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## MESSAGE FROM THE RECORD OFFICE

### **Delivery of The Record (a response to the current pandemic)**

To keep Tysoe connected during these challenging times, the editorial team took the decision this month to produce The Record for all households in Tysoe. If you are new to The Record and would like to stay connected you can subscribe for the rest of the year. Please contact us before the **17th April** with your name and address and we will do the rest. A 2020 annual subscription is £2.50 if hand delivered (in Tysoe, Oxhill or Whatcote) or £10 if posted.

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## EDITORIAL

It is the beginning of April and we are continuing our journey through Lent; the first Sunday of April will be Palm Sunday, which normally leads us with triumphal hymns into the Holy Week story of Jesus' agony and despair on the cross. The Last Supper, Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion is a story we all know, but sometimes try to skip over because we find it difficult. To understand fully the sacrifice Jesus made for us, we need to appreciate the depths of his suffering as well as his ultimate victory.

This will be the strangest Holy Week ever experienced, for most of us. All Church of England services have been suspended, so people will not be able to meet together to worship, pray and reflect on the momentous events of Jesus' death and resurrection. Nevertheless, we know that we are travelling together in spirit on a pilgrimage through difficult times.

Many aspects of our life have already been affected by the Coronavirus and the church is no exception. We will not be able to celebrate Easter with a joyful service in church this year. However St Mary's will remain open daily for private prayer and you will be welcome to spend some time in the peace and silence there.

We will do our best to facilitate worship in new ways and to maintain pastoral ministry in the parishes during the epidemic. We are very aware of the dangers of transmitting the disease and will do everything we can to avoid putting at risk the elderly and other vulnerable groups.

### **Prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low,  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.



May the Light of Christ, revealed to us at Easter, shine in your hearts and lives.

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## ROSEMARY COLLIER'S NATURE NOTES

Now is the time to look out for frog spawn and tadpoles in garden ponds. Looking at the website 'Nature's Calendar' hosted by the Woodland Trust, frog spawn has been seen since early January in south-west England and there were sightings all over England by the end of February. Frogs lay clumps of eggs whereas toads lay them in long strings.

We have one common species of frog in Britain and Common Frogs can be seen throughout the country. Locally, frogs have been seen within the last year by about half the households who took part in Tysoe's Big Garden Birdwatch. Common Frogs are widespread throughout Europe but numbers are thought to be declining. There is a second English species of frog, the Pool Frog, which was believed to be extinct in the wild. Pool Frogs have now been reintroduced in Norfolk. Research has shown that they have regional 'accents'; English Pool Frogs belong to a northern group of Pool Frogs, also found in Scandinavia.

Common Frogs spend the winter hiding; under objects such as large stones, in compost heaps or at the bottom of ponds. They don't hibernate fully and may emerge to look for food when the weather is mild. As well as ponds, there are a

range of other features that will encourage frogs to spend time in your garden. They need damp places, shelter and sources of food, which in most cases are insects, slugs and worms.



Apart from frogs we have five other species of amphibian in Britain; the Common Toad, Natterjack Toad, Smooth Newt, Palmate Newt and Great Crested Newt. The Natterjack Toad is limited to around 50-60 sites, with none close-by. More than 70% of the world's amphibian species are in decline and causes include loss of habitat, pollution, climate change, disease and combinations of all of these.

Locally, the Great Crested Newt is one of the species covered by a Local Biodiversity Action Plan (for Warwickshire, Coventry & Solihull). This includes a series of proposed local actions focused on their protection, through monitoring, research and management of sites.

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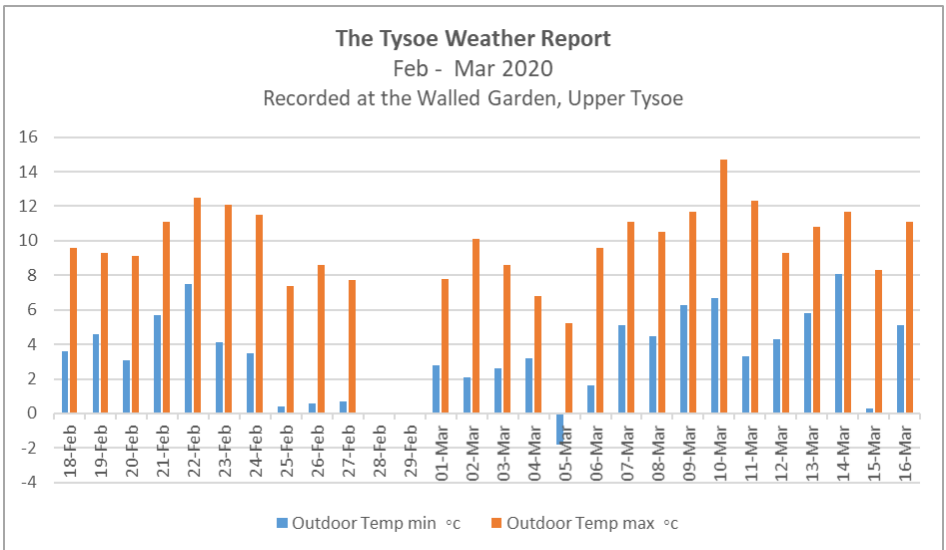


# THE WALLED GARDEN'S WEATHER REPORT

Is it us, or is it warm! After a few months of rain and wind the temperature has started to increase and already we see the birds gathering nesting materials and bumble bees hunting for food.

On 26 February last year the UK experienced it's hottest winter's day ever, with temperatures in Kew Gardens reaching 21.2°C. Our peak on 10 March was an unseasonable and very pleasant 14.7°C which feels to have heralded the start of spring. Primroses, daffodils and lambs are helping to push the rain of the last months into our distant memory.

**Sue and Mike Sanderson**



“In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.

**Mark Twain**



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## THOUGHTS ON BEEKEEPING

I retired in 2008 and as I had always been a keen gardener decided that I would like to keep bees. So my choice of a retirement present was a beehive and a 2 day course at Hartlebury College. I had a contact who said she would give me a nucleus of bees. I also decided to join my local beekeeping group – Shipston. It was a steep learning curve as my bees arrived 2 weeks after the course and I felt totally unprepared to look after them or to have enough necessary equipment.

Without the help and support of Shipston Beekeepers Association I would not have survived. So would I have done things differently with hindsight? The answer is simply **YES!**

### What I wish I had done with hindsight:

- Join a local beekeeping group as an associate member.
- Attend the meetings and in the summer the apiary meetings
- Attend all the courses put on by the local group to learn as much as I could
- Realise how much time, especially in the summer, I would need. I certainly could not have contemplated looking after bees and working.
- Do a costing of how much it will cost just to get the very basic equipment.

If after doing the above you think you have the time and resources to purchase the necessary equipment, feel comfortable being surrounded by buzzing (sometimes feisty) bees then go ahead. The Association will help you acquire bees and discuss with you what equipment to buy. If you feel you are not ready or it is not for you then you will have only spent £7.50 to join <https://www.sbka.org.uk>.

Irene Beever



Shipston Beekeepers is open to anyone interested in beekeeping. They have in excess of 100 members made up of beginners as well as long standing beekeepers who are full of wisdom and help! They aim to promote an interest in beekeeping and provide ways and means of teaching the art, as well as educate the wider public on all things bees.

## TYSOE PEOPLE ~ RICHARD GOODWIN

This month Beverley met Richard Goodwin, Herd Manager for Price Farmers in Whatcote. Richard lives in Tysoe with his wife Debra and has worked in the dairy industry for 45 years. The Price team recently won big in the Warwickshire Herds Competition run by the National Milk Recorders.



**How many cows are you caring for on the farm Richard?** We have 370 cows and heifers. They are Holstein Friesian cross. This means that they are not too big but they have a large capacity for milk. The average cow weighs in at about 600kg.

**How much milk do the cows produce?** We milk three times a day between 3.30am and 10.30pm which gave us a herd yield for the last 24 hours of 12,500 litres. Each cow gives an average of 39.1 litres per day. Our milk is just over 4% fat.

**Who buys your milk?** Price Farmers supply milk to the Arla dairy in Aylesbury who then sell the milk to Tesco. Environmentally our carbon footprint is amongst the lowest in the business.

**How did you feel to win an award for contributing most to the running of a herd in Warwickshire from the NMR?** It was very nice to be recognised in that way, but it is a team effort and we have a great team here at the farm. If I am honest, I was probably most pleased with winning Best Cow (Hellbrake Celia or number 61)!



L-R Tim Price, Sylwester Chrusciel, Kamil Grzesznik Richard Goodwin with their haul.

**You will have seen the industry change over the years, has it changed for the better?** There is more recording and paperwork but we are handling foodstuffs so its to be expected. The care we have for the herd hasn't changed however. I may not be as hands on as I was in the early days; delivering calves and milking, but I am still close enough to know the cows and their characters. Cow health, comfort and welfare are our top priorities.

## **TYSOE PEOPLE ~ SUE BEARDSHAW**

It may be that some of you have sat on the bench dedicated to Sue Beardshaw between Middle and Lower Tysoe and wondered who Sue was. Sue was born in 1945, the second daughter of Matilda (Matty) and Fred Parker, her older sister was Hazel. Initially, they all lived in one of the WCC farms in Lower Tysoe but they went on to run Tysoe Post Office, living in the accommodation above it and over the Reading Room from the early 1950s to the beginning of the 1980s. Matty died in 1972 with Fred continuing to run the Post Office until his retirement. After he retired, Fred moved up to Avon Way, Upper Tysoe, giving him the rare achievement of having resided in Lower, Middle and Upper Tysoe.

Sue attended Banbury Grammar School, then got a job at Lloyds Bank in Shipston on Stour, to which she travelled on her BSA Bantam motor-bike in all weathers. She was a quiet and private person, a demon on the hockey pitch and loved being outdoors, walking and being a grandmother later in life.

Sue met and married David Beardshaw who was a member of The Church Army, a mission-focused community within the Anglican Church, which travelled around the country preaching Christianity. David stayed with my family at Mount Ash in Back Lane when I was very young. It was a source of great embarrassment to me as access to our bathroom was either across my parents' bedroom or a convoluted route down the main stairs, across several downstairs rooms and up the back stairs. He soon met Sue and started courting her. His green Austin A35 van (with Church Army emblazoned across it) was often parked outside the village hall opposite the Post Office with the windows steamed up! Courting wasn't so easy in those days.

They married in St Mary's Church in July 1963 and had a son called Matthew who still lives in Warwickshire. Sue is buried in Tysoe Churchyard and her sister Hazel in the Natural Burial Ground, returning them both to Tysoe. Sue and David separated when Matthew was in his early 20s and still visits Tysoe 2-3 times a year. David is now 83 and divides his time between England and France.

Sue's partner in later life was Charlotte who dedicated the bench to Sue.

Jude Canning & Matthew Beardshaw

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## KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

We are living in strange and uncertain times, unlike anything I have experienced in my near 50 years. In my roles as the Parish Clerk and sub-editor of The Record, I feel inundated with information, advice, confusion and I must admit, not insignificant anxiety about how I, my family and our community should react to Covid-19.

The Parish Council has rallied. Led by Cllr Alison Cross, a Tysoe army of helpers has volunteered to assist when self-isolation is required. Notice I say when and not if. It is inevitable and we should all be planning for it. Tysoe Village Store (688333) has procedures in place for telephone orders as do Paddock Farm Butchers in Brailes (01608 685604) and Alison's army of helpers are poised as delivery agents and general gophers. Please contact Alison Cross on 01295 680426 or 07866 426 188 for more information.



As I sit collating the content for this month's Record, I have received multiple event postponement messages. It is surreal and terribly sad. As a community we are strong but self-isolation will mean the regular contact a lot of us rely on will become limited. I admit that I feel a reluctance to go out. Not because I am scared of catching the virus but because I don't want to be a carrier and pass it on.

So how do we maintain our spirits in the current climate? Fresh air and exercise are important. So is healthy eating to feed our immune systems. The timing is perfect for an hour's gardening every day. Or what about spring cleaning? Do we take this opportunity to indulge in our hobbies, read that pile of books, catch up on the films and boxsets that we know are addictive so we put off watching them? What about reclaiming the art of writing letters, poetry, or even a novel? I like to think that every cloud has a silver lining.

I think this is our opportunity to address the 'should have's'...should have *read that*, should have *done that*, should have *contacted them*. I'm going to make a list. A guilt free list of things I want to do whilst I have the opportunity to do them. I encourage you to do the same. We can compare notes later.

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## THE MAKING OF TYSOE - AN AMAZING PROJECT!

You couldn't fail to be impressed by the enthusiasm, dedication and learning at the launch of 'The Making of Tysoe Project' at the village hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

We were told how the landscape of Tysoe has seen continuous patterns of occupation from our early Stone Age ancestors with their flint scrapers and arrow heads up to the present day, with everything in between.



The various speakers peeled back the layers of the history. David Sabin unlocked the secrets of what lies beneath the soil with his extensive geophysical surveys which show earlier buildings and field systems like a landscape X-ray.

Kevin Wyles, famous for his fieldwalking, recounted how he found a wheel nut from a Roman chariot but failed to recognise the bolt that went with it and has tried to find it ever since. (I wonder if there was any chariot speed monitoring?)

Medievalist John Hunt took us through the documentary evidence from the Domesday Survey to the 100 Rolls for Warwickshire. He explained how churches are reflections of their communities, revealing their prosperity and providing a sense of identity.

David Freke shed light on the medieval graffiti in the church. His painstaking detective work has uncovered crosses, apotropaic signs (magic charms), mason marks, scratches and dots on walls, inside the door and even round the lead font.

We heard how Tysoe residents were put upon by the Royalist and Parliamentary troops in the English Civil War, as both armies needed food and billets from their troops and horses ... and this is just the start.

What an amazing project! All credit to John Hunter and his band of dedicated, merry men for sharing this wonderful initiative with us. We look forward to following its development over the months and years to come.

Shirley Cherry

## KEEP TYSOE TIDY

Keep Britain Tidy have been promoting the Great British Spring Clean 2020 to encourage individuals and councils to hold organised spring clean events in their communities

Responding to the call, Tysoe Parish Council have planned two Litter Picks - Saturday 28 March and Thursday 2 April. Both events run between 10-12. Meet outside the Village Hall.

Please bring your own gloves. The Parish Council will provide Hi-Viz jackets, rubbish bags and plastic gloves.

Cllr Alison Cross

**GUESS HOW LONG I TAKE TO DECOMPOSE?**

The infographic displays five items of litter with their respective decomposition times:

- A brown paper bag: 1 month
- An apple core and banana peels: 2 years
- A blue plastic bag and a cigarette: 12 years (the cigarette is specifically noted as 10-20 years)
- A crumpled blue plastic bottle: 450 years
- A wine bottle and a crumpled white paper cup: NOT Biodegradable

\* Dependent on where the item of litter is dropped and the conditions there.  
Approximate length of time taken for litter to biodegrade

### DID YOU KNOW

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## POETRY CHALLENGE

In honour of Shakespeare's Day on April 23, we challenge you to...write poetry. The details are listed below.

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Your challenge, if you accept it,  
Is to wax lyrical in rhyme.  
We think you have the brains for it  
And the virus has won us some time.

No more than 39 lines  
Will fit on the Record's page.  
So don't think like old Billy,  
It's not going to go on the stage!

Write to us by the deadline,  
We get cross if stuff is late.  
Be cheery or gloomy or funny  
To us it will all fascinate.

You can pass it on to Shirley.  
Or send your entry by email.  
Wander down to see Beverley,  
Or use the letterbox at Dinsdale.

You can tell that we are no experts  
So the rules are pretty easy.  
Just give us rhymes where they should be  
And don't make us feel queasy.

We will judge them on character  
On length and words and fun.  
We will expect mighty fine language  
That we can show to Beverley's Mum.

We're excited to read what you write  
A prize we are yet to decide,  
But what could be better than the glory  
Of a page in the Record's inside.



## **TYSOE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Following the most recent advice from Government Health officials, please note that with effect from midnight 17 March 2020, Tysoe Village Hall will be closed to ALL members of the public until further notice.

The Village Hall Committee have taken this action in the best interests of the health of the public and appreciate the impact this will have on the many social and keep-fit activities undertaken in the Village Hall.

Tysoe Sports & Social Club operate independently from the Village Hall and will issue their own communications as appropriate.

Entrance to any area of the Village Hall can only be made with the express consent of either Percy Sewell (Chairman) or Steve Randall (Secretary/Caretaker).

Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.

Please keep well.

**Tysoe Village Hall Committee**

## **MID WEEK MOVIE**



With reluctance, we have of course submitted to official guidance and postponed our monthly film night until further notice. As soon as we are given the all clear we will hope to pick up where we left off with the postponed film 'YESTERDAY' and look forward to seeing you then.

Sorry!  
The Film Crew



## **TYSOE WI**

Unfortunately due to Coronavirus we had to cancel our trip to the Creative Craft Show and have now cancelled Bletchley Park on 20th April.



Our monthly meetings have also been affected and there will not be a meeting in April 1st.

Other booked meetings, events and trips throughout year are dependant on the ongoing situation, so please check our website [www.tysoewi.com](http://www.tysoewi.com) and Facebook page [@tysoe.w.i.1917](https://www.facebook.com/tysoe.w.i.1917) for up to date information.

On a happier note, we enjoyed serving refreshments at the recent History Group day, and it was great to see so many villagers attend what was a brilliantly put together presentation, fascinating.

We hope everyone keeps well and let's all look forward to brighter times.

## **GEORGE HUXLEY HOT FIVE**

In discussion with the George Huxley Hot Five, the Village Hall has taken the reluctant decision to postpone the Jazz planned for 4th April until Coronavirus has settled down. We are offering a refund to all those who have purchased tickets or to honour tickets until a new date is arranged later in the year. Sue Baxter will contact all ticket holders as far as possible. You can contact Sue via the contact details below.



















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## **SHIPSTON LINK BUS & UBUS**

### **CORONA VIRUS CASUALTY**

With immediate effect the running of The Shipston Link and SDC's UBUS will cease until further notice.

## WHAT'S ON IN TYSOE - APRIL

<b>TUE</b>	<b>1</b>		April Fool's Day
<b>THU</b>	<b>2</b>		Keep Tysoe Tidy, 10.00 - 12.00, TVH
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5</b>		Palm Sunday
<b>MON</b>	<b>6</b>		Parish Council Meeting, 19.15, to be confirmed
<b>TUE</b>	<b>7</b>		Black Bin refuse collection
			District & Parish Council Surgery, 09.00 - 10.00, Tysoe Tea Rooms
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10</b>		Good Friday
<b>SAT</b>	<b>11</b>		Blockley Sports v Tysoe United, Sparmoor
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12</b>		Easter Day
<b>TUE</b>	<b>14</b>		Blue & Green Bin refuse collection
<b>FRI</b>	<b>17</b>		Deadline for copy to Tysoe & District Record
			Mobile Library 14.30 - 15.00, Oxhill Village Hall
<b>TUE</b>	<b>21</b>		Black Bin refuse collection
			Mobile Library 13.45-14.45, TVH
<b>THU</b>	<b>23</b>		St George's Day
			Shakespeare Day
<b>SAT</b>	<b>25</b>		Redditch Borough Men's AT v Tysoe United
<b>TUE</b>	<b>28</b>		Blue & Green Bin refuse collection

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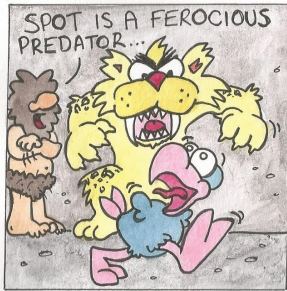
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TSP	Tysoe Sports Pavilion	SMC	St Mary's Church
TSF	Tysoe Sports Field	TSC	Tysoe Social Club

## FUTURE WHAT'S ON

<b>MAY</b>	<b>1/2</b>	TADA presents 'Victory', a VE day celebration, TVH
	<b>9</b>	Live Band – <i>Pavilion</i> , 21.00, TSC
	<b>15</b>	Bat Night with Warwickshire Bat Group, SMC
	<b>16</b>	Annual Spring Clean of St Mary's, 09.30, SMC
	<b>23</b>	WI - Craig Revell Horwood, All Balls and Glitter, Warwick Arts Centre £32 (non members £35)
<b>JUN</b>	<b>6</b>	Tysoe Windmill Fun Run/Walk, Rose & Steph 680755
	<b>6/7</b>	NGS Tysoe Open Gardens, Julia Sewell 680234 Oxhill Scarecrow walking tour
	<b>13/14</b>	Tysoe United Junior Football Tournament, TSF
	<b>20</b>	St Mary's Church Fete, The Manor, Upper Tysoe Live Band – <i>Rhythm Street</i> , 21.00, TSC
	<b>21</b>	WI - Walking Tour around Oxford with Roger Bailey, a blue and green badge guide. £20 (£25 non members).
<b>JUL</b>	<b>7</b>	WI - Kew Gardens £30 (£35 non members)
	<b>11/12</b>	Flower Festival, SMC, Rev George Heighton 680201
	<b>18</b>	Live Band – <i>The encore</i> , TSC
<b>AUG</b>	<b>15</b>	Tysoe Flower Show, David Sewell, 680316 Tribute to <i>Bon Jovi/Bryan Adams</i> , 21.00, TSC
	<b>16</b>	Grumpies Cricket Tysoe v Oxhill, Digby Norton, 688251
<b>SEP</b>	<b>5</b>	Live Singer <i>The Ska Fella</i> , 21.00, TSC
	<b>6</b>	WI - Friars Court, Clanfield. Tour of house and gardens by Charles Wilmer the owner. £16 (£20 non members)
<b>OCT</b>	<b>10</b>	Apple day, Community Orchard, Liz Atkinson
	<b>24</b>	Live Singer <i>Matti Fantasi</i> , 21.00, TSC
<b>NOV</b>	<b>8</b>	Remembrance Sunday, SMC, David Sewell, 680316
	<b>21</b>	Live Band – <i>The Jaguars</i> , 21.00, TSC
	<b>24</b>	WI - Chatsworth House at Christmas & Christmas Market £40 (non members £45)
	<b>TBC</b>	Christmas Quiz, TVH, Rose & Steph 680755
<b>DEC</b>	<b>5</b>	Live Duo <i>The Rockin Ratbags</i> , 21.00, TSC
	<b>6</b>	Santa Fun Run, Rose & Steph 680755
	<b>12</b>	Christmas Tree Lighting, Pete Randerson, 680330

If you have any events you would like to include on this page please email us by the 17th of the month at [tysoerecord@gmail.com](mailto:tysoerecord@gmail.com). Have fun.

## KEVIN THE CAVEMAN



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## ST MARY'S CHURCH 180 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS

January	1st <b>155</b>	2nd <b>158</b>	3rd <b>122</b>	4th <b>30</b>
February	1st <b>179</b>	2nd <b>101</b>	3rd <b>43</b>	4th <b>163</b>
March	1st <b>7</b>	2nd <b>44</b>	3rd <b>64</b>	4th <b>149</b>

## WORDS & STUFF!

The date of Candlemas this year was 02/02/2020. There won't be another date like it until 12/12/2121 and the one after that will be 03/03/3030. The previous palindromic date was more than 900 years ago and was 11/11/1111.

The first words ever spoken by a human being were "Madam in Eden, I'm Adam" and here are a few others:

"Too far Edna, we wander afoot"

"Was it a rat I saw?"

"Sex at noon taxes"

"Dammit. I'm mad"

And a whimsical one - "Doc, note I dissent, a fast never prevents a fatness. I diet on cod!"

Alan Birkbeck

## OUT & ABOUT

### KINETON

Friday 24th April 10.30 – 12 noon: **Carers4Carers** monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall. Due to the changing situation and advice around Covid-19 / coronavirus, please check our website [www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk](http://www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk) or call 07947 893504 for up-to-date information on whether this will go ahead.

We continue to hope that the British Motor Museum will be able to run their reminiscence session on “Making New Memories”. Please let us know in advance if you will be attending with your loved one. For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 07947 893504.

### KINETON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

- 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30  
Speaker Sarah Hoskin “Public Sculpture in Warwickshire”
- 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30  
Speakers Clay and Taylor “Detecting the past”

Both events will be held at Kineton Village Hall. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome.

You are advised to check the events are still running before venturing out. Email [catherine.petrie@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.petrie@gmail.com) or phone 01926 691161.



### JOEY'S JOKE

Joe was wheeling his barrow up Main Street yesterday and a couple of crisp packets passed him, puffing and panting as they did. “You look tired, do you want a lift” asked Joe, pointing to the wheel barrow. “No thanks, they replied, we’re Walkers!”



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## PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

The following actions are being progressed on behalf of residents:

1. To protect the erosion of verges and village green:
  - There is 'no parking or driving' on village green/verges. Notices have been produced to place on vehicles infringing rules.
  - Farms responsible for the heavy tractors travelling through the village are being visited by Warwickshire CC Enforcement teams. If you see a driver on the phone whilst driving please record details and report to the police.
  - Bus companies have been reminded not to travel down Sandpits Road. Report instances with date, time and bus company.
  - Wooden bollards to be installed on the verges on School Lane, Sandpits Road and outside Parke Row (between Oxhill Rd & Old Tree Lane).
2. Blocked drains are being investigated outside Quo Vadis and the Old Posting House on Main Street.
3. Leaflets have been delivered to all houses regarding Covid-19.
4. New grit bins have been purchased for Epwell Road (replaces missing bin) and Middleton Close (replaces cracked bin)
5. The Lower Tysoe village sign has been removed for cleaning.
6. Street lighting has been replaced on Charity Cottage and more is scheduled to be replaced on Back Lane and Main Street

### Other News

- The next Parish Assembly is planned for 21 May. This will be an interactive event to steer the Parish Council over the next 1-3 years. Your attendance is encouraged.
- DC Feilding reported that the Council Tax bands have been agreed and will increase by 3.99% in 2020/21. Band A £1280, Band B £1494, Band C £1707, Band D £1921, Band E £2348, Band F £2774, Band G £3201 and Band H £3842.
- Epson colour printer with ink for sale £30. Contact Parish Clerk.

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held 2 March 2020 will be available to view on the website and the Parish Council noticeboard once approved on 7th April. **Next Meeting** Annual & Ordinary on Monday 6 April 2020 at 19.15 to conduct emergency business only.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

We hope that everyone who came along to the Lent Lunches in March enjoyed the wide variety of soups which were served to them by the hosts and helpers. Our sincere thanks go to all for providing the chance of a get together in each of the churches. The Lent Lunch in St. Mary's was well supported and raised £222 for the Coventry Food Bank.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Bill Perkins who was an outstanding reader of the Bible in church when he lived in Lower Tysoe. We will miss his dry sense of humour and our sincere sympathy goes to his daughter, Alexandra, and the rest of Bill's family and friends.

### **Services at St Mary's in April**

As you will have read on Page 3, all Church of England services have been suspended which means that all services at St Mary's will be cancelled until further notice. The Coffee Morning at Chris Locke's on the 3 April has also been cancelled. Please check with us for further updates.

St Mary's will remain open daily for private prayer and you will be welcome to spend some time in the peace and silence there.

### **CHURCH ENQUIRIES :**

Revd. George Heighton 680201

Jill Longbottom 680236

Roland Cherry 680793

“Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9”



## **TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH**

It is with regret that we report that all services, weekly events, the Coffee Shop and Monthly Lunch Club are all cancelled.

The Methodist Church hall will not be in use unless under guidance from Rev P Powers and it is needed for a funeral. This will be the case until advised otherwise.

On a more positive note, Rev'd Jemima Strain will take pastoral charge as of September 2020. With thanks to all as we go through this difficult time.

Chris Gibbs

### **Breaking News:**

Music—not cancelled

Reading—not cancelled

Pets—not cancelled

Singing in the shower—not cancelled

Laughing—not cancelled

Hope—not cancelled

Stay positive, we are in this together.

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## **TYSOE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Home Team</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Away Team</b>
28 Mar	FISCC Reserves	Suspended	Tysoe United
21 Mar	Redditch Borough Men's AT	Postponed	Tysoe United
14 Mar	Tysoe United	1 - 3	Shipston Excelsior Reserves
7 Mar	Tysoe United	3 - 1	Shottery United FC

**On 16 March the FA suspended all grassroots football in England until 3 April.**

## DEANERY NEWS

As I write this, I am aware that we are in a rapidly changing landscape and that news and advice regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) is being updated not just daily, but often hourly.

People are naturally anxious, and some are scared. None of us knows exactly how this will pan out or what our communities will look like afterwards. At present, the churches are working hard both to keep people safe and to maintain communities of faith and places of worship.

The Lent services are continuing as I write, but information will be updated as time goes on.

Deaneries are becoming key places in which we can share resources and good practice and there will be a coronavirus page on the diocesan website by the time you read this. Local ministers will of course continue to be a focus for community support.

Please continue to pray for each other, and for those who are vulnerable. You may find this prayer helpful:

*God of healing and hope,  
in Jesus you meet us  
in our places of pain and fear.  
Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus,  
on any who are vulnerable,  
and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global  
concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best and not  
the worst in us.  
Make us more aware of  
our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that  
comes  
from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded heal-  
er. Amen.*  
- Sam Wells, St Martin in the Fields

Rev'd Sarah Edmonds Maguire

## TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Willow Class spent a cold, but enjoyable, day at the Black Country Museum looking at how Victorian miners lived.

We investigated working and living conditions as well as playing some of the street games Victorian children would have played.



Thank you to Tysoe Utilities Trust for subsidising this visit.

The Friends of Tysoe School organised a 'Readathon for Half Term' and raised the fantastic amount of £699.51 which will be used to purchase new books.



A group of children had a fantastic time at a non-competitive swimming gala at Stratford Leisure Centre. They completed a range of swimming relays such as: egg and spoon, quidditch and canoe races. As always, their behaviour was exceptional. We were very grateful to our parents who drove the children to the event.

One of our pupils has reached the second round of the Primary Maths Challenge, which is further great news for the Maths achievement at Tysoe School.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and grandparents to our Shared Learning afternoon. The children enjoyed sharing their books and learning with their families and the comments from the adults visiting were overwhelmingly positive.

**Paige Neale**  
Head of School



## TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

Tysoe Mixed A has now played its last game of the season against Towcester and won 8-0 with Sylv and Julie in sparkling form winning 6-0, 6-0! This means we had 5 wins, 1 draw and 4 lost and should finish the season in a credible third place. Many thanks to all who played, sometimes in very challenging conditions. Tysoe Mixed B went to Towcester on a very windy Sunday morning and came away with a resounding 8-0 win. Congratulations to Philip, Pat, Carol and Sylvia for a truly battling performance. The match against top-of-the-table Deddington was another battle against the elements with Steve, Elaine, Nicki and Philip unfortunately not coping as well as the opposition.

Next winter we may run two mixed teams again.

Despite gale force winds, the Ladies A had a convincing 4-0 win over Napton which took the team to 2nd position in the Division. With two more matches to play and all the players being on form, it is hoped this place will be retained. Due to sickness and injury, the Ladies B team only managed to field one pair against Ardencote and subsequently lost 1-3 but Carol and Veronika played some first rate tennis to win the one rubber.

### Junior Tennis

We are thinking of repeating our 6-week series of FREE SESSIONS for juniors (age 5 upwards) during the summer holidays. These would take place on Sunday mornings 9.30 to 10.30 at the courts in Tysoe. Members and non members are welcome and equipment is provided. These would not be coaching sessions but an opportunity to 'give tennis a go' and parents are encouraged to join in. Please email me at [lfilyson@live.co.uk](mailto:lfilyson@live.co.uk) if you think your child would be interested in joining us and we will keep you updated

### Tennis 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  
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- [carolspencer234@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolspencer234@hotmail.co.uk)

[www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk)

## WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Another roller coaster month of weather but luckily there was no damage to the trees from storms Ciara and Denis.



Willow Catkins

The signs of spring are there with the early black-thorn blossom and the willow catkins. However looking back at last year's records the blossom is later than last year with only the first apricot flower appearing in early March and little sign of any other blossom. The pear tree buds are close to breaking into blossom but in general the trees are having a slow start to the year.

Maintenance work has continued on the soft fruit and with battery operated tools, life has become a lot easier clearing and strimming around the ground covering fabric. The trees will all be summer pruned this year which will maintain the shape of them without promoting rapid growth. We want to be able to pick fruit without having to use long ladders! Not only is this safer but a lot easier for the majority of the volunteers.

The grass is growing but we have yet to see the first dandelions - or yellow peril as the mowers call them. The first cut will be soon and we will again experiment with different ways of mowing and keeping the grass short enough but allowing for a variety of wild flowers to prosper.



Why not volunteer to help out with the various tasks or become a member and benefit from our wonderful fruit too! A lot can be done in a short session and that makes a big difference to your orchard. It's great exercise too!

The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe and is open 24/7. Contact: Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) or see the website [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)



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- A death grant towards funeral costs. 3 years' residency.
- A discretionary grant may also be available to individuals suffering unexpected hardship.

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