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MESSAGE FROM THE RECORD OFFICE

We have been very busy this month planning for the new Record year and talking to advertisers. We have agreed to: continue printing the Record in colour at the Old Fire Station; encourage new smaller sized ads allowing a wider range of businesses to be featured; maintain the £2.50 subscription charge; introduce a £10 postal subscription.

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EDITORIAL - Times are Changing

As the new decade begins its good to reflect. Whilst reading Margaret Hunter's '*Memories of Tysoe—An Oral History circa 1930-1960*', I have been reflecting on how Tysoe has changed. Life in 1930's Tysoe was very different from today.

Margaret describes the homes of 1930 as "basic, with no running water and no electricity. Families used coal, wood or paraffin as fuel and candles for lighting. Water was collected in buckets from a number of well points and standpoints. A tin bath was used in front of the fire for bathing." Compare that with our cosy centrally heated homes in Tysoe today, with light at the flick of a switch, hot and cold running water!

Back then most people did not have holidays and many children didn't travel outside the local area until in their teens. Few people owned a car but instead travelled by bus. Many people rode bicycles, and some had motorcycles. People did not travel far, they went to Banbury and other places nearby. How times have changed with widespread car ownership and affordable air travel!

Tysoe was largely self-sufficient. Families ate vegetables from the garden or allotment and many reared their own meat. The first social houses had their own pig sties. There were several shops, bakeries, milkmen, cobblers, butchers and a post office. Milk was sold by ladling it into galvanised containers from 17 gallon churns. Fortunately, we are still well served in Tysoe with our local village store and other businesses, the local bus service and supermarket deliveries.

With the increasing focus on the environment there is a move to rekindle self-sufficiency. We are encouraged to grow more, shop local, eat food in season. Flying is increasingly discouraged and there is a move towards electric and hybrid vehicles. So perhaps there is a case for turning back the clock and learning to live more simply like earlier Tysoe residents. Food for thought?

Shirley Cherry

TYSOE'S UNSUNG HEROES

Tysoe's Steve Allen and Amy Hollingum had a big night out at the Stratford Play House on 17 January. They were finalists in the Unsung Heroes category of the Stratford-on-Avon District Community Sports Awards 2020 for their work with Tysoe Junior Football Club.

Hosted by Iwan Thomas MBE, a former GB athlete as well as a European, Commonwealth and World champion, the event recognises the sporting excellence and commitment of individuals and teams as well as the hard work of coaches, teachers and volunteers across the district in the last 12 months. Steve and Amy sadly didn't win an award this year but are both winners in our eyes.



Steve Allen



Amy Hollingum

TOUR DE TRIG RESULTS

In December Beverley reported that the Tour de Trig was visiting Tysoe on 8 December. She would like to apologise for sharing this information which, it turns out, is top secret until the day before the competition starts!

Moving on, the results are in and we are pleased to report local success in this, the toughest non-stop cross country navigation exercise in and around North Oxfordshire, South Warwickshire and South Northamptonshire. Hats off to:

- The Three Hunters (Clearway Sales and Promotions) - Benjamin Keyser, Tom Evans, Lauren Rynsburger - completed 50 miles in 19h 11m winning the Class B Trophy
- Colin Hirons - completed the 50 mile circuit in 23h 05m.



MID-WEEK MOVIE

Just four days after Valentine’s and with love still very much in the air we thought this film fitted the bill perfectly. Truly one of the great romantic comedy films of its time with two of the greatest romantic comedy actors to boot. Winner of three Academy Awards, Roman Holiday stars a then unknown Audrey Hepburn and heart throb Gregory Peck. This is a trip down memory lane and a film not to be missed. Singles and couples welcome. Keep loving.



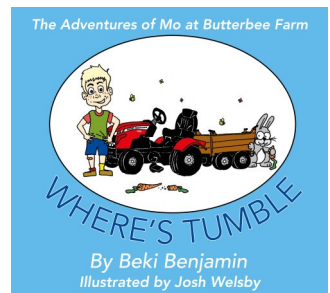
Rotten Tomatoes Critics Score **98%**

Title	Roman Holiday (1953)
Date	19 February 2020
Time	19.30
Run time	118 minutes
Where	Tysoe Village Hall
Cost	£4 per person

COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to all those who entered our competitions in the December issue of the Record. The winners were:

- **Christmas Tree 2019**—Eli Cooper, Whatcote. Eli won a copy of The Adventures of Mo at Butterbee Farm Colouring & Activity Book
- **Word Search 2019**—Anna Mavin, Tysoe. Anna won a copy of ‘Where’s Tumble’ the third in the series of The Adventures of Mo at Butterbee Farm



Prizes were kindly donated by Beki Benjamin and were delivered in time for Christmas.

AN INTERVIEW WITH JUDY FARR, SET DECORATOR

Judy Farr lives at Fenny Compton and has been working in films and TV as a Set Decorator for the past 35 years. With over 40 credits to her name and an Academy Award nomination, one of her recent projects was *Rocketman*, the acclaimed biopic based on the life of Elton John, which just won two Golden Globe Awards. Shirley talked to Judy about her involvement with the film.



Judy Farr

What does a Set Decorator do?

My job is to find all the furniture, décor and accessories to create the right look and feel for the script. I work closely with the Production Designer to bring his/her vision to life. There were over 100 sets to dress on *Rocketman* ranging from the stadium in New York to a dressing room in LA, the pub in north London to Elton's home in Pinner.



How long did the film take you?

Typically most films take about six months divided into – preparation / shooting / clear-up. Most of my time and effort goes into the planning and preparation stage, making sure the sets are ready for the actors and crew to start filming. We work in advance of the filming crew, so the next set is ready for them to move on to. The cost and actor availability mean that time on a set is at a premium.



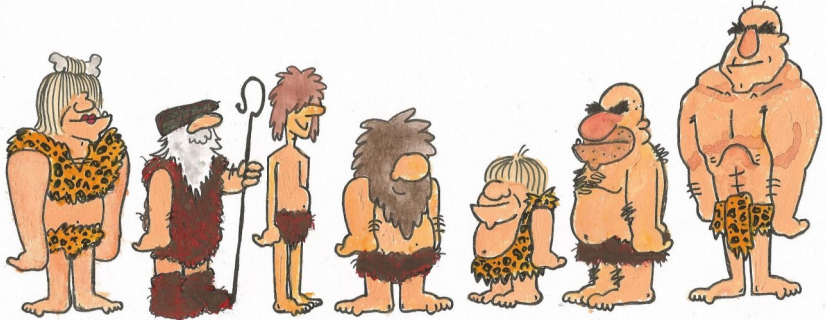
What was so special about this movie?

The collaboration between departments is very important. Costume, music, hair and make-up all cleverly reflect the progression through the years as Elton's fame and music grew. Elton was amazingly trusting of us with his life-story. When we first met him all he said was: "You do what you think is right. Surprise me. Make it MAGIC!" I reckon we've achieved that, but I might be biased!



KEVIN THE CAVEMAN

Kevin is just your average caveman trying to live an average life in an average prehistoric world. He's got a nosy neighbour called Dave and a son who'd rather play on his stone tablet than hunt.



When he's not out with his chums Kenny and Grub, or trying to woo his wife Mildred, you may find him walking his pet sabretooth cat Spot or his dodo Nugget. Or running away from dinosaurs. All of whom you'll meet in the coming months. Did I really say average? Hope you enjoy.

Josh Welsby

Editor Note: See page 27 for more Kevin The Caveman.

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EARLY SPRING FLOWERS

January and February are dark, cold months and there is little flowering outside apart from snowdrops and aconites. Although considered to be 'British', both of these plants are 'neophytes'; plants introduced after 1500. They have naturalised well and snowdrops in particular can be abundant in churchyards and on verges around the country. There is a wonderful display of aconites under some of the trees by the lake at Compton Verney.



The species of snowdrop that we see most often is *Galanthus nivalis*, but other species have been introduced into gardens and have provided a range of sizes, shapes and flowering times.

Snowdrops can reproduce through the production of seeds (mediated by very early insect pollination activity) but also multiply through the production of additional bulbs. In recent years there has been considerable enthusiasm for the different variants of snowdrop that appear from time to time. These are forms that have different coloured and shaped markings on the flowers, which may themselves vary in shape. These variants are propagated by bulb division and can be very costly to buy. In a catalogue that arrived recently they were up to £120 per bulb! However, they have lovely names such as Bitter Lemons, Ermin Lace, Diggory, Deer Slot and Green Man. Snowdrop enthusiasts are known as 'galanthophiles'. Others have been known to call them 'galanthobores'!

It is generally believed that the best way to introduce new snowdrops and aconites is 'in the green', when the bulbs still have foliage but usually after they have finished flowering. A number of companies sell them in this way. There are a good number of places to see snowdrops in this area but one of the best is at Colesbourne Park near Cheltenham, the home of the Elwes family. Henry Elwes (1846-1922) was one of the earliest 'galanthophiles'.

Rosemary Collier



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Winter weather can have a serious effect on a car's health, increasing your chances of a breakdown and leaving you exposed to harsher conditions – so it is important that you drive prepared.

To help you stay as safe and well prepared as possible the NFU have drawn up a winter driving checklist of what it recommends you should carry in your car:

- Ice scraper
- Torch and spare batteries
- Warm clothes and blankets
- First aid kit
- Empty fuel can
- Shovel
- Road atlas
- Phone charger
- Warm clothes and blankets
- High-visibility jacket
- Boots with good grip
- Jump start cables
- Food and drink
- Reflective warning sign
- Sunglasses

THE MAKING OF TYSOE PROJECT

This is an ambitious community project of interest to anyone wanting to understand more about the history and evolution of the Parish of Tysoe.

The project looks at the people who lived here in prehistoric, Roman, medieval and later times. Key themes are the early settlement patterns, the evolution of the three hamlets, the role of the church, ownership and patronage throughout the centuries, and the ways in which society integrated with its surrounding landscape and resources.

It involves landscape survey, geophysics, place/field name records, population profiles, structural analysis of the church and other buildings, documentary searches, archaeology and history. Work has already started with volunteers in producing a scale plan of the churchyard and headstones, fieldwork has mapped ridge and furrow earthworks and the deserted medieval village at Westcote, quantities of pottery have been collected from fieldwalking, geophysical survey has identified prehistoric and Roman buildings, and documentary research continues to draw together a picture of Church, community and landscape in the Middle Ages.

All this will continue in harness with recording of church iconography, village memorials and well heads/springs together with the collation and digitising of vulnerable records, photographs and genealogical information housed variously around the village.

The object is to carry out an audit of Tysoe's heritage, to safeguard what is important or special and ensure its availability for future generations. It is anticipated the project will create a new guide book for the church, tourist information literature, a web-based archive of data and photographs, appropriate academic papers and, most importantly, a resource that can be accessed by anyone and which can be built upon in the future.

**Join the list of volunteers by contacting David Freke at
frekedj@globalnet.co.uk**

The project is being managed by David Freke (Archaeologist), John Hunt (Medieval Historian), John Hunter (Archaeologist) and Kevin Wyles (Archaeologist and Local Historian) using local volunteers.

THE MAKING OF TYSOE PROJECT LAUNCH EVENT

Saturday March 14th - Tysoe Village Hall

Provisional programme

- 0945 **Introduction to *The Making of Tysoe*** (John Hunter)
- 1000 **An overview of the archaeology of Tysoe** (Ben Wallace)
- 1015 **Prehistoric and Romano-British Tysoe through geo
physics** (David Sabin)
- 1030 **Early Tysoe from fieldwalking and pottery** (Kevin Wyles)
- 1045 **Tysoe up to and including the Norman Conquest** (John
Hunt)
- 1100 *Short break*
- 1115 **Tysoe's medieval church** (John Hunt)
- 1130 **Medieval graffiti** (David Freke)
- 1145 **Tysoe and the Civil War** (David Beaumont)
- 1200 **Medieval Tysoe in the documentary record** (John Hunt)
- 1215 *Short break*
- 1230 **The deserted medieval village at Westcote** (David
Freke)
- 1245 **Local collections, archives, letters and photographs**
(Kevin Wyles)
- 1300 **The protected and unprotected heritage in Tysoe** (John
Hunter)
- 1315 **Graveyard recording at St Mary's** (David Freke)
- 1330 *Close*

Refreshments will be available

FREE ADMISSION

LETTERS...voices from the village

Support Local

I would like to congratulate the new Tysoe Record editorial team. I am really impressed with the new Record, it's interesting, very readable and looks smart but I note that there is no mention of the Old Fire Station having done the printing. Hopefully they are still the printers. As the Record is a community service I hope it will continue to support local businesses. I would suggest that if the printing is done outside the village when printing is available within the village I will not be the only disappointed reader. If we don't support village businesses we will lose them.

Mary Thornhill

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

I wish to thank all those who donated to the recent Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal. 39 shoeboxes full of gifts were collected for families and elderly people.

Jennie Rake

Tysoe Tappers

Tysoe & Oxhill Ballet & Tap Dance Troupe would like to thank everyone who supported them in raising £163 for Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. On 2nd December they toured Oxhill as Teddy Bears and treated the villagers to a rendition of their Teddy Bear song. Many thanks to you all.

Ann Precious & Aimee Hall

90 Something Not Out!

The country is invariably on the edge of its seats when Ben Stokes is at the crease, progressing painfully slowly through the nervous nineties.

Similarly, in Tysoe we hold our breath as a former Record editor approaches her three figure score. But, it has come to our notice that Margaret Gibbs has not been well. The Editorial Team wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to printing a picture of her with her telegram from The Queen.

David Sewell

A Tysoe Blockbuster

Rocketman was possibly our best attended film yet, so thank you to all 68 that came along with such great enthusiasm. It was a truly excellent, energetic and thought provoking film with just a touch of sadness (and a bit tear jerky at times) - thank you Elton.

Special thanks to all those that came donned in their crazy spectacles creating such a fun and jolly atmosphere. Was it the glasses or was it the wine, that also went down quite well! Either way it's what makes a village event a village event.

The Mid-Week Movie Team



Public consultation
.... have your say

Climate Change

Planning Guidance



Stratford-on-Avon District Council is consulting on new planning guidance which focuses on Climate Change.

This guidance will be used when submitting planning applications, to ensure that new development addresses the effects of Climate Change through suitable adaptation and mitigation measures.

Take a look at the full document online!



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Take part in our public consultation by visiting www.stratford.gov.uk/climatechangespd or emailing policy.consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk between 9 January and 21 February 2020

The current proposed measures are based around five principles:

- 1 Increasing Accessibility
- 2 Improving Energy Efficiency
- 3 Adapting to Higher Temperatures
- 4 Mitigating Flood Risk
- 5 Mitigating Biodiversity Loss

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TYSOE PARISH CHURCH

It feels a long time ago that we were organising our Christmas Fayre in St Mary's but we were delighted by the support from all our friends who came along, not only to visit the various stalls but also to sample George's famous Tasty Pork baps! The event had a nice atmosphere and thanks to everyone's generosity we raised the marvellous sum of £1,027.60 which we requested be sent to the Coventry local area's "Crisis at Christmas" a charity that gives support to homeless people all over the UK

Christmas rushed in with a number of special services to attend and enjoy; Christingle, Carols, Crib, Midnight and Christmas Day with large congregations at each of them and St Mary's looking its usual sparkling best with a lovely Christmas tree and tea lights resting on windowsills. Nice comments were received from people who popped in to look.

The five churches in our benefice have been asked to host one of the five Lent Lunches this year along the lines of last year's when there were some delicious soups produced and recipes requested. Tysoe's Lent Lunch will be in St Mary's on Tuesday 10 March. Another date for your diary is July 11 & 12 when there will be a Flower Festival in church.

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S IN FEBRUARY

1 February	14.00	Come and sing Candlemas	
2 February	11.00	Parish Communion	GE
9 February	11.00	Parish Communion	GH
12 February	10.30	Midweek Holy Communion	GH
16 February	11.00	Family Service	GH
23 February	11.00	Parish Communion	JT
26 February	10.30	Midweek Holy Communion (with imposition of ashes)	GH

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

CHURCH ENQUIRIES

Revd George Heighton 680201, Jill Longbottom 680236
Roland Cherry 680793

TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH

Happy New Year. In December, Tysoe celebrated Christmas wonderfully. Decorations within the village were very special. As we looked at the lights, the stars and the candles burning we were reminded of the light of the world on that special day.

Our Carol Service on 15 December was nicely attended and thanks must go to those who decorated the church & provided refreshments. On Christmas Day the collection was taken for ACORNS Children's Hospice. We raised £65 to which we added £50 from donations given for produce at our Harvest Festival in October. We sent £115 in total.

We think of those that are not well, with special thoughts for Margaret Gibbs.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH IN FEBRUARY

- On the 2 February at 14.00, Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by South Warwickshire Methodist circuit members, All Welcome. For All who enjoy singing & listening. There will be no 10:30 service.
- 9 February at 10-30pm, Rev E Clark, Sacrament.
- 16 February at 10-30pm, Mr R Blackwell.
- 23 February at 10-30pm, Mr M Phipps.

Tuesday Coffee shop every Tuesday 10:30 -12 noon. All welcome. Stay as long as you like.

Friday Lunch Club first Friday each month, if you wish to attend please let Marion Ascott know on 01295 680584.

Chris Gibbs and All at The Methodist Church.

Thought for the day... "I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again." And when they wake up in the summer, Kitty, they dress themselves all in green, and dance about - whenever the wind blows."

Lewis Carroll

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NATURE IN THE CHURCHYARD UPDATE

Most of the new bird boxes constructed at the Harvest Weekend have been installed in the churchyard and these are numbered so we can identify who made them. We have also installed two large bird feeders – one for larger seeds (sunflower etc) and one for niger (or nyjer) seeds (goldfinches like these). By the time you read this, Tysoe residents will have taken part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. More details about what they saw will be published in the March issue of the Record.

Rosemary Collier

READING ON THE GO!

As a fan of Warwickshire Libraries' on-line service I haven't been in a physical library for some years. So, when the mobile library came to the village recently I decided to have a look.

Patrick, librarian and driver, is very friendly, and keeps a tidy 'shelf'. The van is surprisingly spacious, was toasty warm and holds several genres of books in the fiction and non-fiction sections. There are books in large print, talking books on CD and a small but colourful selection of children's books.



Librarian Patrick & Mrs Taylor

Patrick adds to the library as new books come in and changes a selection of the books for every session or when he hears too many "read it's" from his customers. He carries crates of books that had been ordered on-line or by library users on a previous visit.

A highlight of my library visit was meeting the people who regularly use the service. Mr & Mrs Taylor have been visiting the mobile library for 21 years and think it is a super service. Sue Sanderson from the Walled Garden orders her books on-line and then collects them from the mobile library. Chris Brooks has a good system. She makes a note of the authors and books that she has read so that she doesn't take the same books out twice—which is so easy to do!

I borrowed my first book with the satisfaction that I'll meet everybody again in a few weeks' time. See **What's On** for the next mobile library visit dates for Tysoe and Oxhill. Happy reading! **Beverley Thorpe**

JOEY'S JOKE



Joe has a friend who has been in hospital over Christmas. He is ever so worried about him.

"What happened to your friend Joe?" I asked.

"He ate what he thought were onion bulbs but it turns out that they were daffodils", he said. "He's ok though. He should be out in the Spring."

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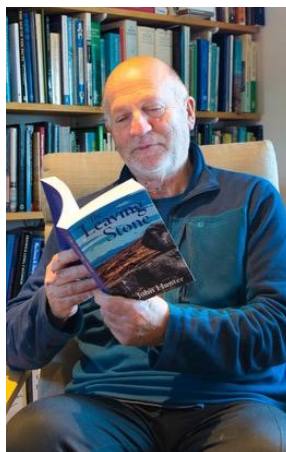
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MEET THE AUTHOR

















Come & hear the story behind Tysoe resident, John Hunter's new historical novel 'The Leaving Stone'. Full of intrigue and mystery of a remote Scottish island.

Where: Tysoe Village Hall
When: Sunday 23 February 2020
7.00 pm for 7.30 start
Cost: Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine or soft drink.

Tickets are available from Christine Tuffin via email tysoetaskmaster@gmail.com or mobile 07432 652316. Alternatively pay on the door. Signed copies of 'The Leaving Stone' will be available on the night for £5 (cash only).



WHAT'S ON IN TYSOE - FEBRUARY

SUN	2		Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Singalong, 14.00, MC
			Rugby Borough v Tysoe Junior FC
TUE	4		Blue & Green Bin refuse collection
FRI	7		Mobile Library 14.30 - 15.00, Oxhill Village Hall
TUE	11		Black Bin refuse collection
			Forensic Archaeology, a talk - by Prof John Hunter, 19.30, Oxhill Village Hall £2.50
FRI	14		Valentine's Day
SUN	16		Tysoe Junior FC v Leamington Brakes, TSF
MON	17		Deadline for copy to Tysoe & District Record
TUE	18		Blue & Green Bin refuse collection
			Mobile Library 13.45-14.45, TVH
WED	19		Mid-week Movie - Roman Holiday, 19.30, TVH
FRI	21		Climate Change Policy Consultation Deadline (p13)
SUN	23		Meet the Author - 'The Leaving Stone', John Hunter, 19.00-21.00, TVH £5 including refreshments
TUE	25		Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
			Black Bin refuse collection
WED	26		Ash Wednesday—start of Lent (46 days to Easter)
FRI	28		Mobile Library 14.30 - 15.00, Oxhill Village Hall
SAT	29		Leap Day - womenfolk propose to their menfolk

FUTURE WHAT'S ON

MAR	10	Lent Lunch, SMC
	14	The Making of Tysoe Project, 09.45, TVH
	25	'Butterflies of Tysoe' by Mike Slater, 19.30 TVH
MAY	1/2	TADA presents 'Victory', TVH
	15	Bat Night with Warwickshire Bat Group, SMC
JUN	6	Tysoe Windmill Fun Run/Walk, Rose & Steph 680755
	6/7	NGS Tysoe Open Gardens, Julia Sewell 680234
	13/14	Tysoe United Junior Football Tournament, TSF
JUL	11/12	Flower Festival, SMC, Rev George Heighton 680201
AUG	15	Tysoe Flower Show, David Sewell, 680316
	16	Grumpies Cricket Tysoe v Oxhill, Digby Norton, 688251
NOV	8	Remembrance Service, SMC, David Sewell, 680316
	TBC	Christmas Quiz, TVH, Rose & Steph 680755
DEC	6	Santa Fun Run, Rose & Steph 680755
	12	Christmas Tree Lighting, Pete Randerson, 680330

WHAT'S ON 2021

JUN	5	Tysoe Windmill Fun Run/Walk, Rose & Steph 680755
AUG	21	Tysoe Flower Show, TSF, David Sewell, 680316
	22	Grumpies Cricket Tysoe v Oxhill, Digby Norton, 688251
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KEY TO VENUES

TVH	Tysoe Village Hall	MC	Methodist Church
TSP	Tysoe Sports Pavilion	SMC	St Mary's Church
TSF	Tysoe Sports Field		

TYSOE DANCE & EXERCISE CLASS

The Dance & Exercise class has been running at the Village Hall since January 1999. We now have space for a few more members. We currently number 17 and would like to increase our membership to around 20.

We are mostly retired folk who want to keep fit in a fun way. Some of our members have had joint replacements and find our class an excellent way to return to and maintain fitness. All of our exercise is done to music...from 50/60s (which we tend to sing along to.... (yes, we have enough breath to exercise and sing simultaneously!) through Folk and Pop to Classical.

We do cardio work while seated, stretching exercises and other routines whilst on our feet and, of course, dance. Each term we learn a dance style eg Flamenco, Can Can, Waltz, Rock n' Roll, Greek dancing etc.

Class members are mainly female with one male class mate at present so any gentlemen wishing to join would be more than welcome. If you are interested do come along for a free taster session. We are a non-profit making so class fees are a very reasonable £3.50 per session to cover our costs. Classes run on Thursdays during term time 10:30 - 11:30 in Tysoe Village Hall. Contact Eileen Mann on 01295 680921.

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS

One of the reasons I love being in a book club is the variety of books we read, some of which I would never have chosen but then find myself enjoying, and last year was no exception. One month we were on the hospital wards of the NHS, both amused and appalled by the diaries of Adam Kay (This is Going to Hurt) and his insights into life as a junior doctor, the next we were in the Australian outback. The Shepherd's Hut by Tim Winton follows a boy's attempt to survive in the wilderness after escaping a life of brutality. It was a challenging but tense and gripping read with beautifully poetic descriptions of the landscape.

Our Tysoe book group has been meeting nearly every month for the past 18 years. While a few members have come and gone most of the faces have stayed the same, albeit a little bit older! We don't always agree, and that's half the fun, but there was a stand-out favourite last year - The Heart's Invisible Furies by John Boyne. You may already know of John Boyne as author of The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas but he also writes books for adults. He's a great storyteller. This book is an epic, spanning the lifetime of its main character, Cyril Avery. It is also the story of Ireland from the 1940s to the present day. It begins in 1945 with Cyril's mother, sixteen, unmarried and pregnant, being denounced at the altar by the village priest. Forced to leave home and give up her child for adoption we follow Cyril from birth to old age. It is sad and emotional on a personal level, thought-provoking in its commentary on intolerance and hypocrisy. It is also very funny. **Julie Smart**

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TWKG UPDATE

Many of the things we grow organically in the walled garden are offered for sale and the funds go to charities. The trolley at the bottom of the drive (on Shipston Road) has seen, amongst other things; tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, lettuce, cabbage, chilli, garlic, rhubarb, currants, raspberries, mistletoe and plants this year.



In June we joined other gardens in the village to open for the National Garden Scheme (NGS). Despite the variable weather we had over 450 visitors to our garden. We also opened privately in July for Warwickshire Plant Heritage. So much has changed in the garden since we first opened for the NGS in 2017, so do come this year and see the changes, it's the first weekend in June.

From the sale of produce and plants this year we raised over £400 so thank you for all your support. We gave the money raised on open gardens weekend to the NGS (supporting charities included Macmillan, Marie Curie, Horatio's Garden, 'Parkinson's UK' and others).

The money raised from the trolley and other open day we gave to Ellen Badger Hospital League of Friends, Carers4Carers, Heritage Seed Library and National Eczema Society.

Do come by during the year and get some of our organically grown produce and if you have any suggestions of charities (local if possible) to support next time please let us know.

We have a website www.twkg.co.uk - have a look, see what's going on in the garden.

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A £2.50 entrance fee will be charged towards the upkeep of the Village Hall, and simple refreshments will be available.

KINETON VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2020 10.30 -12.30

Carers4Carers monthly meeting. Please join us for coffee and biscuits. Lisa Barnett, our assistant co-ordinator and also a speech and language therapist, will be continuing her talk and answering questions on the swallowing difficulties experienced by people with neurological conditions and the frail elderly.

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

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Calling All Singers! The Swan Singers have started to rehearse for their next concert - Saturday June 6th - when they will perform Vivaldi's Gloria and Magnificat. New members are warmly welcomed at rehearsals at Kineton Methodist Hall, on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

The choir takes its membership from a wide area, including Tysoe.

For more information, please contact Jennie Rake on 01295 688335.

WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Winter is with us but so far it has been horribly wet and mild with some high winds thrown in for good measure!



The harvesting of fruit has finished and the results are interesting. For the first year we have had a lot of beautiful Bramley apples, we have three trees and picked 86kg of fruit as well as a lot of windfalls. More than half of the apple varieties fruited well but the early ones were hit by the frosts and did not produce any fruit. Overall a much lower harvest this year compared with last year but that is quite normal!

The grass has continued to grow and late mowing seems to get later every year but along with other maintenance it keeps the volunteers busy. Surprisingly this is a busy time of year, the wind break hedging has to be pruned and it is good to see birds nests in some of the trees. In fact the biodiversity at the orchard continues to grow every year and we have many species now living and visiting the orchard. The autumn raspberries will be pruned in the next few weeks and then it will be spring for the remainder of the soft fruit to be cut back.



We always need help with various tasks so why not volunteer to do a short session or two!! It is surprising how much can be done in a short session and what a difference it makes to this beautiful, tranquil green space!



Contact us and see how to help and also learn new skills. The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe and is open 24/7!

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

TYSOE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUBS

Tysoe United Football Club & Tysoe United Junior Football Club play their games at the sports field Main Street, Tysoe.

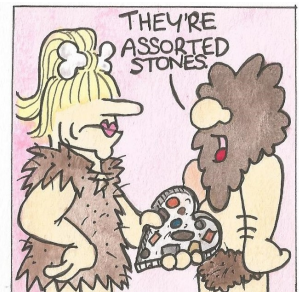
The adult 1st Team play in the Stratford upon Avon Football Alliance league and play their home games on a Saturday afternoon at Tysoe sports field. The team train in Tysoe on a Tuesday evening. The Junior Football Club, known as the Tysoe Tigers, currently have over 130 registered players in eight age groups. Six junior teams play in either the Mid-Warwickshire Football League or the Coventry & Warwickshire Youth Football League.

- U6/7 and U8 train on a Saturday morning at Tysoe Sports Field
- U9 & U10 train and play their home games on a Saturday morning at Tysoe Sports Field
- U11 train on a Monday evening at Kineton High School and play their home games on a Saturday morning at Tysoe Sports Field.
- U13 train on a Wednesday evening and play their home games on a Sunday afternoon at Tysoe Sports Field.
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TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

The A and B teams met in the winter league on a sunny afternoon on 4th January for their second meeting of the season. It finished, as expected, with a Tysoe A victory, but not before the B team had pushed their illustrious rivals to the limit in a very competitive and thoroughly enjoyable match

The Ladies A drew against Leamington on 5th January, thanks to our star player Jo. However, Tysoe won more games so this therefore counts as a win. Well done girls.

Membership Fees:

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

Contacts:

- Club Secretary – Carol Spencer
07708 412767 or
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TYSOE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

2019 was a very busy year for the WI, so many fascinating speakers, workshops, events and trips. We hope to be just as busy during 2020.

January's meeting went well with our talk on Canal History & Heritage by Roger Butler, it was lovely to see so many members and visitors.

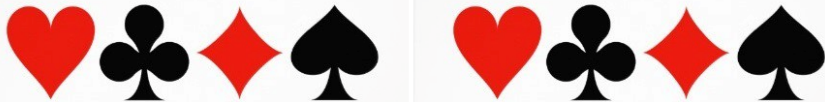
Our next meeting is on February 5th, when we welcome Caroline Ward with "What is Dementia?"

We always welcome visitors, come and join us for a glass of wine, on the first Wednesday of the month at 19.30 in Tysoe Village Hall. The Craft and Laugh group meet every Wednesday afternoon 14:00 -16:00 also in Tysoe Village Hall.

We will be announcing some of the forthcoming trips next month, which again most are open to non members, space permitting.

Follow us on Facebook (search **tysoe women's institute**), visit our website **tysoewi.com** or email us at **tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com**.

Contact Christine Harrop on 01295 780765 for more information.



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.

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Where: Tysoe Village Hall
When: 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month (September – May only)
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For more information please contact Gerald or Sue Hart on 01295 680710 or Jane Ridway on 01295 680262.

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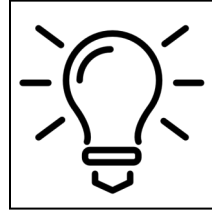
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TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Aspire Coaching's Play Makers Award

Twelve children from Years 5 and 6 had a day's training to complete the Playmaker Award. Aspire coach Matthew Whittington led the course to develop leadership skills and teamwork through physical activity. He was very complimentary about the school and enjoyed working with the children. He thought that we had some great young leaders in the making.



We welcomed the children back to a new term with a theme this week on the environment. Different classes have focused on particular aspects:

Beech Class have been learning about household waste. The pupils said:

'So we can make the world clean and tidy – we are going to re-use our rubbish so animals don't get trapped or sick.'
Perdy Y1

'So we can make our rubbish into things.' – Calissa Y1

Oak Class have been learning about 'saving our oceans'. They have explored the dangers of rubbish being deposited in the sea.

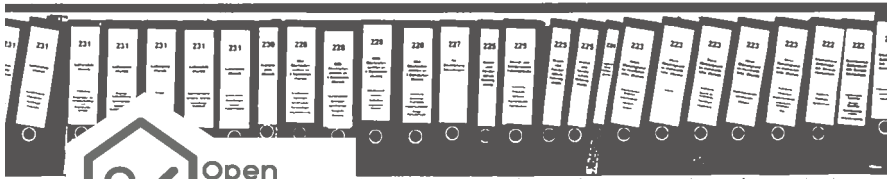
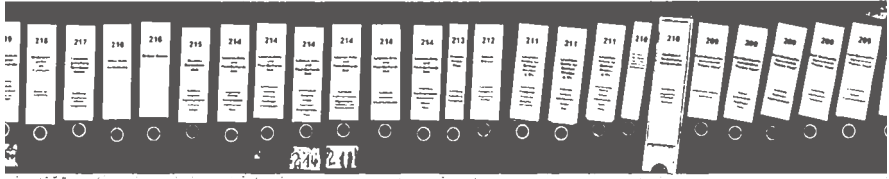
Rowan Class have been looking at how materials can be recycled to create something new. They are hoping to create a lion by weaving plastic bag strips onto chicken wire.

Silver Birch Class have been learning about pollution and plastic in the ocean; they read a book called 'The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle', which showed the journey of a plastic bottle and thought about ways plastic bottles could be re-used. They have also been learning about other single-use plastic items and how they can harm the environment; they used these items to make artwork. In ICT they found alternatives to single-use plastic packaging and thought about ways they can make a difference.

Willow Class have been looking at the pros and cons of renewable and non-renewable energy.

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DEANERY NEWS

By the time you read this, Christmas will be a distant memory, packed away for next year. But I was reminded again this year that there is no point celebrating the coming of Christ if we don't allow it to affect our whole lives – otherwise it's just a rather expensive series of parties and a lot of food! Perhaps the words of Howard Thurman will help us:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the people,
To make music in the heart.

Lent begins at the end of this month, and we will be holding our usual Lent services in the deanery, on the theme of Mental Health. Look out for the venues and more details, but the evenings will be on the following:

- 3 March **Depression & the Psalms**, Rev Ben Dyson
- 10 March **What about sadness? Making sense of our emotional responses to life's path'**, S Bushell
- 17 March **Dementia**, Rev Jean Fletcher
- 24 March **Keeping Health in Mind**, Rev Ali Hoggett
- 31 March **Mental Health in our churches**
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TYSOE BOWLS CLUB

In 2019/20 Tysoe Bowls Club are playing in the Stratford District Short Mat Bowls League with six other teams. We have played six matches to date. Our first match on 5 November was at home against Snitterfield. We played two games and won both (21-2 and 10-7), for which we got 4 points. On 12 November we were at home to the Spartans (from Royal Leamington Spa). The first game was very close but we managed to win (10-9 and 16-3) and another 4 points. On the 19 November we played a home game against the Royals (from Leamington). We won (18-5 and 18-7) and gained another 4 points. On 29 November we went to Leamington Spa Bowls Club, where the World Championships are held. Here we played the Victorians. Unfortunately we did not do so well. We lost the first game 9-7 and the second 18-6. The Victorians got 4 points. On 10 December we played Napton at home, We won the second game gaining 3 points because we had the overall points (7-10 and 15-4). Our last match of the year, on the 18 December, was away at Bishops Itchington. Again we won one and lost one (11-8 and 5-9). We scored 3 points because we won overall. To date we have 18 points out of a possible 24. We are now looking forward to playing the next six matches.

Janet Hopkins

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If you need an extra pair of hands or somebody to do a task that you cant or don't want to do, the Tysoe Taskmaster can help. It may help to have me do...:

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