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#### EDITORIAL - TYSOE REMEMBERS

We will soon come together again to pay respect to and remember those that have given their lives for peace.

On 10 November we welcome all to the War Memorial on the village green to share in a service of Remembrance led by Rev George Heighton. The service will commence at 10.50 and continue afterwards at St Mary's Church.



Tysoe War Memorial courtesy of Richard Ellis, Tysoe

On 11 November a service will be held at the Cairn in the Natural Burial Ground. This will commence at 10.50.

#### WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES

Warwickshire County Council mobile library service visits Tysoe every 3 weeks. Stopping outside the Village Hall it is available between the hours of 13.45-14.45.

The next visits will be on November 19 and December 10.

#### **REMEMBRANCETIDE 2019**

The WI set the Gold Standard for Remembrance last year with their amazing display to mark the centenary of the Armistice. I was a little surprised talking to someone after the event who said "That's it, Remembrance over, what do we do now?" Sadly they completely missed the point. Remembrance is timeless. It's a very cathartic experience for all involved.

Last year we marked the Centenary of the end of the Great War. Although there are few living survivors, who fought in it, it was only two generations ago. There are thousands still living who will remember talking to those who never came back.

Since 1918 the Armed Forces have been involved in countless conflicts. In the last 80 years, 1968 was the only year in which our Armed Forces did not suffer a death. As long as we have an army we will continue to suffer casualties.

In 1919 the population marked the deaths of so many with a 2 minute silence on Armistice Day at 1100 hrs on 11 November 1919 (Poppies were not used until 1921). This was part of the national grieving process.

Subsequently 11 November became synonymous with remembrance of all those, who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Remembrance is <u>for ever</u>. If you have any doubt remember the words of Colonel John McCrae, who wrote the poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

To you with failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders' Fields

David Sewell

#### CHANGES AFOOT FOR LOCAL POLICE

Rural crime is never far from our minds in Tysoe so it was fortunate that a chance update on Facebook recently led Beverley Thorpe to speak to PC Craig Purcell.

Craig, previously part of the Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team, took up his role as a Warwickshire Rural Crime Officer in October.



PC Craig Purcell

Beverley: What is the focus of your new role?

**PC Purcell:** Rural crime across Warwickshire. We are a small team but will focus on those rural crimes that are devastating our communities. Domestic crime will continue to be covered by the local Shipston Safer Neighbourhood team.

**Beverley:** Is there any information we can access to help us to do more to protect ourselves from rural crime in the Tysoe area?

**PC Purcell:** Check out www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk. Sign up for alerts and familiarise yourself with the advice sheets on the site. They cover a multitude of topics from fuel theft, flytipping advice to Horse Watch. Encourage your farmers to set up a What's App Group amongst themselves to alert each other of any suspicious or worrying behavior.

Beverley: Will we see you in Tysoe anytime soon?

**PC Purcell:** As soon as I take up the role full-time I would love to come and meet your community and perhaps talk to the Parish Council. Keep in touch.

#### TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH

- Tuesday Coffee shop 10:30 -12 noon. All welcome.
- **Friday Lunch club**, first Friday each month, if you wish to go please let Marion Ascott know on 680584.

#### **NOVEMBER SERVICES**

- November 3rd Mrs M Clarke
- November 10th Remembrance Sunday 10:50 at
- the Memorial
- November 17th Mr M Phipps
- November 24th Rev J Howe sacrament

#### DECEMBER

- CHRISTMAS PANTIVITY will be at the church on December 14th at 4.00pm, all welcome.
- Carol Service Sunday 15th December at 4:00pm.

All services commence at 10:30 unless otherwise advised.

We remember all who have been bereaved in the village and all who are unwell. All Welcome.

#### TYSOE HOME CRAFTERS

June and Janet would like to thank Ellie, Glynis, Shirley and Winnie for their help with our craft sale on Saturday 14th September.

We are pleased to say, that after expenses we raised £130.00 and were able to share the money between The Katharine House Hospice and The Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

Thank you for those who supported us.

June Dunn and Janet Hopkins

#### 'NATURE'S CHAMPIONS' AT **UPTON HOUSE & GARDENS**

If you haven't seen it yet, I urge you to come and visit this new My favourite is the painting of exhibition at Upton House. It is Gertrude Jekyll portrayed by a collaboration between the Sir William Nicholson. The National Trust and the National flesh tones are so lifelike you Portrait Gallery. It highlights can almost see her breathe. of some the campaigners and who laid the foundations of our didn't want to waste the dayunderstanding of the natural light sitting for her portrait, so world and our need to protect Nicholson was forced to paint it

Gardeners and Growers, Early picture which now hangs in the Pioneers of Environmentalism. Tate Activists and Influencers, and Scientists like John Tyndall You may not agree with all the and James Lovelock. Just choices. You may well have having these four categories your own 'Champions of makes you think and become Nature'. The good thing about of the aware contributions made by these you to consider the contribution champions.

There are familiar names like how our own actions can affect Sir David Charles Darwin. Gerald Durrell and Beatrix Potter, but also The exhibition opens daily from well-known ones less Richard St Barbe Baker who 6th December. founded the 'Men of the Trees' conservation society. and surprising like Joe ones Clash. Strummer from The

his Strummer made records 'carbon neutral' through planting trees.

thinkers, Apparently Gertrude was such advocates a bundle of energy that she her in the evenings. He busied himself during the day painting There are four main themes: her fifty year old boots, a

> different this exhibition is that it invites these people have made and encourages us to be aware of Attenborough, the environment,

> > like 11:00-17.00 and runs until

Shirley Cherry

#### BONFIRE NIGHT RECIPE FROM WHITE HYACINTH CAKE DESIGN

I don't know about you but when the nights start drawing in and we begin lighting the old

log burner, my thoughts turn to more comforting foods. It's exactly the same with cakes. One very popular cake at this time of year is **Ginger Cake**, so I thought I would share this recipe with you to send some warmth around the village! Serves 12.

100g Caster sugar 125g butter 1 egg 225mls treacle 300g plain flour 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons bicarbonate of soda

1 level teaspoon cinnamon 2 level teaspoon ground ginger 250mls hot water (not boiling)

- Pre-heat your oven to 180\*C/Gas 4 and grease and line an 8" square tin.
- In your main bowl, cream the butter and sugar until smooth.
- Beat in the egg and then stir in the treacle.
- In another bowl blend together the flour, bicarb, cinnamon and ginger.
- Blend the dry ingredients into the creamed butter mixture.
- Once blended, slowly mix in the hot water to make a smooth, fairly runny cake batter.
- Pour this into your tin and bake for around one hour, or until a skewer or knife comes out clean.

Especially good for Bonfire Night with a generous topping of lemon icing and cut into cubes, or served hot with brandy cream.

Enjoy!

www.whitehyacinthcakes.co.uk call 01295 680340 or text 07964 339739

#### WAS 2019 A GOOD YEAR FOR BUTTERFLIES?

From my perspective the summer of 2019 seemed to be good for butterflies and this is borne out by the observations of others. More than 100,000 people took part in the national '**Big Butterfly Count'** <u>www.bigbutterflycount.org/2019mainresults</u> and together recorded sightings of almost 1.6 million insects in the 'official' period between 19 July and 11 August.

Overall, people saw more butterflies than in 2018, but a good number of these were the Painted Lady, which was the most abundant species this summer. Every year successive generations of Painted Ladies move north from Africa to breed in Europe and their offspring return south at the end of the summer to avoid the winter cold. The numbers arriving vary considerably; they were exceptionally numerous in 2019, with the last 'Painted Lady Year' being 2009.

Of our native butterflies, the <u>Peacock</u> enjoyed its best summer since 2014, coming second overall. Other species which did relatively well were the <u>Red Admiral</u>, Small Tortoiseshell, Marbled White, Gatekeeper and Meadow Brown. The three common white butterflies, <u>Large White</u>, <u>Small White</u>, and <u>Greenveined White</u>, all of which did extremely well in 2018, suffered a large drop in numbers, and both the <u>Holly Blue</u> and Common Blue were less successful than in 2018. All five of the 'losers' in 2019 were at levels well below those seen over the whole 10 years of the **Big Butterfly Count**.

Butterflies are very sensitive indicators of the health of the environment. As with other insect species their numbers fluctuate from year to year, partly as a result of weather conditions. However, overall there has been a serious, long-term decline in British butterflies which, at least for some species, is the result of the destruction and deterioration of their habitats due to changes in land-use.

Rosemary Collier

#### JOEY'S JOKE

Did you know that Tysoe School once had its own swimming pool? Joe answered the door last week to a man collecting to reinstate it. He gave him a bucket of water!

If you think you can do better (or worse)...let us know.



#### A CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY

Come along and join us for a festive concert. TADA will be performing songs, poetry and readings all relating to Christmas (but no carols).

Tickets £5.00 ( includes mince pie). Tysoe Village Hall, Saturday 30 November 19.30 start.

#### TYSOE PARISH CHURCH—MONTHLY NEWS

After a very busy summer and an early Harvest Thanksgiving all coming together at the same time, we have settled down to a steady approach to Christmas. The usual Fair will be in church on Saturday 23rd November with stalls and games and we hope everyone will come along and support the event which will start at 11am and don't forget to come and sample George's famous pork baps! Look out for further details on posters displayed around the village. Please put the special Christmas services as detailed below in your diaries as well. We look forward to seeing you.

"It's the end of an era" was the immediate reaction when the village heard the sad news about Lilian of the Post Office – our popular Post Mistress, who everyone knew. She will be much missed for her friendly service to Tysoe for many, many years and we would like to send our sincere condolences to Conway, Jacqui, Kay and all the family.

We were also sorry to hear of the death of Jessie Oliver and we send our sympathy to all the members of her family.

#### CHURCH ENQUIRIES

Revd George Heighton 680201; Jill Longbottom 680236 Roland Cherry 680793; **www.tysoechurch.org.uk** 

#### SERVICES AT ST MARY'S IN NOVEMBER

3 Nov 11.00am Parish Communion

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- 10 Nov 10.50am Remembrance meet at the War Memorial then proceed to church
- 13 Nov 10.30am Midweek Holy Communion GH
- 17 Nov 11.00am Parish Communion
- 24 Nov 11.00am Parish Communion
- 27 Nov 10.30am Midweek Holy Communion TM

#### SERVICES AT ST MARY'S IN DECEMBER

•	1 Dec	11.00am	Parish Communion	JT
•	8 Dec	11.00am	Parish Communion	GE
•	11 Dec	10.30am	Midweek Holy Communion	GH
•	15 Dec	11.00am	Christingle Family Service	GH
•	22 Dec	11.00am	Parish Communion	GH
•		6.30pm	Carol Service	JT/TM
•	24 Dec	5.00pm	Children's Service	GH
•		11.30pm	Midnight Mass	JT
•	25 Dec	11.00am	Christmas Day Holy Communic	on GH
•	29 Dec		United Benefice in St Mary's	GE

Every Saturday at 8.30am there is Morning Prayer with George.

#### CHURCHYARD TIDY UP TEAM

The team meet at 2.00pm - 4.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Do come along and give the friendly team a hand and enjoy a cup of tea and cake as well.



Exercise your *Little Grey Cells* - play bridge

Bridge is a game of strategy, memory and concentration. Played with a partner it is a great way to exercise your 'little grey cells', have social interaction and beat those winter blues.

Why not come along and play Chicago Bridge with the Tysoe Bridge Club. All bridge players welcome, regardless of experience.

Where: When:	Tysoe Village Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month (September - May only)	
Time:	19:00 - 22:00	
Cost:	£3 per session (includes refreshments)	

For more information please contact Gerald or Sue Hart on 01295 680710 or Jane Ridgway on 01295 680262.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

At the time of writing, 16<sup>th</sup> meetings where parish October, we have still not seen any comments from the District Council (SDC) nor have we seen a compilation of comments from residents although both of these are now promised by SDC by the end of October or early November. It is now almost four months since the end of the public consultation back in June – apologies for the delay but this is beyond our control.

As the Planning Authority SDC has an obligation to put the resources in place to expedite the Neighbourhood Plans that encouraged they Parish Councils to produce; to leave them stalled in limbo like this is a serious failure by them. It is unfortunate that the lack of a finally approved Plan is being used against the parish in deciding planning applications. In the recent decision to grant permission to build five houses at The Orchards, Lower Tysoe, the Planning Officer said that because our Plan was still in consultation (not in fact correct) carry it could not anv significant weight and therefore, by default, the interests of the applicant/developer were given far more weight than our Plan

that is now more than five years in the making with 138 separate meetings where parish residents have been aiven the opportunity to comment. The application aranted was permission despite it failing to proposed policies in our Plan and despite it failing to comply with SDC's own policies (policy CS19 others, among for those interested). The fact that it is SDC's failure to progress the consequences Plan. the of such which are perverse planning decisions, is all the more galling.

Our District Council has now abandoned pretence all of "Localism" their as recent ill-conceived consultation on the Allocations Site Plan has demonstrated. If you would like to raise any questions on this matter you should come along to the next Parish Council meeting (11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm) where District Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins will be answering questions, she is SDC's portfolio holder for Planning/Development Control and is SDC's "Parish Champion".

#### Tysoe Neighbourhood Plan Group

#### WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Autumn is the most amazing season in terms of what weather we get and how the orchard fares! This year has been very different from the last few and the



amount of rain we can only hope will provide us with a bumper fruit crop next year. We have had a very reasonable crop of top fruit compared with a lot of people but we do have a vast number of varieties, in excess of forty, and one hundred and eighty plus trees, a bit bigger than most people's orchard!

The high winds have meant a lot of windfalls and the slugs have had a field day but some of the fruit is in good condition and absolutely full of flavour and juiciness. The cider apples in particular have been heavy croppers and we will wait a while to make sure they are ready for production.

We have had an autumn visit from Tysoe School which is always a joy and such fun! This time it was Reception/Year 1 and Year 3 so we had children who had been to the orchard previously and it was great to see their enthusiasm and to welcome them to a different scene. We walked around and saw the "Cat's Bottom" fruit (Medlars) which produced much hilarity and each child picked a Kidd's Orange Red apple from a tree to take away for their healthy snack. They also looked for all the different colours in the fruit and trees and we look forward to their next visit in the Spring!

The bees are quiet, the grass is slowing down and we are preparing for winter which is another busy time!

Your Community Orchard is located just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe. Want more information?

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) or see our website www.wot2grow.co.uk

#### TYSOE INFORMATION CHANNELS

In October's issue of the Record, Beverley Thorpe's piece 'Eco-Warrior in Training?', referenced several places to look for furniture and household goods to recycle, reuse or repurpose before buying new. Carrying on the theme. it would be churlish of The Record not to mention and promote the other useful information and communication channels within and around Tysoe.

#### NOTICEBOARDS

Across the village there are several physical noticeboards used to promote different activities and events.

- <u>Tysoe Village Stores Noticeboard</u> local events, property to let, things to sell, contact details for local tradespeople. To advertise
  - 1. Create your advert (A6 is a good size but there is no restriction within reason). Add todays date.
  - 2. There is no set fee for advertising. The shop request a donation to one of the charity boxes by the tills.
  - 3. Pin advert to board.

Your advert will be retained for 3-weeks from the date of posting. The Post Office also allows some advertising, please ask at the counter.

- <u>Village Green Noticeboard</u> notes from Parish Council meetings, local events and information. Tysoe events and information will take precedence on this noticeboard if space is tight but you may also see content from surrounding villages. The noticeboard is managed by members of Tysoe Parish Council.
- <u>Tysoe Village Hall Noticeboard</u> (front of Tysoe Village Hall). Maintained by the caretaker, the board is used to

promote forthcoming public events held in the village hall.

 <u>Social Club noticeboard</u> (outside Tysoe Village Hall) – events (bands and musicians) coming up at the Club.

#### ON-LINE

On-line noticeboards probably have the greatest following because they can be viewed at any time of day from the comfort of your armchair.

• <u>Tysoe Parish website</u> www.tysoe.org.uk – hosted by Stratford-upon-Avon District Council and updated by the Parish Clerk, Kerry Finlayson, this website provides information about Tysoe, its facilities and local news. We have also started to post past copies of the Tysoe & District Record. The Tysoe Parish website provides up-to-date information from the Parish Council and links to other local sites e.g. St Mary's Church, Tysoe United Football Club, Tysoe Tennis Club and WOT2Grow Community Orchard.

Kerry can be contacted at <u>parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk</u>

- **Tysoe Village Noticeboard facebook page** run by administrators within the village, our Facebook page currently has 931 members from within Tysoe and the surrounding area. To get involved:
  - 1. Open FaceBook
  - 2. Select 'Find Friends'
  - 3. In the Search bar type **Tysoe Village Noticeboard** and then select **Enter**
  - 4. Select +Join
  - 5. Answer the questions posed, agree to the rules of the site and *Submit.*

Information posted includes local news, forthcoming events, request for help and things for sale.

#### TYSOE W.I. UPDATE

As ever our members have had a busy month. We welcomed another new member at October's meeting bringing our current membership to 55.

#### October Update

- A group of us visited Forge Mill Needle Museum, a fascinating place! Followed by lunch and a little retail therapy at the Jinny Ring Craft Centre.
- We also went to Warwick Arts Centre to see Aled Jones and Russell Watson, wow those two can sing! An excellent venue almost on our doorstep with a wide variety of entertainment on offer. We just need to decide on what to see next.
- It was an honour to be asked by Jacqui, Kay and family to provide refreshments after Lilian's funeral. It was a privilege to be able to do something to show how much she was admired, loved and appreciated in this village and beyond.
- Our craft group are attending the Creative Craft Show along with the Simply Christmas and Cake International shows at the NEC on Thursday 31st October. We will be travelling on the Shipston Link Mini Bus. We have a few bus seats left, so if you would like to join us contact Dee 680971. Or email Tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com. Bus £10 plus entry ticket cost, these can be purchased online at ichfevents.co.uk or on the day.

#### Coming up in November

- We have couple of spaces left for a Willow Weaving Workshop creating Christmas Angels on Saturday 2nd November 2-5pm £45 including all materials and refreshments. Contact Dee.
- We will be visiting Gloucester Quays Victorian Christmas market in November (fully booked) and Webbs Garden Centre in December, again fully booked.

November's meeting on the 6th starts with our AGM at 7.15 for members only followed at 7.45 by a demonstration by Alan Keech from Thoughtfully Wrapped (open to non members), after which we will make a beautiful gift box. So, if you'd like to join us, bring a gift for your box plus £1.50 for materials

All our trips, events and workshops are open to non members, where space is available and are charged at full rate.

Follow us on Facebook, or our website www.tysoewi.com or email tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com





How lovely to have read in last Refreshments month's Record, Julia Butcher's very interesting report on the Tysoe versus Oxhill cricket With Christmas activities match and how coincidental - taking precedence there will our next film '1914 ALL OUT' not be a film December.

begins with a crucial village cricket match just at the start of World War 1, the last match before so many players went off to fight, willingly serving their country and confident that it would all be over by Christmas. This is a truly poignant film, which reflects what could so easily have been Tysoe.

Title	1914 All Out
Date	20 November 2019
Time	19.30
Run time	80 minutes
Where	Tysoe Village Hall
Cost	£4 per person

(wine, tea, coffee) are on tap.

#### TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The busy start to the term at lenge in November. The chil-Tysoe CofE Primary School dren have been working hard has continued! We welcomed on their maths skills and we Ofsted for an inspection at the are sure they will perform well. end of September. We await Good luck! the publication of the report but we were all extremely We are most grateful proud of the children and the generous funding from Tysoe positive way they spoke about Utility Estate. This has their school. The staff were provided funding for swimming recognised for their team work lessons and enabled us to and dedication.

has been reading Shake- and a visit from The Space speare and visited the Swan Dome. With this additional Theatre in Stratford to watch funding, the range of activities the RSC production of The has been extensive. Merchant of Venice. The children were enthused by the • trip and enjoyed the performance. Oak Class have been reading The Rabbit Problem by Emily Gravett and presented amazing an assembly all about rabbits. They researched interesting If you are a prospective parent facts and shared their writing and would like to visit, please alongside some fantastic art contact work.

Once again some of our older pupils will be taking part in this year's Primary Maths Chal-

to continue to offer a huge range of curriculum opportunities, Recently there has been a including many visits and cre-special focus on literary ative experiences such as events in school. Willow Class Ryton Pools, All Things Wild

> The Friends of Tysoe School are hosting their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December in Tysoe Village Hall 12pm to 3pm. Please join us!

Mrs. Horrocks on 01295-680244.

> Paige Neale Head of School

#### HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TYSOE RECORD

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#### PULL OUT & KEEP - WHAT'S ON IN TYSOE IN NOVEMBER

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1	FRI	Lunch Club, 12.30, Methodist Church Tysoe Bowls Club. 19.00-21.00, TVH		
2	SAT	WI Willow Weaving Workshop, 14.00-17.00, TVH		
3	SUN	Tysoe Tennis Club, 10.30-12.30, TSP Christmas Quiz Night, 18.30, £16 per team, TVH		
4	MON	Yoga, 9.30-10.30, TVH		
5	TUE	<b>Black Bin refuse collection</b> Tysoe Bowls Club. Various times, TVH Tysoe Tennis Club, 19.00-20.30, TSP		
6	WED	Craft & Laugh, 14.00-16.00, TVH Women's Institute, 19.30-21.30, TVH		
7	THU	Fitsteps, 9.30—10.30, TVH Exercise & Dance Class, 10.30-11.30, TVH		
8	FRI	Tysoe Bowls Club. 19.30-21.00, TVH		
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#### POPPY APPEAL 2019

Last year's Poppy Appeal raised a staggering £50m. Although 2018 was a very special anniversary, the demands on the British Legion are still just as great this year and will continue to be so well into the future.

Advances in medical science increase the survival chances of the injured and the complexities of injuries, other than physical ones, are expensive to treat properly. Post-traumatic Shock Disorder (PTSD) was hardly recognised in 1918 but today PTSD and mental illnesses constitute a large percentage of injuries suffered by our Service personnel.

There are currently thousands of servicemen and women deployed on operations around the globe. Please give generously to this year's Appeal; you can buy more than one poppy!

David Sewell

#### **UBUS - DIAL AND RIDE**

UBUS is a community transport service that operates on a dial-abus basis. The service is for residents of Stratford District of any age, who are struck for transport to travel locally on weekdays between 09.30 and 4.30.

The scheme is for you if you have a general need for local transport and cannot access public transport because of mobility problems or other issues, or perhaps live in an isolated location with no (or infrequent) levels of public transport.

To register for the service, or to make a booking, please call 01789 264491 between 09.30 and 14.30 Monday to Friday.

Tysoe falls in the UBUS South Zone, which stretches from Long Compton to Clifford Chambers and Long Marston to Tysoe. Services are available to South Zone residents Tuesday—Thursday with prices ranging from  $\pounds 2.90 - \pounds 3.60$  for a single journey and  $\pounds 5.80 - \pounds 7.20$  for a return.

# **A TRIBUTE TO LILIAN HOPKINS** 26/10/1942 - 21/09/2019



We will all have our own memories of Lilian, our Post Mistress of 42 years, who is sadly no longer with us. She was such a character, part of the very fabric of Tysoe. She was always there at the Post Office come rain or shine. She was constant and unchanging, a 'still small voice of calm,' synonymous with Tysoe.

As Jacqueline, her daughter, described: there could be snow in the village. Main Street would be deathly quiet with no one about, but still Lilian would have the Post Office open and be ready to serve customers. She will be sadly missed.

But it is worth spending a moment to consider what Lilian meant to each and every one of us. What she represented and the values she stood for. Some might describe them as *old fashioned*, but surely they are what village life should be all about, kindness, compassion, having time for people and an *overriding sense of service*?

Lilian understood the importance of her role in the local community, acting as part of the glue that binds us altogether. It is great credit to both Lilian and all her family that they fought so hard to keep Tysoe Post Office open, battling against the threat of closure on more than one occasion. It is a sad indictment of modern society that no one at Post Office Head Office is able to provide a testimonial for Lilian, to express gratitude for her many years of loyal service. Instead, as is so often the case with modern business, the perceived value of the Tysoe Post Office has been reduced to figures on a spreadsheet, not the beating heart of a village.

Lilian was unfailingly polite and professional. She was patient with customers if they forget their pin-numbers or got into a tizz about forms and paperwork. She was there to help. There were also other facets to Lilian's personality. She loved her flowers. As a young woman she worked at Wyncolls, a florist and greengrocers next to St Mary's Church in Banbury, where she learnt about the different varieties and how to cut and condition them.

I also knew her to be a great knitter. Before its refurbishment there were balls of knitting wool stuffed into every nook and cranny at the Post Office, along with myriad cottons and knicker elastic! I once asked her in front of some other customers if she could knit me a beard for a play I was involved in, she was totally nonplussed and took the request in her stride! Just part of the normal life of the Post Office.

Lilian was a great example of a servant-leader, someone who focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. This principle is embodied in Christian thinking: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." We are so fortunate to have known her, and equally fortunate that her family continue to uphold these same values in their desire to serve our Tysoe community.

Lilian you were an example to us all – rest in peace.

Shirley Cherry

#### TYSOE PARISH ASSEMBLY Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 11.00 to 4.00 Village Hall

Tysoe Parish Council is holding a Parish Assembly to showcase all of the voluntary groups and institutions in the village. All residents are encouraged and welcome to come along to see what's on offer and to ask questions.

Refreshments will be available.

Stands expected on the day:

**Tysoe Parish Council** Tysoe Neighbourhood Plan Group Warwickshire County Council Stratford on Avon District Council Tysoe & District Record Tysoe Flower Show NGS Open Gardens WOT2 Grow Community Orchard Poppy Appeal Tysoe Children's Group Tysoe Social Club The Village Hall **Tysoe Utility Trust** Church Restoration Committee / 180 Club Tysoe Women's Institute Mid-week Movies Tennis Club Bowls Club Football Club Lunch Club **First Responders** Pilates/Keep-fit Tysoe School PTA **Community Safety** 

#### PULL OUT & KEEP - WHAT'S ON IN TYSOE IN NOVEMBER

18	MON	Yoga, 9.30-10.30, TVH		
19	TUE	Black Bin refuse collection Mobile Library 13.45-14.45, TVH Tysoe Bowls Club. Various times, TVH Tysoe Tennis Club, 19.00-20.30, TSP		
20	WED	Craft & Laugh, 14.00-16.00, TVH		
21	THU	Fitsteps, 9.30—10.30, TVH Exercise & Dance Class, 10.30-11.30, TVH		
22	FRI	Tysoe Bowls Club. 19.00-21.00, TVH		
23	SAT	Tysoe Parish Assembly, TVH Christmas Fair, opens 11.00am, St Mary's Church		
24	SUN	Tysoe Tennis Club, 10.30-12.30, TSP		
25	MON	Yoga, 9.30-10.30, TVH		
26	TUE	Blue & Green Bin refuse collection Tysoe Bowls Club. Various times, TVH Tysoe Tennis Club, 19.00-20.30, TSP		
27	WED	Craft & Laugh, 14.00-16.00, TVH Chicago Bridge, 19.00-22.00, TVH		
28	THU	Fitsteps, 9.30—10.30, TVH Exercise & Dance Class, 10.30-11.30, TVH		
29	FRI	Tysoe Bowls Club. 19.00-21.00, TVH		
30	SAT	TADA present 'A Christmas Miscellany', 19.30, tickets £5, TVH.		

#### **KEY TO VENUES**

- TVH Tysoe Village Hall
- TSP Tysoe Sports Pavilion

TYSOE ADDRESS BOOK					
Bridge Club	Jane Ridgway	01295 680262			
Lunch Club	Marion Ascott	01295 680584			
Tennis Club	Carol Spencer Colin Locke	01295 680659 01295 680139			
Poppy Appeal	David Sewell	01295 680316			
Exercise & Dance Class	Ann Peach	01295 680812			
WOT2 Grow www.wot2grow.co.uk	Liz Atkinson Paul Sayer Sue & Mike Sanderson	01295 680045 01295 680451 01295 688080			
St Mary's Parish Church	Revd George Heighton Jill Longbottom Roland Cherry	01295 680201 01295 680236 01295 680793			
Flower Show	David Sewell	01295 680316			
Women's Institute www.tysoewi.com	Christine Harrop	01295 780765			
Parish Website	Kerry Finlayson parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk				
Defibrillator	Located at the Old Fire Station				
Village Hall Bookings	Jacqueline Franklin	01295 680051			

**Thought for the day...**on the 5th November, 1605, when the Gunpowder Plot was foiled, bonfires were set alight to celebrate the safety of the King. Since then the date has been commemorated with fireworks and burning effigies of Guy Fawkes on a bonfire. Some of us have been known to wonder whether we are celebrating Fawkes' execution or honouring his attempt to do away with the government!

#### TYSOE TENNIS CLUB - NEWSLETTER

#### ADULTS

The Ladies A Team is in Division 5 this year and the B Team in Division 6 of the Winter League this season, so fortunately we won't meet. However, it was not a good start for the Ladies A as we lost 4-0, despite many tie breaks, on a horrendously windy day at Wildmoor Spa, Stratford. Well tried though ladies – the conditions on those courts were not easy.

The Ladies B also did not fare well and lost 4-0 to Berkswell, who are fast climbing up the ladder so, again, well tried.

The first mixed match of the Banbury Town League Mixed Winter League was a battle between the A and B Teams as we are in the same Division. It was a very hard and long-fought match, but the A Team came out winners 3:1, with the B Team putting up an excellent fight; they should be justly proud of their performance. Well done everyone!

#### JUNIORS

We are very pleased with the response to our free summer tennis at Tysoe. We have been welcoming junior players to the courts on a Sunday morning to 'give tennis a go'. The ages have ranged from 4-12 (not forgetting the brave parents who have joined in!) We are thinking about continuing to have a junior social tennis session on Sundays 09.30-10.30 for those who decide to join the Club. If you would like to become a member and/or are interested in junior tennis sessions on Sunday mornings for your child, please get in touch.

**Membership Fees:** Junior (under 16) £18, Student (over 16 in full-time education) £21, Adult (over 18) £75, Family (up to 2 adults plus children under 16) £150

www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

#### OUT AND ABOUT

#### KINETON VILLAGE HALL

#### KADS November Production The Wellesbourne Tree by Robert Leach

A short musical documentary play about local hero Joseph Arch who died 100 years ago in Barford. Come and hear about the life and times of this social reformer, founder of the first union for farm workers and Member of Parliament.

A light hearted play with songs takes the audience on a journey through the history of Mr. Arch's life, set in this part of Warwickshire.

Performances on November 21st, 22nd & 23rd 2019 8pm Kineton Village Hall. To reserve tickets, phone 01295 680487.

#### KINETON METHODIST CHURCH HALL

#### CARERS4CARERS MONTHLY MEETING

Friday 22nd November 10.30 – 12 noon: Please note that *the venue has changed just for our November meeting* and will be at Kineton Methodist Church Hall, Southam Street, Kineton. Please join us for coffee, biscuits and chat!

Gillian and Val will be helping us with "Finding reliable medical information". Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group.

For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

#### TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING IN TYSOE UPDATE

Last month I reported that the Tysoe Parish Council had helped to secure the village its own speed gun to help monitor the speed traffic travels through the village. We have had some some successful sessions through the village despite being down in numbers of trained volunteers and hindered by much rain. Recently we have been recording over 200 car movements in a period of just over an hour in both Middle and Lower Tysoe. A lot of vehicles!

Some more residents have come forward and although Shipston Police are not able to hold any training days soon they will be able to give our new volunteers a short safety talk so that they can still assist in our sessions. Please do get in touch if you would like to help. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Beverley Cressman 01295 680492/07885 159117

#### VILLAGE HALL

90 years after Tysoe Village Hall was established, the Committee has unanimously agreed to re-name the Committee Room in honour of its founder, The Rev. Bernard C. T. McNulty, Canon of Coventry and Vicar of Tysoe 1924 - 1934. Having identified an acute need for a venue for public meetings and enjoyment, his inspiration and effort led to the present village hall being designed and built within 2 years, all paid for by local donations. Completed in 1929, it was officially opened on January 18th, 1930.

The former Committee Room is re-named THE McNULTY ROOM.

Percy Sewell

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#### **TYSOE V OXHILL CRICKET MATCH - 18 AUGUST 2019**

Tysoe won the toss and batted on a lovely sunny afternoon in this traditional limited overs (if that's not a contradiction) fixture. Jago Lynch and Charlie Camp opened up, the latter hitting a six with his first ball. Both reached the mandatory retirement figure of 25. Brian Gardner then batted steadily for 17.

Frederick Price stuck a six first ball and pressed on to 25 and retirement. Rev Moffat chipped in with a brisk 14. The lower order promised much but stuttered somewhat, and the innings closed after 25 overs with a total of 136, with the wickets shared between Edd Fox, Pat Crowther, Adam Jordan, and Messrs Salmon and Simpson. Neil Chick both bowled and kept wicket (at different times). Son Matthew fielded well.

Oxhill replied steadily, overcoming a muddle and a run out in the first over. Whittaker was intransigence personified, accumulating quietly and retiring at 25.

The Tysoe bowlers applied the pressure throughout with Gareth Attwell providing immaculate line and length despite not having played since school. Ted Burch, Ed Harrison and Pete Hayes all bowled well, and the wickets were shared around. James Weston was spritely in the field.

As the overs counted down the runs steadily mounted, but wickets fell too, and towards the close as tension increased the Oxhill all-rounder Fox fell to a neat stumping by Jake Harper. Jordan had fallen earlier for 22. Tysoe continued to field alertly and squeezed the batters. And so it came to pass that Tysoe emerged victors by five runs.

Many thanks to the organisers, Grumpies, groundsperson, umpires, commentators, tea and refreshments providers, and all those who contributed once again to making this another wonderful occasion.

Frederick Price, <u>frederickprice@hotmail.co.uk</u>, 07956 397850

#### COMING UP IN DECEMBER



SANTA DASH SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 12.30PM

2.5K run or walk through Tysoe, starting and finishing at the village hall.

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