Tysoe landscape changed over the centuries, particularly with regard to pre-inclosure times and in the origins of footpaths, driftways and roads.

Other projects include the role played by Tysoe during the Civil War, the preparation of a major book on Medieval Tysoe and a review of the Red Horse of Tysoe ahead of a series of public talks to take place on July 19th 2025 in the Village Hall.

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TYSOE FOOTBALL CLUB

2024-25 has been another busy year of football for both the adult team and the eight Junior teams.

The adult team have had a very good season playing in the Banbury Lord Jersey League in division 1 and finished 3rd out of 10 teams, which is outstanding after finishing 4th last season in division 2. The adult team also had a good cup run but lost to Kings Sutton from the premiere division in the quarter final. Tysoe adults continue to attract new players, plus players from Tysoe Juniors are also becoming regular players within the team, this season we had over 40 players registered with the club.

The Juniors have had another good season with 8 teams this season with 2 U8, 2 U10, U11, U12, U13, U14.

To make it easier for pitch allocation and matches all the junior team now play their games in the Ambassador Evesham Football League on a Saturday morning with games at either 9.30am or 11am so some Saturdays we can have 5 home games. It does mean a lot of travelling to Tewksbury and Pershore, but it helps the coaches and parents to know when all the fixtures are from September through to April.

This year we had 120 registered players to play in the above leagues.

The Juniors continues to grow and this season we had 8 Team Managers, 27 coaches, 21 FA Trained Team First Aiders and 31 parent helpers all of which have had a FA DBS check, all attended a FA Safeguarding course, and some have attended a FA First Aid Course.

We are also pleased to see that with the help of 3 parents all of which have had a FA DBS check, attended a FA Safeguarding course, and have attended a FA First Aid Course have offered to take on training a new group of younger players aged from 5-7 which started in March at the football Field on a Saturday morning from 9.30am. We have already had lots of interest with more than 15 children joining this group.

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TYSOE FOOTBALL CLUB

With changes in football around Concussion a lot of our officials have carried out the FA Concussion Guidelines course, plus with the highlight of more cardiac arrest within sports a lot of our coaches have also completed the FA Sudden Cardiac Arrest course, and it is good to know that we have on site an emergency defibrillator at the pavilion and with the help of the Parish Council this is now available to the general public as it is now installed to an external heated box and maintained by Shipston Responders.

This season a new law came into the game meaning all age groups of U11 and below are now not allowed to head the ball, so players and coaches had to change the way they play or coach football.

Also, U7 – U9 had to learn the new rule of a kick in which replaced the throw in.

On Saturday 17th June the Juniors will celebrate their end of season annual football presentation with teams playing matches, a BBQ, and all players being given a medal from the club, plus each age group will award individual trophies to players for their achievements throughout the season.

The weekend of Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June Tysoe Adults and Tysoe Juniors will hold their annual Junior football tournament with approx. 60 teams taking part over the weekend.

Last season Tysoe Adults gained accreditation from the FA, and I am glad to say that this January Tysoe Juniors are now an accredited football club which is good for both clubs.

We could only achieve this with the hard work of both the Adult committee and the Junior committee and we are working more together with representatives on each committee and we plan to replace the kitchen in the pavilion next year with a grant now we are both accredited football clubs.

Tysoe Adults and Tysoe Juniors would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and Thomas Fox for maintaining the playing field which allows us to play football to a high standard.

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TYSOE LUNCH CLUB

The Tysoe Lunch Club is a long established and highly valued village institution, started by Jean and Don Harvey and team way back in the early 1970s and was hosted in the Methodist Church with its then very modern cooking facilities.

Their legacy has lasted over 40 years and continues today through the small group of volunteers led by Nicola Rexton, who strive to provide a once-a-month meal for villagers who seek companionship and the opportunity to meet like-minded folk in a warm, friendly, social environment.

In 2022 Lunch Club moved to the Village Hall from the Methodist Hall when the chapel closed. Sadly Tysoe's butcher, the original meat supplier, has closed, and the team misses Gerald Hart's delicious, organic vegetables. There are however still donations from the Community Orchard, making sure fresh fruit is on the menu as often as possible.

Whilst a meal back in the earlier days was provided for just £2.50 - there are some things that have changed, one of which is the suggested contribution, which now stands at £5!

Still great value - and always enjoyed by everyone who attends.

Lunch Club would not be able to run without a dedicated group of volunteers, including Sally Walton, Margaret Hunter, Gill Stewart, Jude Canning, Jackie Thompson, Bridget Burton, Nicola Rexton, Belinda Keep, Irene Beever and Marion Ascott. The village is grateful for their ongoing support.

Just as it was from launch, it is non-denominational, with no age restriction and is held at the Village Hall on the first Friday of the month at 1pm.

For just £5 the team serves a main course and pudding, followed by tea or coffee - with much fun and laughter.

Organiser : Nicola Rexton

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TYSOE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

After an excellent Ofsted inspection in January 2024, Tysoe has moved from strength to strength; most recently receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from our SIAMS inspection in March 2025. The children, staff, governors, and families spoke so positively about our school and the inspector noted that our vision of 'Nurturing hearts, serving with love, growing minds' drives everything we do. Pupil numbers have remained stable and the school remains in a stable financial position. We have welcomed new staff members and our school dogs, Rex and Sadie, continue to be valued members of our school team.

With welcome support from Tysoe Utility Trust and The Friends of Tysoe School, we have maintained our programme of trips and visits to enhance the children's learning. We are keen to welcome parents and family into school and are grateful for their support at our church services, theme days, World Book Day, our third annual Science Fair (that becomes bigger and better each year!) and our new 'Chance to Chat' sessions.

Our Outdoor Play and Learning project has continued providing increased opportunities for play and transforming our lunchtimes.

The pupil-led Collective Worship Group regularly lead church services and worship and our choir regularly perform at church services, our school services and the Dementia Café. It has been lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members joining us for our services.

The Local Governing Committee (LGC) continues to support and challenge the school. The LGC supported the introduction of wraparound childcare at Tysoe and this has become a very successful feature of the school.

The Friends of Tysoe School have continued their hard work and fundraising this year, running several successful fundraising events. This year the Friends have been able to contribute toward the transport costs of trips and visits, new library books and are fundraising to refurbish the kitchen.

Fosse MAT continues to support the school with the building issues at Tysoe and we are pleased that vital work will soon be completed to the doors and windows, ensuring the building is kept safe, secure and in good repair. We hope to have repairs to the gable wall underway soon.

As always, it is a privilege for me to lead such as dedicated staff team and wonderful school of children. We are proud to support everyone in our school community to thrive.

Website : <https://tysoe.warwickshire.sch.uk/>

Head Teacher : Paige Allister

TYSOE TENNIS CLUB

The last 12 months the Club has continued participation in summer and winter leagues with ladies, mens and mixed teams in the Evesham, South Warwickshire and Banbury leagues. The men's team gained promotion in the summer league after a very fine season - bigger challenges await! The annual club tournament took place in August on one of the hottest days of the year - well supported and enjoyed by many club members.

We recently announced a partnership with Rosie Clark Coaching - this is exciting news for both members and the wider community to take advantage of top quality coaching. The inaugural mens Winter League Tournament took place through the winter months - the first "internal " club tournament through a complete season, a great success!

Committee members undertook safeguarding training to ensure our obligations are met and we can continue to promote the club as a safe place to play and enjoy the game. Our new website launched with further new features around bookings and payments planned.

For the next 12 months - a new initiative allowing courts access to all. We have announced a "Pay and Play" scheme allowing anyone to use courts and book courts online - members will be able to book court space 7 days in advance.

Charges will be just £4 for 30 minutes. This allows non members to book and play at a frequency that suits them - if they love the game then they have the option to be a full member so it may encourage more to play.

New subscription rates for members are now in place for 2025 with continued emphasis on the "best value tennis in the area". Our rates for juniors and students have been held for another year.

Continuing that theme, our new coaching contract will also allow for a strong relationship with local schools. And finally, we look forward to meeting many of you "on court" at our Open Day during the Tysoe Flower Show and Fete.

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TYSOE UTILITY ESTATE

The Estate, or Trust, goes back 470 years and was set up for the benefit of people in need within the Parish of Tysoe.

Over time, it has evolved, with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, to provide funding for a number of causes that are of benefit to the whole village, as well as its core purpose of education and helping the elderly.

A formal Constitution, reflecting a proper framework, was established on May 20th, 1862 and updated in 2000, to reflect its purpose in the 21st century.

Income distribution is derived from a number of assets owned by the Trust, including a farm smallholding, commercial and residential property and an investment portfolio.

It is operated by 10 elected Trustees, drawn from those who have lived in the parish for a requisite time, and who meet a minimum four times a year to both manage the assets and plan distribution of grants etc.

Over the years we have provided grants to many Tysoe organisations, including St. Mary's Church, Tysoe School, the Children's Group, the village hall, luncheon club etc. plus many individual residents.

In 2024, we distributed £10,710 in grants.

Any pensioner who has lived in the village for 7 years is entitled to a Christmas payment. A bereavement grant is likewise issued to help with funeral costs. Students going on to further education are entitled to a grant to assist with fees, books etc. Very rarely, a special discretionary grant is made in cases of acute undeserved hardship.

Anybody wishing to apply for grant-funding should contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Yvonne Dillon, 7 Avon Avenue, Tysoe, Warwick, CV35 0SP.

Current Trustees:

Teresa Allen, Gareth Attwell, Nick Butcher, Jude Canning, Brian Gardner, Terry Goodman, Robin Hancox, Catherine Page, Dave Paxton, Percy Sewell.

Contact us : Yvonne Dillon

TYSOE VILLAGE HALL

2024 has been a busy year with both an increase in our hirers and our many fundraising events. Projects to improve the hall included refurbishments to the McNulty Room, upgrades to the audio visual equipment and decorating and repairs, both inside and out.

We have secured planning permission to install solar panels on the roof, as we want the hall warm and cosy but without the associated extortionate costs, whilst taking us further along our journey towards Net Zero. We wish to provide a community facility which is clean, comfortable and welcoming to all who use it.

We have embraced technology and our presence and activities, together with our hiring forms, are available to see on our website, on social media, by subscription to our email newsletter and in the Tysoe Record.

The Post Office, through Jacqui Franklin, kindly hosts the Village Hall Box Office for those that prefer to purchase tickets over the counter.

In addition to the main hall and raised stage, the building has a well-equipped kitchen, the McNulty Room, and accessible toilet facilities. It can therefore cater for a vast range of requirements, from children's parties to sporting events, meetings, theatre, craft sales and food provision.

The main weekly activities in 2025 are indoor bowls, pickleball, curling, table tennis, keep fit, yoga, pilates, Craft and Laugh and the Community Café.

The Parish Council, Lunch Club and WI also hold their monthly meetings here and there is a monthly Film Night, which is complemented by National Theatre live screenings - Tysoe being one of only 20 Village Halls licensed to do this, due to the high specification of our audio visual equipment, live theatre from a professional company, and occasional Opera screenings.

Including our regular and occasional hirers and through our fundraising events, many of which sell out very quickly, this hall receives over 10,000 visits per year.

We will always welcome more.

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TYSOE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tysoe Women's Institute traces its foundation back to 1917, the first in Warwickshire and supporting Tysoe and community since then. We pride ourselves in being a great mix of backgrounds, experience and age. Much more than a "Jam and Jerusalem" W.I., we strive to keep the W.I. relevant to both members and the village.

Last year we raised funds for Warwickshire Rural Community Council who support rural communities like ours, including the Meals on Wheels service, to which we donated over £1,000. We fundraise through raffles and the generosity of our affiliated Craft Group, who have an excellent reputation for hand crafted items sold at fairs throughout the year.

In 2024, the ladies of the W.I. provided, free of charge, an afternoon tea on a plate at the Remembrance Day "Respectful Entertainment". Our generous portions of Victoria Sponge and scones were well received helping to raise monies for the Royal British Legion. We enjoyed a wide variety of speakers including a midwife who changed careers to become a blacksmith, a female teacher's experiences of teaching male prisoners in Category A prisons, how to sell at Boot Fairs and many others all who represent good value for the annual subscription.

We will again be busy at this year's NGS Open Gardens and Tysoe Flower Show with cake, tea and goodies. Our reputation for good cake at a very reasonable price precedes us. In 2024 we raised over £1,000 for the Flower Show Committee who in return generously gave us a donation.

This year we have enjoyed trips to Shrewsbury, Lichfield Christmas Market, Waterperry Gardens, afternoon tea sailing down the Avon and not forgetting a visit to our Midwife turned Blacksmith to see her in action at the forge.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Village Hall and warmly welcome new members or anyone just wishing to come along as a visitor to the occasional meeting. For the bargain cost of £6.00 we include a welcoming glass of wine or non alcoholic drink, the entertainment for the evening followed by tea/coffee and cake.

The motto for Tysoe Women's Institute is *"For Friendship and Fun"* and I know that we deliver both in abundance.

Organiser: Christine Harrop

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TYSOE WILDLIFE

Tysoe Wildlife is an informal group of residents within the parish, supported by the Parish Council and St Mary's Church. A number of freely accessible areas are managed for wildlife within the parish, as well as several that are privately owned, such as Sun Rising.

They include St Mary's churchyard, the verge in School Lane, several of the margins around the playing fields and the triangle at the junction of Sandpits and Oxhill Roads. These are mainly managed for wildflowers, invertebrates and birds but some are also suitable habitats for small mammals.

Members of Tysoe Wildlife organise events and activities for residents, the most recent being a workshop for children in St Mary's Church prior to Christmas. The focus was on feeding wild birds during the winter.

Tysoe Wildlife belongs to the South Warwickshire Area Network for Wildlife (SWAN) and works with neighbouring communities to support wildlife and the natural environment. This includes future activities in Stratford, Shipston and neighbouring villages during Great Big Green Week from 7th-15th June.

At present we're focusing on 'No Mow May' and have just provided information to residents with a flyer in the Tysoe Record describing what individuals can do in their own gardens.

Some of the village verges are taking part in 'No Mow May' and outside the village there are spectacular displays of wildflowers on certain verges.

Organisers : Rosemary Collier & Shirley Cherry

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TYSOE WOMBLES

On 29 January 2025, the environmental charity 'Keep Britain Tidy' released a report on the alarming scale of the litter problems in England and the impact it is having on public health, the environment and economy.

The report found that 90% of urban and rural sites (1,140 miles) surveyed over the past decade contained litter. Just nine in every 100 locations in England are litter-free.

Tysoe and its surroundings is no exception. We have found litter in all Tysoe's public areas and along all its roads - with the heaviest littering on the busier routes leading into the village.

You name it and we've found it!

This April, a group of 29 enthusiastic volunteers came together to form a litter picking group called the 'Tysoe Wombles'.

This group is affiliated to the national Womble Community Groups charity. Tysoe Wombles has been actively supported by Tysoe Parish Council and Stratford District Council, which have either funded or loaned us litter picking equipment.

Womble volunteers have been allocated litter picking routes, which they pick at a time that suits them.

In addition, we are planning a bigger community litter picking event on Sunday 8th June, 1-4pm to celebrate 'World Environment Day' (5 June 2025). We will be meeting outside Tysoe Village Hall at 1pm, and ending with a rewarding cuppa and cake in St Mary's church at 3pm.

Help us keep Tysoe tidy. Become a Womble! No pick is too small, whether it's for 5-10 minutes or longer every couple of weeks, or joining a community litter picking session.

If you're interested in joining us, please do get in touch.

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WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The last 12 months at the Community Orchard

As we come up to the 15th year of the Orchard's existence, we can reflect on a fantastic year. We have increased our membership and following the instructions on pruning from Chris Lanczak the members put in a huge stint to reduce the height of the top fruit trees. The number of volunteer hours soared. In the coming years we will now be in good shape to pick the apples without the need to resort to ladders.

In addition to distributing the soft and top fruit to members and worthy recipients we pasteurised a record number of bottles of apple juice for members' benefit.

Maintenance work has been carried out on the main shed to refurbish the roof.

We gave up our website this year. New hosting services are available from providers who take a small cut on the sale of goods, but we do not sell our produce. We are therefore trying to use the village Facebook sites and magazines to communicate about activities and events.

The Orchard continues to support the local community, including: visits from the local schools; provision of fruit to the Lunch Club (widely reported in the Record), Care Homes and to the children on school visits and strimming the footpath that goes up to Downs Farm.

We promote our local community by hosting visits from other groups who are looking to set up their own community orchards.

At all our events we remind visitors that they are welcome to sit or walk in the orchard and enjoy the peace and the views from the site.

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