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At this challenging time it is important to stay connected. Turn to page 2 for a message from the Tysoe & District Record team.

MESSAGE FROM THE RECORD OFFICE

The normal distribution of the Tysoe & District Record is obviously not possible in the current lockdown, however to keep Tysoe connected the editorial team has created an online version of the Record which will be available for everyone to access via the Parish Council website: www.tysoe.org/tysoe-record.

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- Daily/weekend newspaper deliveries thanks to Bart and his team
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A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS A DANGEROUS THING

Some would say despite, others would say because of the questionable benefits of Social Media our current predicament with Covid 19 is just tolerable. We have not yet been quarantined as was the plague village of Eyam, Derbyshire in 1665. Although nobody really knows much about Covid19 and its effects, we know far more than our forefathers. Those living at the time of the Black Death in 1349 knew nothing about the pestilence that killed 50 million people in Europe. It was thought to be a form of divine retribution.

Imagine what it must have been like for villagers when history apparently repeated itself some 300 years later. Not knowing what was happening, being unable to do anything about its completely random nature must have been terrifying. During the plague outbreak of 1665, one lady remained unaffected, despite burying her husband and 6 children in 8 days! In all roughly half the population of Eyam died. Although some may have the temerity to complain about information overload today, hindsight certainly puts our complaints into perspective.



Captain Tom Moore raising money for the NHS—
courtesy of Peter Brookes, The Times Newspaper

Although a lifting of restrictions would be wonderful do we really want to go back to where we were 6 months ago? In the last few months we have remembered how to look after each other and work as a community. 'Never waste a good crisis' is an interesting tenet that is so appropriate in our present circumstances. The British are usually at their best in a crisis. This time is no exception as shown so wonderfully by Tom Moore. But, it's not just the NHS that deserves our thanks it is all those selfless volunteers and institutions within the village and without, who have offered their services for the general good despite the risks to themselves.

THANK YOU ALL.

David Sewell
Editor

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NATURE NOTES—HOME BIRDS AND VISITORS

With a few exceptions, the birds we recorded in the Big Garden Birdwatch are those for whom Britain is a permanent home. Of these, blue tits have done very well in the last year (as have long-tailed tits). In the recently-released results of the Big Garden Birdwatch 2020 blue tits were in second place in England – up one place from last year. There must be several hundreds, if not more, living in the parish of Tysoe.

In contrast, swallows, and related species such as house martins and swifts, spend just part of the year in the UK. Their arrival each spring heralds the onset of summer. Indeed, the first swallows were spotted in Tysoe on Good Friday and what a warm welcome they got – the maximum temperature (at Wellesbourne) was 24°C!

All swallows are migratory, many of them covering several thousand miles a year; British swallows spend the winter in South Africa. Migrating swallows fly during the daytime and feed on the way. Although they spend extra time feeding before crossing large inhospitable areas such as the Sahara Desert, they are vulnerable to starvation. Migration is

a hazardous business and many birds die, not only through starvation, but also as a result of exhaustion and storms.



The numbers of swallows fluctuate and this is often related to changes in weather conditions from year to year. For example, cold periods and prolonged rain during the breeding season in Britain can reduce the numbers of flying insects and lead to chick deaths due to lack of food. However, aside from this, there has been a widespread decline in numbers over the last 50 years. The key causes of the decline are unknown but it may be related to climatic changes throughout their range. In addition, changes in farming practices have led to the loss of nesting sites and a reduction in the numbers of flying insects on which the swallows feed.

Rosemary Collier

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Sketch by Niels Benatar—his paintings are available as postcards from Tysoe post office and the church.



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TYSOE 'NO PLACE LIKE HOME' - NIELS BENATAR

Niels Benatar is an American surgeon who works in Germany. For the past two years he has been learning bell ringing under the expert tuition of David Bell at St Mary's. He shares his love of Tysoe:

In "The Wizard of Oz", Dorothy closes her eyes, clicks the heels of her bright red shoes together, imploring:

"There's no place like home", wishing herself back to Kansas. Well, Tysoe ain't Kansas, but it has become something like home to me!! Westward ho from Heathrow, salient landmarks beckon me on my way to Tysoe. Near High Wycombe, red kites dance overhead. Swooping low, tumbling aerobically and soaring high over the M40.

Soon after the red kites comes "The Gap", limestone escarpments on both sides of the motorway, like drawn back curtains, welcoming your senses to a stunning vista: The Chilterns.

What a view! Rolling and unfolding towards the west.

Onwards: Between The Gap and Oxford I look out for a cluster of stone-hewn farmhouses with the rusty roofs and jostled barndoors, a uniquely designed arched watertower, and the singular church tower peeping over a rolled-up line of trees way off to the north.

I pass Oxford off to the left, then the industrial buildings announcing Banbury and then exit the M40, twirling through countless roundabouts, until I finally reach a country lane. Next comes the solitary old oak tree on my left, behind the dry stone wall and hugged between two hills. Followed by Wroxton's thatched houses.

Leaving Oxfordshire and entering Warwickshire, I pass the Indian Queen, the sign advertising The Bell, then Upton House and slow down in the long left curve leading away from Edgehill. Then another right curve in the road, past the golden ironstone houses to the left, perched on the ridge.

I continue down Sun Rising Hill, slowly tackling the switchbacks and then, like a mirage: off to the left Tysoe, and further left...the hill with the windmill. Driving into Middle Tysoe, I stop the car on the left side of the road, step out, take in the view of the church tower and sigh: "There' no place like home!"

"There's nothing half so pleasant as coming home again."

Elizabeth Margaret Sangster

Thomas Fox

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TIPS FROM THE VEGETABLE PATCH

Let me introduce myself - my name is Gerald Hart. I used to farm at Hornton, milking cows. I sold some of my ground to Phil Gilbert (Quarry Nursery). I am now retired and live in Tysoe and one of my main hobbies is vegetable gardening. I still use a draw hoe father bought me when I was about 13, nearly 70 years ago.



If you are interested in starting your own vegetable patch for the first time you should find a sheltered place in your garden (not in shade or full sun), dig it all over and remove any rubbish and stones.

Start by growing 'easy' vegetables - beetroot, courgettes, radish, spring onions, French beans, mange tout or sugar snap peas, carrots and lettuce.

When I plant beetroot, carrots and spring onions, I plant the radish seed very finely along the same rows, so that as soon as the radish start to show you can see where all the rows are - radish are the first to be harvested. Make sure you keep the plot free of weeds and keep everything fed (Miracle Grow) and watered.

I shall be putting tomato plants, French and Runner beans, courgettes outside our house (The Old Butchers House) in due course -they will need protecting from frost. No charge (any money donated will be given to the British Heart Foundation.)

Gerald Hart



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LIVING IN A VIRTUAL WORLD

Madonna sang about 'Living in a Material World' back in the 1980s, her music echoes through my mind but with new lyrics 'Living in a Virtual World.' Since the outbreaks of Covid-19 we've been wedded to our devices (those of us that are 'connected' that is!). The Internet has truly come into its own. It has allowed us to communicate with friends and family near and far, with our neighbours and hear the latest news.

The lockdown has forced us to learn new skills, we've been 'Zooming' into church services and coffee mornings, even the Grumpies have been grumping via Zoom. We're holding book clubs via Skype and taking part in online quizzes.

Alison's Digital Fitness Boutique via Facebook has a huge Tysoe following. One wag commented: "If I don't die of Covid-19, I may die from twice weekly workouts!" While WhatsApp Groups have abounded with streams of interactions!

Connecting to this virtual world has had its funny moments too with random close-ups of foreheads, microphone hiccups and accidental photo-bombs (pets included) as we all get to grips with technology.

There's been an outbreak of creativity as people have had more time on their hands. We've seen videos of mixing Tysoe cocktails and poetry being read out loud. While those having to work from home have discovered more hours in the day through not having to travel, which has allowed them to take part in activities they wouldn't normally do.

People seem to me to have been communicating more honestly, sharing their thoughts and fears, supporting one another rather than point scoring. Perhaps this is more what Tim Berners-Lee had in mind!? So, going back to Madonna, maybe as a result of this pandemic we might become less focused on a 'material world' and instead use these new-found virtual connections *as a force for good*.

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HOW TO STAY AT HOME AND STAY POSITIVE

There's been a mindset shift. For some this occurred when they received 'the' letter from the NHS saying they were 'at risk' and told to stay at home for up to 12 weeks. For others it was when the initial preparations dwindled. For some it was the cancelling of trips, holidays and Easter outings with friends and family. Whatever the cause, the switch from 'getting ready' to 'this is it now' has had a sobering effect and provoked a rethink of how to *maintain positivity in the midst of this new reality*.

With the extended lockdown many of our senior residents are now at home for a further 3 weeks *at least* and a significant proportion are physically disconnected from family members who may live all over the UK. Even if they live close by, social distancing and cups of coffee through windows can make our loved ones seem far away.

It's OK not to be OK. Sticking to the routines that you've set up is important but accepting that there are days when you're not OK and life's not OK is just as key. Being able to adjust your routine according to how you feel is a sign of strength and acceptance and shouldn't induce a burden of guilt. We currently have enough to bear.

Pragmatic positivity is the key theme that has come out of all my conversations with various senior folk. Jill Dawkins from Windmill Way says it's important to keep busy and have a running 'to do' list. She is currently surrounded by old photographs in her living room which she is putting into albums for her children. A lovely project where she is creating something unique and also has the opportunity to reflect on happy memories.

The older people talked to me about spending each day noticing small things that make you smile. 'We're very lucky' was a phrase they kept saying, a feeling of gratitude and hope that things will come good in the end!

We'd love to hear from Tysoe's older residents about how they are maintaining positivity or about the challenges they are facing.



Jo Small, Volunteer
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CELEBRATING OUR VILLAGE SERVICES



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What the pandemic has done is to make us appreciate and value our essential workers, from the NHS doctors and nurses to our bin men and ALL our local businesses and services.

Everyone you speak to is so grateful for the way these people have risen so nobly to the Covid-19 Challenge to help protect, feed and look after us.

The Record asked Alex Paterson, our celebrated Tysoe illustrator, to illustrate some of our key characters - (there are many more.)

We are turning them into a printout for families to download, so they can be coloured-in and used as cards to play a game of SNAP !

Everyone in Tysoe just wants to say a heart-felt ►►►



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LUCKY TO LIVE IN TYSOE

I want to say a massive thank you to Bart, Louise and all their team. You're doing a brilliant job feeding Tysoe when all the supermarkets have felt scary and have empty shelves. Jacqui and Kay have been wonderful too, keeping the Post Office open.

We need to make sure we continue to spend our £'s locally when all this is over. What would we have done without our independents? We must treasure them and keep their businesses going. Same goes for buying British too - the economy is going to be a massive casualty.

Alison Cross



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NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME



It is with regret that we have had to make the decision, in line with advice from NGS Head Office, that the NGS Gardens in Tysoe scheduled for the first weekend in June, will no longer open. It is so disappointing as the charities for whom the NGS and ourselves open our gardens will be in desperate need of money this year to augment the £3 million or so they rely on from the NGS

each year. The Village Hall will also miss out on funds received from the wonderful teas.

However, looking on the bright side with all this extra time at home all our gardens will be looking gorgeous this year, going into next year and the wonderful cake ladies can have a year off, although the decision still has to be made about the Fete and Flower Show.

Man in lockdown, lives in fear
Of hidden killer, not wanted here.
Keep your distance, six feet clear
Or stay at home and just drink beer.

Jackie Keyser



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Following receipt of the Examiner's report on our Plan last month and subsequent legal advice, we arranged to meet with the District Council on 17th March. For obvious reasons this meeting was cancelled and no new date arranged. I did have a lengthy phone conversation with the Senior Planning Policy officer and exchanged ideas on a way forward. The purpose of these discussions is to agree on a Plan that protects Tysoe from unwanted development and preserves the things we all value. We will continue to discuss the Plan with the District Council in the hope that, despite the current crisis, we can agree on a way forward.

David Roache
Chairman, Neighbourhood Plan Group

TYSOE WI

These difficult times have put pay to our trips and meetings for the foreseeable future. Craig Revell Horwood at the Warwick Arts Centre has been cancelled, and it's likely that our walking tour around Oxford will be too.



There won't be a monthly meeting in May, and probably beyond.

Our craft and laugh group are meeting up each Wednesday online, we've also been making laundry bags for the NHS and local Vets practices. One of our members is even making scrubs!

We are trying to keep in contact with many of our members either by email or by telephoning, we all need to know someone is out there to talk to.



At least the weather is improving and most of us can get out in our gardens for fresh air and sunshine. Check our website tysoewi.com and Facebook page for updates.

Keep safe and well everyone.

'I'm more tolerant of my husband. It's not worth falling out when we're spending 12 weeks together. I often wonder what he is thinking.'

TYSOE VILLAGE HALL NOTICE

Following Government advice, please note that the Tysoe Village Hall will remain closed to ALL members of the public until further notice.

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.

Tysoe Village Hall Committee

THE ART CHALLENGE—ILLUSTRATIONS FOR THE POEMS

The Tysoe & District Record is issuing you with a new challenge to follow on from the Poetry Challenge. We are inviting our readers to illustrate the poems so we can include them in the Poetry booklet.

Draw a picture to illustrate a poem

We would like to see how artistic you are. You can draw, paint, make a collage or use whatever medium you desire. Entries should be no bigger than A4. Deadline for all entries : **Friday 15th May**.

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THE POETRY CHALLENGE

We had a terrific response to our Poetry Challenge. The standard was very high. Everyone was a winner in our eyes! This is one of the judges' favourites:

Daffodils for the Modern Age

By Jo McGinn

—Inspired by William Wordsworth

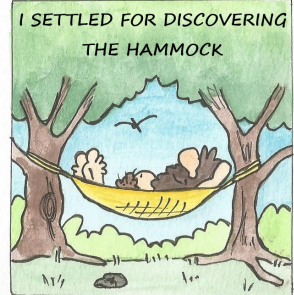
I wandered lonely as a cloud,
(That observes the rules in current ills)
Round empty aisle, my trolley loud
I saw the magic toilet rolls!
Not something that one often sees
Piled up on high, they waved at me!

Rolls procured and safely mine
I carried on my merry way
The queue, a never ending line
Two metre spaced, I wait to pay.
And then, outside, I take the chance
At “non essentials” throw a glance.

The journey home was quiet, I'll say
A hand of folk was all I see.
Out for their legal, once a day,
Together, but not in company.
Normality, what we all sought
This exercise has surely brought?

For oft when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood
My thoughts must always truly lie
As I dwell in this solitude
With those that valiantly fight these ills
Returning us to previous wills.

KEVIN THE CAVEMAN



dry

CARER4CARERS

Due to Coronavirus, the **Carers4Carers** monthly meetings in Kineton have been cancelled until further notice. Please check our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk, or call 07947 893504 for news.

WORDERY!

I am grateful to Alan Birkbeck for his piece on palindromes last month. But I was surprised not to have seen: 'A man a plan a canal Panama' or even the most basic palindrome radar!

However, Alan has redeemed himself, with yet more questionable knowledge. Following last month's report on February's palindromic date 02/02/2020, there is an even stranger fact about dates. On a day in King Alfred's reign, 28/08/888, all the numerals were even numbers, that did not occur again until 02/02/2000, because every date in the intervening 1,112 years had a 1, 3 or 9 in it.

Can anyone else top this fascinating fact? Please let us know.

The Editor

DID YOU KNOW

You can access past issues of the Tysoe & District Record on-line at www.tysoe.org.uk/tysoe-record.

MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE —AN UPDATE MAKING SPACE



The Churchyard has been full of primroses over the last few weeks and is looking lovely. The two wildflower areas between the Church and the School have been mown recently and will now be left to grow. It will be interesting to see what emerges in the two areas; the one closest to the church has been 'sown' with

flower-rich hay from Oldberrow Churchyard whilst the other area has not been touched.

There are also a good number of bird boxes in the trees in the Churchyard, including some for blue tits, and hopefully they will soon be occupied. With support from the Parish Council we are also developing the bank at the side of School Lane into a wildflower area. This may take a bit of time as the decision was taken too late to sow seed last autumn. However, now that it has been mown once this spring, the grass will be left to grow and wildflowers encouraged. There will be an opportunity to sow additional wildflower seeds in the autumn.



There is now a Twitter account <https://twitter.com/TysoeWildlife> where wildlife developments in Tysoe will be documented. Interestingly, one of the very few 'benefits' of the devastating coronavirus pandemic is that mowing of roadside verges is likely to be reduced. This is great news for wildflowers and the insects they support!

Flowering Cherry by the church

Rosemary Collier

PLANTS UPDATE– Jacqui Franklin from the Post Office is going to provide a local service for plants so the gardens can continue to bloom!



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TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

Now that the Government has banned meetings of more than two people, the Parish Council is unable to meet. To ensure that the Parish Council can perform its duties, the decision was taken on 1 April to delegate powers to the Parish Clerk, Beverley Thorpe.

A significant date in our meeting diary is the Annual Meeting which was planned for 4 May. New legislation has removed the need for us to hold this meeting during the current situation. Considering this change to the law, all Councillors have agreed to continue in post, with the same responsibilities, until further notice. Please see www.tysoe.org.uk/meeting-dates for more information.

Over the last month we can report the following:

1. Alison Cross has recruited volunteers from the village to keep in contact and assist those members of our community who need extra help due to the lockdown. Alison's team has also worked closely with Tysoe Village Stores to work out their new home shopping and newspaper delivery services.
2. Jane Millward is co-ordinating the collection and delivery of prescription medicines from the main surgeries used by Tysoe residents. Assisted by Jacqui Sinclair, David Roache, Malcolm Littlewood and

Alison Cross, this service now has over 105 customers. Nigel 'Nobby' Hibberd is delivering medication from Shipston Surgery.

Please remember you must be in when your delivery is scheduled and the person delivering it MUST see you take the medication into your home before they can leave.

3. We have created a new email newsletter to share essential information and more light-hearted news. See www.tysoe.org.uk/covid-19/tysoe-parish-council-newsletter/ It currently has 197 subscribers.
4. To subscribe please email your first-name /surname to parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk
5. The VAT reclaim has been completed for 2019-20 to the value of £6,007.97. Phone interviews are taking place with potential internal auditors.
6. Thomas Fox Landscaping will continue when they can. Michael Mann Farmers will next mow the playing fields on 10 April.
7. £120 grant contribution (or 50%) made to the Making of Tysoe event held on 14 March.
8. Over a dozen logos have been received for the new newsletter. Check information on the vote.

Beverley Thorpe

ST MARY'S CHURCH

April was a very strange month for all of us; just after I had written my Easter message, our lives were turned upside down - our churches were closed and we all went into lockdown. I am reluctant to try to predict what will happen in May, but working on what we now know, it seems unlikely that we will be able to celebrate in our churches the major festivals of Ascension Day on 21st May and Pentecost (Whit Sunday) on 31st May.



During April we began a process of sharing our worship over the Internet by using Zoom. So if we are not able to open the churches

To join Zoom Services email revgeorgeh@outlook.com and I will send you instructions. Let me know if you require printed service sheets and we will try to get them to you. For more services and prayers visit the Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org.

I foresee we will be continuing this through May.

Easter Day was very joyful, with close to 100 people from all the five churches of our group joining in the 11am service. It is wonderful to see each other's faces and hear the familiar voices. Like many of you, I suspect, I am missing daily social interaction with friends and neighbours.

Many people continue to light a candle each evening as darkness approaches - symbolising the light of the Risen Christ. We pray for all those who are working in the front line to get us through this current situation: the doctors, nurses, carers, all support staff and other key-workers.

Finally, I pray for you all to stay safe and well, held in the loving arms of God.

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- Jill Longbottom 680236
- Roland Cherry 680793

CAN CORONA VIRUS AFFECT MY CAR?

The answer is not directly, but the effects of the virus can! We normally use our cars regularly, which is ideal for a car, but non use is the worst thing for our everyday transport. We may rejoice in the petrol savings, but a car standing idle will suffer:

Battery: The battery may go flat. You think that because you are not using it, it will retain its charge. Not true: modern cars use electricity from the battery all the time. There is a system waiting for you to use your remote to unlock the car, powered by the battery. Possibly an alarm as well. Use the car once a week, and the battery will be OK, the running of the engine quickly re-charges the drained current. With many people now walking to our local shop, don't forget the car! Run the engine for a least 15 minutes a week to keep the battery topped up, and not just at tickover, the engine needs to be revving at normal speed for the alternator to charge the battery.

Brakes: The brakes discs will go rusty and the pads may stick to the discs. Not a normal problem, as the first brake application will immediately grind off the rust (you've probably heard it if you haven't turned the radio on). But left long enough, that rust can eat into the metal brake discs, reducing their effect and life. If safe, park with the handbrake off. This will prevent the handbrake shoes or pads "sticking" to the metal discs or drums. I've had to hammer at brake drums to "unstick" them in the past, when the car would not move at all. The only answer to the rusting problem, is the same as the battery problem. Drive the car once a week, for a few minutes.

Jeremy Rivers-Fletcher



JOEY'S JOKE

I went to the library and there was a frog sitting on a stool at the end by the rack and he was looking at all these different books. I went up to him and I said, "This is a good book!" He said: "Reddit, reddit, reddit."

TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

Due to the Coronavirus, all remaining winter tennis matches and summer fixtures have been abandoned and Tysoe tennis courts are now out of bounds. We would like to thank everyone for their support in not using them at this time.

Hopefully, we will be able to hold our AGM in the near future and try and get back to some normality.

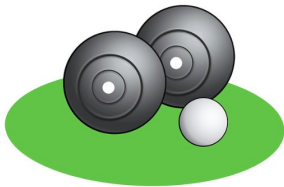
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TYSOE BOWLS CLUB REPORT



I did not get round to writing report for our two games in February and March, so now I can report on the final three matches. On 26th February we went to Leamington Spa to play the Royals. We managed to gain one point from this match, the results being 9 - 12 and 13 - 9.

On 10th March we went to Napton and had a very enjoyable afternoon. We won our first game 11 - 15 and second game 5 - 13 and gained 4 points. Then our final match was played at home on the 17th March. We just managed this before the Village Hall closed due to the Coronavirus. We again had a good evening with the players from Bishops Itchington and finished with another 4 points. The first game 16 - 7 and second game 14 - 6.

At present there is not a winner of the League as, unfortunately, Snitterfield have been unable to play their final two matches. It is proposed that if the present situation eases off that the 2020/21 League will start earlier in order for these matches to take place.

This is all the Bowls news at present. Good wishes are sent to everyone, especially our Bowls members and we hope you all keep safe.

Janet Hopkins

WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Pear blossom

A strange time but the orchard is in blossom and leaves are emerging unaware of the confusion! After nine years the trees can look after themselves for a season.



Some volunteers have made it to the orchard. The grass has been cut and strimmed in between rows and around the soft fruit, and the first dandelions despatched. The bees have also had attention so looking forward to some honey later on!

No sessions organised at present but the orchard is open to enjoy and walk around. But please do clear up after your dogs, there has been plenty of mess around which is unpleasant for others using the orchard

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

MID WEEK MOVIE



FROM THE MOVIE TEAM

In the absence of a new film we were asked to name our favourite films. Tricky! Colin is not a movie buff. The last film he saw at the cinema proper was Ben Hur and he still vividly recollects the great chariot race.

My favourite film is 'Room with a View.' What's yours? Let me know candclocke@gmail.com. Could be interesting!



We hope to run with the postponed 'Yesterday' once normal service is resumed.

Chris Locke & The Film Crew

HOME SCHOOLING REPORTS

At home it is more difficult to work since you may not have the resources that you need, but I tend to push myself more in most subjects. Home schooling should be treated as if you were at school, you should have your playtime and lunchtime.



I think home schooling is quite difficult because you do not have a teacher there to help you and it is more difficult to set yourself tasks. That does not mean it's not fun though, because if you love English you can do an extra, long English session. Also, celebrities do online classes for English, cooking, dancing, music, maths and P.E.

One of the highlights of being home schooled is you can wear what you want! My teacher sends us two pieces of work every day and I can ask her questions on email but then if I want to talk to a friend I can on either skype or email.

Erin Small, Age 10
Tysoe C of E Primary



Things are different now, now I do my school learning at home. I used to get up at 6:10 as I did swimming before school and ate breakfast at school before going to my classroom at about 8:30am. Now, I wake up at 8:15 and have breakfast in the kitchen. Then I get dressed. Luckily I don't have to wear school uniform and it only takes me 7 steps to get to my classroom!

I check my schedule to see the classes I have today and get all my books prepared for the day ahead. Before school closed my teacher gave me a folder full of books and sheets to use at home. Each morning I log on to Microsoft Teams which is where our teachers put all our work.

The Record would love to hear from other Home Schoolers. Please email us your reports: tysoerecord@gmail.com

What I enjoy about home-schooling is that I get to be next my Mum as she is also doing her work at home.

Erin Ellis, Age 10
Sibford School

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are missing seeing you all at school but also know you are working hard while you stay home.

Your teachers have all been busy making sure you have lots of worthwhile learning and loads of fun activities to fill your weeks. Do what you can but remember to take breaks, keep active and above all else be kind and helpful at home.



The staff have been joining in with several of the activities too. We have been watching Oliver Jeffers read his stories, he is a favourite at school, and we have taken part in PE with Joe Wicks. There have been lots of art workshops with illustrators and artists. Mrs Lindsay's frog is great! We have all been reading and hope you are keeping up with your reading too.

We know home learning is not easy and we know you miss all of your friends. If you don't have a laptop, tablet or printer to use, don't worry! Just do what you can. Reading, spelling and timetables practice are always useful. As is story writing, art and researching your favourite topics.



Keep safe, be kind and we look forward to welcoming you back to school when we can.

Paige Neale
Head of School

TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH

We continue with our buildings being closed. We thank our Ministers and our Vicar for sending services and letters during this concerning & worrying time. We hold strongly in our prayers the NHS and families that have lost loved ones. Much thanks must also go to our village shop for the services they are providing, Thank You. Keep safe, have faith & hope. Blessings to all.

Chris Gibbs

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THOUGHTS FROM A TYSOE TEENAGER

A sense of paralysing dread and fear, is what I was feeling about GCSEs. My hands would shake and sweat at the prospect of a small assessment, let alone the nearly thirty exams I would have to sit. It was like one continuous hamster wheel of pure panic for over four years. Until Covid19 grabbed the hamster wheel, threw it out of a five story building, where it would proceed to tumble and burst into flames.



Bitter would be an understatement though, on how I feel about not being able to put my pen down on that final paper, pick my phone out of the plastic tray and make a bid for the door. The last days of Y11 were strange to say the least, I had two days' notice to say adieu to the people that I have seen every day for so long. My best friend is going to college when this is all over, whilst I go to sixth form, we had two days to reflect on everything and accept the end of an era.

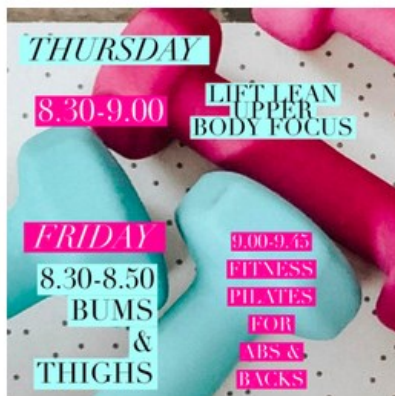
I suppose this will be one of the many lessons from this, we all have very limited control over things in everyday life. People who you think you will see tomorrow, you may not see for a very long time. I hope everything doesn't go back to normal either, this has to be a reminder of the value of the NHS and other key workers, but also the troubles with the current education system, with putting such pressure on exams and turning many secondary school experiences into an experience with an unholy amount of mental breakdowns.

This summer was supposed to be the longest summer of my life, if I knew my summer holiday was going to start in March however, I would have quit revising in 2020 altogether. Y11s may have been metaphorically kicked in the teeth by a pathogen, but we definitely don't have it worst. Hopefully this will be a great opportunity for self-improvement, a stronger sense of community, and expressing my feelings by ripping up exercise books.

**We'd would love to hear from other Tysoe teenagers.
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TYSOE'S TAKEAWAY RENAISSANCE

There's a culinary silver lining for Tysoe during this lockdown - the ability to have a takeaway actually delivered! This is the first time in my life (except the 3 at university) where I have enjoyed such a privilege.

We're usually out reviewing restaurants as part of my blog, [The Weekend Tourist](#), but since the new measures, we've now tried three of our local eateries offering takeout.

We're big fans of burger night at **Peacock in Oxhill**, so when we spotted their signature beef pattie (£12 each) on the menu it was a must. They offer collection and delivery and our burgers were the excellent meat feasts we're used too. The churros was a good dessert. Be sure to order early, they get booked up.

Next up **Wykham Arms in Sibford Gower**, more oriental dishes on the menu and my satay chicken with noodles was delicious (£10 a dish). We didn't have to wait long before dinner was ready for collection.

Lastly on Easter Sunday, we had the Easter Feast from **Bower House in Shipston**, again collection. Of the three, it has the most sophisticated menu. True restaurant quality food in our home - roast lamb shoulder, dauphinoise potatoes followed simnel spiced panettone bread and butter pudding. Still a reasonable £40 for two courses for two people.



Burger Night, Oxhill

Like I said a true takeaway renaissance!

Jessica Friend Bartlett
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