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An Orange-Tip Butterfly, an appropriate image for 'NO MOW MAY'. Photo credit: pixabay.com

In this 'Law and Order' Issue we take a look at:

- Our morbid fascination with crime
- Lift the thatch on the 'Old Police House'
- Catch-up with our Police and Crime Commissioner Plus we:
- Learn WWT plans to double its nature reserves by 2030
- Read more entertaining notices from Alan Birkbeck
- Hear the tale of Michael Gibbs' ever faithful runabout!
- AND LOTS MORE!

MESSAGE FROM THE RECORD OFFICE

The impact of the Tysoe Record stretches far and wide! As well as reaching current residents in the Tysoe Parish, copies are also mailed to former Tysoe residents now moved away. It has been fascinating to hear their stories like the lasting friendship of Arleen and Nicky forged at Tysoe School in 1959, see p31. Many, like Rosemary Gardner, as quoted in the April issue, still consider Tysoe it to be their 'home' village.



The Record wishes to thank Heather Walkey, who many readers may recall used to teach at Kineton High School, for her generous donation which was used to cover printing the 'Collection of Poems' to give to people isolating in and around Tysoe at Easter.

We are gathering in this year's subscriptions. It would help us enormously if you could pay any outstanding subs due, either by BACs or cash, so we can balance our books and focus our attentions on producing great issues of the Record for the rest of the year.

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LINE OF DUTY—A BLURRING OF BOUNDARIES

Perhaps it's because I've just reached a 'significant birthday', or perhaps it's because I'm turning more prudish as I get older and shades of Mary Whitehouse seem to be entering my persona, but I am becoming increasingly alarmed by the gruesome murders (primarily of women) that seem to be an almost nightly occurrence on our TV screens. Surely this can't be healthy? Are we not condoning the crimes when we turn them into entertainment? I can't help thinking this obsession is indicative of a sick society. What's happened to the sanctity of life?

We are latecomers to the 'Line of Duty' appreciation society, unlike the nearly 10 million other viewers who were eagerly tuning into Series Six for the return of AC-12. On the advice of our friends we have started at the very beginning, watching the first series which began back in 2012. It is undoubtedly great drama and brilliant acting, but the shocking images of violence are so extreme that I don't think they even bear mentioning in the pages of the Record! Doesn't this endless fascination cheapen life and condone violence?

Moreover, does the focus 'ironically' on 'anti-corruption' undermine our confidence in the Force when there is so much shady activity going on? I'm intrigued to know what our Police Commissioner thinks (see p5)! What confuses me is the blurred line between fiction and reality. Right at the end of Series One, before the credits, there were comments on the outcome of the various cases which made it appear as if they were real not imagined! This blurring of boundaries is very disconcerting.

This manipulation of reality also applies to 'The Crown' as Netflix refused to carry a health warning stating it was drama rather than fact, despite being based on the life of our living royals. Are we losing sight of the TRUTH in all this clever invention? I'd be interested to know what you think.

The Editor

POLICING TYSOE 1868 – 1997

Our thatched cottage on The Green was the centre of police operations in Tysoe for nearly 130 years. The first mention of the Police in the Compton Estates records was in 1868 when a Superintendent of Police moved in at an annual rental of £5.0s.0d. He was followed by an Inspector, but Police Station badge over the door from 1884 onwards the records show a succession of police constables and their families, the longest serving being Danny



Packman, Tysoe's last resident PC from 1979 – 1997.

Reputed to be the last thatched police house in the country, the cottage was built by the Marquis of Northampton in the 1760s and when it was sold at Auction in 1919 for £425, consisted of a "Living Room, Parlour, Scullery, Pantry, Gaol and 3 bedrooms, together with good Piggeries, Wood House and a Stable" (later the police motor bike garage). Rumour has it that the gaol cells were well used over the years for 'cooling off' locals after over enthusiastic Saturday night drinking sessions.

Danny Packman did extensive work on tracing the story of the Tysoe policemen using records left in the long disused cells and the police archives. Many had been destroyed but he retrieved the Beat Book from 1926 to the 1940s which contains detailed records, some sensitive, including the precise territory of the beats, crimes committed, persons of ill repute, persons licensed to transport animals, persons entitled to hold firearms, animal disease outbreaks, sheep worrying, aliens, farmers & shepherds, professions e.g. doctors, lawyers, those licensed to keep explosives and 'Places Frequented by Gypsies'.

The Police sign came down in 1997 when Danny Packman retired. but it took some people a while to absorb that Tysoe no longer had a resident policeman. Some time after we arrived in 2000 we had an urgent knock on the door one evening. A local farmer had realised that his gun licence had expired and he needed to renew it urgently!

Bridget Norton



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER INTERVIEW

Following on from the Parish Assembly, the Tysoe & District Record caught up with Philip Seccombe, Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire.

What impact has the pandemic had on crime in Warwickshire?

Overall the crime rate has dropped by 12% in the county year to date and by 14% in Stratford District. Within those figures, residential burglary has dropped by 48%, vehicle crime by 37%, rape 40% and violence with injury by 16%. The challenge will be to keep those figures as low once the pandemic ends.

What differing patterns have emerged?

Interestingly drug crimes and reports have gone up by 52% during the lockdown. The lockdown has enabled the Force to be more proactive, for example with less traffic known vehicles have been easier to spot on the roads. Contrast that with domestic abuse which has only gone up by 2% in Stratford District, but the difficulty is to encourage victims to speak out, especially when living with a long-term abusive partner.

How has the police force changed over the past few years?

We have been working hard to ensure the force is reactive, efficient, and responsive. Our officers have been re-equipped with up-to-date smart phones, body-worn video and new vehicles. Police numbers have increased from under 800 to over 1,000 in the last 2 years. Patrols, road policing, Safer Neighbourhood Teams and investigators have all been strengthened. A new ICT System and Control Room have been established, while expensive forensic services are now shared with West Midlands Police.

Moving forward the plan is to improve the Force still further; tackling crime with more officers and more Special Constables to build on the good work that has already been done.

What do you see as the priorities in the fight against crime?

We aim to support all victims of crimes; protect communities and businesses in our towns and rural areas and to work with neighbouring Forces to address Serious and Organised Crime. It is a constant battle, but it is one that I am determined we will win.

EASTER WINDOW TRAIL IN TYSOE



DUTY DONE

If it has four legs but is not a chair, has two wings and flies but is not an aeroplane and



swims but is not a submarine, the Cantonese will eat it. Thus spake HRH the Duke of Edinburgh at a World Wildlife Fund meeting. Always outspoken and renowned for speaking his mind, with this sentence he affirmed his place as a National Treasure. He followed a long line of remarkable consorts enjoyed by this country: Prince Albert, Queen Mary, Clementine Churchill, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Dennis Thatcher et al.

He gave up a promising naval career to live forever in the shadow of the lady he loved; he even surrendered his right, as a husband, to give his children his name. It was not until he was 96 that he finally retired from royal duties. His modernising and innovative mind frequently put him at odds with the Palace 'old guard'. But, he stood his ground and we must be grateful for his tenacity. He did so much to bring the monarchy into the 21st century. Without his influence we would have been denied the glorious TV coverage of the Coronation.

He was of the generation for whom duty meant duty. Although his role had no constitutional significance, we would all do well to try and emulate him. He has been largely instrumental in defining the shape of the Royal Family of today. That is to say nothing of his work for conservation long before it became fashionable, and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

RIP Your Royal Highness.

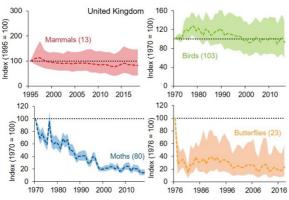
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KEY TO GRAPHS The graphs opposite show the change in the relative abundance of four groups of animals in the UK from the dates when reliable counts began. The graphs show the unsmoothed trend (dashed line) together with the 95% confidence interval (shaded area) for all four groups. The figures in brackets show the number of species in each measure.

DELIVERING A WILDER WARWICKSHIRE - "30 BY 30"

David Attenborough, amongst others, has made us aware of the great challenges the natural world faces, many of them linked to the huge increase in the human population over the last 50 or more vears. One effect has been the decline in the abundance of many species, shown for four groups of animals in the UK in the graphs Many of us have personal experience of such changes; hedgehogs would be one example, wild orchids another, and the local nightingales that have now disappeared. Many individuals and groups are working hard to reverse these declines but it is sometimes hard to know not only what, but how much, we need to do. The Wildlife Trusts are calling for at least 30% of our land and sea to be connected and protected for nature's recovery by 2030 (30 by 30), making more space for nature to become abundant once again. To put it in a local context, the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust estimates that 16% of the district of Stratford upon Avon already supports nature - so we need to double that area!



The 'beauty' of this challenge is that it can be addressed on any scale; so for example, we could each ensure that 30% of our garden is suitable for wildlife, and apply this approach to some of the 'shared'

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areas in the parish, as we are starting to do with the churchyard and School Lane. The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust is making its own plans, including raising funds to double the area that it manages, but it can't achieve the 30 by 30 target on its own and there is plenty of scope for us all to contribute.

Rosemary Collier











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MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

A number of people have been busy in the last few weeks. Wildflower areas have been marked and prepared in Baldwin's Lane, Saddledon Street (strip behind the daffodils). path between Saddledon Street and Back Lane. School Lane and Badger's Lane. Most of these have been sown with mixtures of wildflower seeds and will not be mown until late summer. We are also



planning to leave unmown strips beneath the two long hedgerows in the playing fields, to provide more room for wildflowers and insects. Many of our verges, with the exception of those in the centre of the village, will be taking part in 'No Mow May'. It will be interesting to see how many flowers appear, providing sources of pollen and nectar for insects, which in turn provide food for birds.



Yellow Rattle

The Yellow Rattle in the wildflower areas in St Mary's Churchyard is growing well and more wildflower seeds have been sown in these areas and in some of the



Small Tortoisesh

'wild' areas around the trees. There are some patches of nettles for the caterpillars of Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies and most of the plants in the new wildlife hedge are now in leaf. Depending on how COVID guidance develops, we may be able to organise a couple of 'walks' to visit some of the Peacock wildflower areas in the parish when they are in full bloom.



Rosemary Collier

'BRING AND BUY' PLANT SALE organised by the Oxhill Garden Club, will take place outside at the Oxhill Village Hall on Saturday 22nd May starting at 10.30 am. Proceeds will go towards the Oxhill Village Hall maintenance and rebuild fund. For further information please contact Peter Rivers-Fletcher on 01295 680396 or 07730 800729.

MY FIRST CAR BY JUDE CANNING



My first car was a blue Triumph 1300 in 1971. My Dad had bought a new Ford for himself so I had his old car when I passed my test. Driving lessons were the vast sum of £1 and then £1.50 so, as soon as I started work, I could afford to start learning. Living

in Tysoe it was freedom at last not having to use the bus to get to work every day and waiting about for hours. One Saturday my friend Irene Tanner and I decided to drive to the Cotswold Wild Life Park for a day out. Unfortunately, we had a puncture on the way back. Neither of us had any idea how to change a tyre or even where it was! However, it was the days of mini skirts so we just stood on the side of the road and flashed our legs. It wasn't long before some kind chap stopped and changed it for us! Fifty years later I still can't change a tyre but I doubt if my legs would have the same effect!



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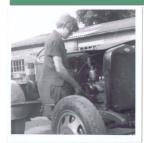
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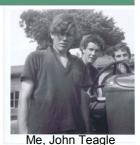
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1930 FORD AA TRUCK - 'THE RUNABOUT!'







At Rycotewood College, Thame 1969;

and Colin Hare

My first motor was a 1930 Ford AA truck converted by 'Thwaites' to a runabout farm tractor which my grandfather bought in 1939 for farmwork at Kineton and Tysoe. It was regularly used through the 40s, 50s and 60s, carting loads of hay and mowing and turning fields. There was plenty of room for young passengers like me to ride, even from school to Lower Town where we lived.

I passed my tractor test at 16 and started using it. I remember fetching a load of hen houses on a trailer from Moreton Morrell College with my dad. When I started college myself at Thame, I drove down there on her. It was 40 odd miles! I avoided Banbury by going round Bloxham / Adderbury. Old Mr Tom Smith saw me coming by his scrapyard and flagged me down for a 1/2 hour talk. I got to where the Great Train Robbery was when the exhaust fell off. Anyway, I got to Thame in two hours.



The Runabout

I started her on the handle with the ignition retarded to stop breaking my wrist; set the mixture with a knob by the steering column, advanced and turned the mixture down when it was going, like a sewing machine; gears changed by double declutching, I can't ever remember breaking down - my ever faithful runabout!

Michael Gibbs

EASTER IN ST MARY'S CHURCH













ST MARY'S CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT—UPDATE



You may have noticed two men abseiling off the church tower on the 18th March. These were stone masons inspecting the stonework of the church tower to get an accurate assessment of its condition. This assessment was requested by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) as part of our Faculty application (i.e. the authorization to do repairs to our Grade 1 Listed building).

The results of the rope-access survey revealed the stonework is in an even worse state than the architect could tell from ground level, approximately 10% of stone will need replacing. The stonemasons recommended this work should be done within the next 12 months. We also commissioned a survey of the church glass as part of the Faculty application. It found that the glass is in need of a very good specialist clean but, with a couple of exceptions, its condition was reasonable. One exciting new discovery was a small, previously unknown, pane of 14th C glass.

We estimate the cost to undertake the tower stone restoration and the windows' masonry and glass restoration to be c.£450,000 + VAT. Fortunately, the VAT reclaim scheme has been extended for this tax year, but that will still leave the PCC c.£100,000 short of funds. We plan to start a fundraising effort once the final figures are known.

The PCC was fortunate to receive two generous legacies from former Tysoe residents ten years ago, some of that money will be used to cover the restoration costs. However, using the legacy monies in this way means there will need to be increased regular giving to pay for the church's running expenses, currently running at a £20,000 shortfall per year, see the letter from The Vicar inserted in this Record for more details.

Roland Cherry



May, Mary's Month, is usually a busy 'gathering' month in the Christian Calendar. As well as the festival dates,:

Rogation 9th, Ascension 13th, Pentecost 23rd, Trinity 30th

There are all the traditions grown up around these festivals in the English way of life: May Day, Beating the Bounds, Whitsunday 'bank' holiday, before we settle down to Summer with each week until the end of October known as 'Sundays after Trinity'.

In May we are still in the season of Easter with our focus on new life. May blossoms and fresh green on the trees and hedges lifts the spirits.

Our traditional gatherings may be restricted this year, but we can thank God we are beginning to meet and gather safely once more, and we are invited to be mindful, to give thanks and to share the blessings.

We may not be able to have May Queens and Morris Men to crown our celebrations in 2021, but let's all help each other to join in the celebratory feel of the month of May this year as we move a step further out of lockdown.

I invite you all to watch out for the opportunities your parish church gives for all ages to meet together safely, both outdoors and in our beautiful village church building. Please do accept the invitation to join in any celebrations when they can happen.

11:00am Sunday Service at St Mary's (Also on Zoom: https://bit.ly/3cEz5oP Call the vicarage on 01295 680201 if you need help logging on.)
The church is open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm.

With love Reverend Heather Rev Heather Parbury, Associate Minister Feldon Group of Churches

TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH

I am writing this for the Record in April as we begin a week of snow, frost and sunshine. The latest snowfall I can remember in Tysoe was in May. Snow makes the trees and landscape look picturesque for a short while, yet another part of creation and nature at work.



A good number of us have now had our second vaccinations and there is lifting of lockdown. Our prayers and thanks go to those who have worked tirelessly to do this massive task.

We have just celebrated Easter. A few churches opened, but mostly services were still on Zoom. How we all long for the day we can come together safely and sing!

Lastly, we hold Her Majesty the Queen and all of her family in our prayers in their loss of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, may he rest in eternal peace.

Keep safe, take care. Chris Gibbs



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AN EASTER EGG HUNT MYSTERY

On Easter Sunday I set up an egg hunt in my garden. I put out 14 eggs in the morning, but when I went round later to check, I could only find 13, so I assumed I had miscounted in the morning. In the afternoon the kids set off hunting.



and came back with 14 eggs. I thought 'ok, so I was right' until I noticed that one was half the size of the others, and it had been found perched on the fence post at the bottom of the garden - where I had definitely *not been*. Then to my astonishment, I watched, with my son Ben, as a squirrel unwrapped a foil covered Easter egg on my lawn, left the litter on a tree stump, ate the top of the egg and then buried the remainder in the lawn. He proceeded to sit on a branch furiously licking his paws. Perhaps it was a case of Easter Bunny jealousy! What do you think?

Jackie Keyser



ALAN BIRKBECK 'FUNNIES'

In a laundrette: Automatic Washing Machine. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

In a department store: Bargain Basement Upstairs!

In an office:

- Toilet Out of Order . . . Please use floor below.
- Would the person who took the stepladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken.
- After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Outside a second-hand shop: We exchange anything—bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

Notice in a health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

Notice in a farmer's field: The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for FREE, but the bull CHARGES!

On a repair shop door: We can repair anything (Please knock hard on the door—the bell doesn't work).

KEVIN THE CAVEMAN by Josh Welsby









TYSOE OPEN GARDENS: We have decided to open a small group of 3 gardens on 5th and 6th June from 2pm-6pm in aid of the NGS which supports Cancer and care charities. Tickets and teas will be provided at

Dinsdale House. Liz Percival is organising the teas. Parking will be on the recreation ground. Apart from needing lots of cakes, please could you let me know if you would be happy to don a mask to help out. Julia Sewell, 01295 680234 / 07786513649



FLOWER SHOW 2021: CANCELLED Despite the improving situation with Covid, we are not yet out of the woods! With great sadness the Committee has decided not to hold a show this year. We will be back again, we hope, in 2022 on Sat 20 Aug 22.

David Sewell

KINETON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (K&DLHG)



Our next meeting takes place on 21st May at 7.30pm on zoom. The speaker is Doctor Stanley Ireland of Warwick University who will be talking about South Warwickshire's Roman Coin Hoards. If you would like to join us

please email our chair, David Freke, on frekedj@globalnet.co.uk.

THE MAKING OF TYSOE PROJECT - TYSOE FIELD NAMES

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Image of Rand Furlong

The project is investigating the landscape development of the parish. The economy of the village until very recently was predominantly agricultural, so its farming history is fundamental to understanding the earlier life of the community. John Hunter has mapped the surviving ridge and furrow, demonstrating the dramatic changes made by modern farming in the last half century. More evidence of change comes from field names. The many field names ending in "Furlong" - eg Washing Stock Furlong. Top of Tysoe Furlong, Long Furlong, etc - hark back to when a furlong was a group of medieval strips - "lands" - in the huge unhedged open fields of the preenclosure parish. Fields called "Leaze" were grasslands, although what Spaniel Leaze in Lower Tysoe refers to remains a mystery. Personal names recall earlier land owners, such as Bagot Furlong, Warners Headland Furlong, and Biggs Piece. **Ecclesiastical owners** are referred to in Priory Meadows, Bishop's Lot and Arbery Lands (belonging to Arbury Priory). Land-use gave names to Bean Furlong, Hemp Lands, Lingcroft (heather), Fernilowe (ferny burial mound), and Brick Kiln Furlong among many others. A distinctive shape gives field names such as Pasture Sling (Westcote, long narrow grass field), Pike (Lower Tysoe, pointed piece) and Le Sterte (Westcote, projecting piece of land, "sterte" is Old English for tail). The character of the land is obviously important to farmers and many field names reflect this. A slade indicates a damp valley, Stonilowe and Dry Leaze are self explanatory, Sondelande is sandy, Marl Furlong clayey, Kingsmoor is barren or waste, while The Promised Land in Lower Tysoe could be productive or ironically the opposite. The fields called New Zealand on a late 18th century map out near the Stratford road probably refers to their remoteness, not to the mass emigration from the village a century later.

David Freke

PS Look out for a map of parish field names in the near future!

WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD



What a difference a month makes! The weather has been very mixed, but with some warmer and sunnier days the blossom has broken on the stone fruit, and the frosts do not appear to have killed off the flowers. The apricots were

the first, closely followed by the plums and damsons, and then a small amount of peach and nectarine flowers. The early cherries have flowered and the greengages and pears are just starting bud break. The early apples will not be far behind with deep red already showing on the buds.

Such a lovely time to observe the fruit trees and also the hedges where the blackthorn is in full flower and the hawthorn beautifully green. Work continues on various maintenance activities and the mowers have been active.



Blackthorn and Hawthorn Hedge



Cowslips

The wildflower strips are providing some beautiful flowers and there are increasing numbers of early wildflowers establishing in the main grass areas. We still need to keep the dandelions under control and the thistles especially as we are surrounded by farmland and are required to stop their spread. We work organically and the orchard remains a haven for wildlife which is obvi-

ous if you spend some quiet time here just observing.

As lockdown eases we will be getting geared up for the summer and there will be lots of help required. So, do contact one of us or via the web site and we can give you more information.

The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on Shenington Road, Tysoe. Contact: Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) www.wot2grow.co.uk

NO MOW MAY - BUT YOU COULD EAT CAKE!

Just like Captain Tom, the grand-daughters of the founder of the Stratford on Avon Riding for the Disabled Association, Beryl Sainsbury, who sadly died last year aged 99, have set a challenge in





her memory for people to do a 100 things, any 100 things, before what would have been Beryl's 100th birthday in September, at the same time raising funds for RDA.

As a volunteer to RDA, seeing the terrific benefits and pleasure the riders get from being in the saddle and remembering how our own son William loved his sessions with RDA - I felt I must do something and that is - to make and sell 100 cakes during May. I will sell them from our house:

Tawny Cottage, opposite the Old Fire Station Every Saturday morning in May Between 10.30-12.00.

> Hope to see you. Chris Locke

THE RETURN OF THE TYSOE WINDMILL RUN!



We are excited to announce that Tysoe Windmill Run (TWR) is back for 2021, come and join the fun on Saturday 5th June, climbing Tysoe's pretty Windmill Hill and beyond, exploring glorious landscapes and magnificent views.

Come and share the amazing sense of freedom after being locked down for so long. Fantastic bespoke

medals made by Tysoe's talented resident potter Penny Varley. Are you wondering how you can join in the excitement without the running? If so, then contact Steph on 07814933210 to join The TWR helpers on the day. Online entries only – 10km £14 5km £6 To register visit: WWW.tysoewindmill10k.com.

See you on the day!

MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*	Monday	3	Early May Bank Holiday	
	Tuesday	4	Tysoe Parish Council: 1) a short Parish Meeting (Assembly) 2) the annual Parish meeting (AGM) 3) the usual Ordinary meeting	
	Tuesday	4, 18	Black bin collection	
	Tuesday	11 25	Blue & Green collection	
	Friday	21	Tysoe Dementia Café, Village Hall	
	Monday	31	Spring Bank Holiday	



Christian Aid Week: 10th - 16th May 2021 An opportunity to share with the poorest in the world, for details visit www.christianaid.org.uk



VILLAGE HALL REPORT

In writing this report precisely a year to the day since the first national lockdown was imposed, I realise that there really is very little on which I can actually report!

The year started normally and we were fortunate, just before closure, to host a highlight in John Hunter's "The Making of Tysoe" history presentation. Thereafter, and in between the restrictions, a few groups were able to operate on a limited basis, providing, if nothing else, a degree of much-needed social interaction. A small number of maintenance and improvement works were completed and the Committee has been able to hold meetings via Zoom, thanks to the Parish Council's facility, for which we're grateful.

Financially, our income was badly affected, though we were very grateful to receive Government grant funding, which has been of real help and I'm indebted to our Treasurer, Ken Percival, who not only negotiated his way around the grant application system, but also managed to balance the books in such a frustrating year.

Whilst most of us on the Committee have had a quiet year, I cannot fail to mention the invaluable work done by our Secretary and caretaker, Steve Randall. Many of the rules & guidelines received during the year have, at best, been open to interpretation, yet he's managed to translate these into pragmatic & safe practices for the benefit of all, whilst also regularly inspecting the hall and keeping it thoroughly cleaned.

I would also like to acknowledge the helpful Covid-19 guidance given by Kim Slater of the W.R.C.C. to village halls in Warwickshire.

As always, I'd like to thank everyone on the Committee. As a final point, going forward, we'd welcome some new members: it is not an onerous task but it's vital that such a great village asset continues to thrive as it enters its 10th decade.

Percy Sewell, 23rd March 2021



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Unusually the Parish Council hasn't met since your last edition of The Record. Due to a little used part of section 243 of the Local Government Act, our last planned meeting couldn't go ahead because we had entered a period of public mourning after the sad death of Prince Philip. The Parish Council must issue the final agenda and give three clear day's-



notice before an Ordinary meeting. Public days of mourning do not count as 'clear days.'

The postponed meeting will run on 26 April when the Council will discuss, amongst other things, a new Housing Needs Survey, the purchase of noticeboards promoting nature in the village and nominations for the next year's Chairman, Vice Chairman and any Committees the Council plan to run in 2021-22. These will all be formally voted on at the Annual Council Meeting (informally known as the AGM) of the council on 4 May.

An item that was due to be discussed at the last meeting was the unsavoury topic of dog poo! As a follower of the Tysoe Village Noticeboard on Facebook I know that this is a 'bone' of contention for many residents. Not only is dog mess unsightly and unpleasant, it is also hazardous to health. Contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

The Dog Fouling Act 2016 places responsibility on "the person in charge of the dog" to clear up dog mess. This applies even if the dog doesn't belong to you. Please clear up after any dogs in your care and keep our village safe and tidy. Before they left the house, gentlemen of a certain age would remember to; check hat, handkerchief, wallet, comb. As a dog owner, perhaps the mantra should be; mask, lead, bag, treats.

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We really like the animals, especially the caterpillar changing into the butterfly because it represents our values so well; **Nurture. Serve and Grow.**

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Then we'd argue about who would put the phone down first till the money ran out. Years later Nicky's daughter and her best friend did the same, only they both had phones at home.

Who remembers taking part in the play of 'The Battle of Edgehill' in the playground? We made our armour out of Paper Mache. Or collecting frog spawn from the brook and in summer paddling in its cool water? Oh, it seems only like yesterday!

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Junior tennis has also started again, much to everyone's relief. We ran a very successful Easter Camp with around 14 children taking part despite the arctic weather conditions. Junior coaching has resumed on Friday from 4.00pm onwards and Sunday mornings from 9.00am catering for ages 4 - 12. We have around 25 children taking part so do come and join us, contact Debbie on admin@tennisolutions.co.uk. Also good luck to our under 9 and under 10 teams who have matches scheduled in the Warwickshire Junior league.

For more details visit the website or contact the Club secretary: carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk



EARLY TYSOE FOOTBALL PHOTO



Just look at these strapping lads, known as 'The Robins'.

Back row left to right David Hancox Peter Billings, Reg Clarke,
Tony Lomas, Pat Goodman - does anyone know the rest and
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