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Downs Farm fresh local milk pop-up. Photograph by Roland Cherry

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TIME TO STAND AND STARE—GUEST EDITORIAL

The last two months have seen human beings step back and give space to nature. It has been magical! Sounds from the birds and bees we had forgotten has filled the void left by vehicles and planes. Our atmosphere has become less polluted. The endless pursuit of economic growth, our dashing about to grow GDP and efficiency has ground to a halt. The global supply chains we have built to support just-in-time manufacturing have failed to provide the resilience we need locally. Instead resilience has come, not from multi-national companies, but from many acts of selflessness in our communities. These have been memorable days in Tysoe.

There was a time when it was like this before. Not saying that the time pre-1940, before DDT, were halcyon days of endless sun, but life was simpler then and there was time to stand and stare. Now as people are pushing for a restart, let us not go back to where we were two months ago but reset.



Blue tit photo credit: Richard Ellis

David Fellows* in his poem “*When this is all over*” poses the question: “*Then what will we do?*” We need to ask how can we, as human beings, stand back and give the rest of the planet space? We have a goal: Net Zero. Perhaps the way to achieve it is through more acts of selflessness.

So, phase out your use of petrol and diesel vehicles. Let’s campaign for faster broadband so you don’t feel a need to visit the Terracotta Army, Machu Pichu, or follow in the footsteps of David Attenborough but experience these things at home through VR headsets and video. Question the need to go to the office constantly, giving yourself more time at home. Not much else to do but reward yourselves, by not by having that iPhone 20, rather by having the time to stand and stare.

*see overleaf

Dr Mike Sanderson

When All of this is Over

By David Fellows

When all of this is over,
When all of this is through,
When this is just a memory,
Then what will we do?

Will we still act kindly,
Will we still take care,
Will we clap for someone
And say that we were there?

Will we still remember
The little things we've done,
That made the bigger picture
A happier, sunnier one?

These times were sent to try us
To see how we would do,
When all of this is over,
How well did we do?

**The effect of the lockdown
on the buzzard**

By Jackie Keyser

Spring arrived, summer near.
All is changed. Now, I can hear
And breathe in deep the air that's clear
What a difference makes a year.



NATURE NOTES—RARE ARABLE WEEDS

About half of Warwickshire's land area is used to grow crops. The only opportunities for wild plants are in the uncultivated field margins. In the county about 50 wild plant species are specialists of arable land, and conditions have changed greatly in the last 50+ years. This is partly due to the use of very effective synthetic herbicides but also to the increased fertility of the soil due to fertilizers and cleaner ways of harvesting cereals so that weed seeds are removed and not re-sown.

To succeed, arable weeds need to fit in with the cropping cycle and have survival strategies to cope when times are hard. About 80% of them are annuals, all of them can overwinter as seed, many can remain dormant in the soil for long periods, forming a long-lived 'seed bank'. Some species have declined considerably such as Corncockle, Corn Marigold, Shepherd's Needle and Gold-Of-Pleasure. In contrast the seeds of the Common Poppy can survive for a century or more!

So why should we save weeds? Many are declining globally and some now only exist in arable habitats. They help biodiversity. The Warwickshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan focuses on 15 species of rare arable plants – all with lovely names such as Night-Flowering Catchfly, Stinking Chamomile, Corn Gromwell, Blue Pimpernel. 12 species have been 'lost' to Warwickshire. A few of the more colourful species (below) such as the pink Corncockle, the yellow Corn Marigold and the blue Cornflower appear in some wildflower seed mixes and are occasionally seen in arable fields as 'short-lived casuals'.



Source: Warwickshire's Wildflowers by Steven Falk.
Written by Rosemary Collier, illustrations by Shirley Cherry

FOCUS ON FARMERS

You can't make a sandwich without a farmer!

As custodians of the land, the trees, the hedgerows and the footpaths, our farmers are the key to our food supply and environment. We should never forget that agriculture is ruled by the weather. A moderate climate is what we need and yet our seasons are changing and we now experience extremes.

We've just had one of the worst wet winters on record. The rain started last September and didn't stop until the end of February. Large areas of land became water logged, leaving tractors and other heavy agricultural machinery unable to get onto the fields, leaving a large acreage nationwide unseeded, putting pressure on spring planting.

Following on from the wet, cold weather, we were then hit with the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst farming has arguably avoided the worst effects of this, it is after all an industry that cannot simply shut the doors and stop work for a few months. Plus, there are few places more isolated than sitting alone in the tractor cab. And yet, although the farming industry as key workers have carried on during this period of lockdown, they too have suffered financial hardship in the last few months.



Illustration by Josh Welsby

Eight million litres of unwanted milk per week, agricultural contractors were unable to cut hedges as they only have a short window in which to work (Sept-Feb). Freshly planted seeds rotted, and spring planting got behind. This all led to an intense period of activity as soon as the land dried out, to ensure a good (and yet reduced) harvest later in the year. *Of course, farmers will now tell you that they need a drop of rain.... there's no pleasing them I'm afraid!*

If people have wondered why agriculture got special treatment from the EU with farm subsidies and hopefully now post Brexit from our government, farmers can now, rightly point to the restocked shelves of food and need say no more.

We will all remember when the coronavirus was at its peak and supermarket shelves were emptied of baked beans, tinned tomatoes, pasta, flour, bread, and of course...toilet rolls. Now, as life starts to go back to some sort of normality, the big question is, 'will we all start to take our food and our farmers for granted again?'

Here in Tysoe we have been in an enviable position in that we could buy our food from Tysoe Stores and were also able to buy ice cream and milk direct from farmers in the village. We bought burgers from Herberts Farm and had take-aways from local pubs. Good quality fresh food. Maybe some things were slightly more expensive but you gain on quality and community spirit has a value of its own.

I was shocked to hear on a Radio 4 programme last Saturday how other countries have struggled. That people in Naples, Italy, were relying on food parcels of pasta and bread even after the lockdown was lifted, and in Lebanon there are stories of families eating stray cats and gathering around trucks full of potatoes waiting for a hand out.

It reminded me of how upset we all became when we couldn't find any flour to make cakes or bread. In the UK, we are not used to doing without. It has brought upon me a change of attitude and lifestyle which I hope I can continue with.

On a lighter note, as Mo found out in my children's book – **Dad's Sandwich** (*sorry couldn't resist a plug*), you cannot make a jam sandwich without a farmer. Not many people know this!

Beki Benjamin

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DANCING IN THE STREET WITH IAN LEAVER

Ever since lockdown started Ian Leaver has been entertaining Tysoe residents with one or two songs every morning at 11 o'clock on the dot. In doing so he has turned himself into a Tysoe hero. The Record interviewed Ian to find out why?



So why did you start playing the music?

I thought it would be good to keep spirits high and get people out of their homes. Hearing the music makes them come out and talk to one another. I did it for mental health reasons for everyone in the village, helping to bring the community together in this time of need.

Have you been surprised by the reaction?

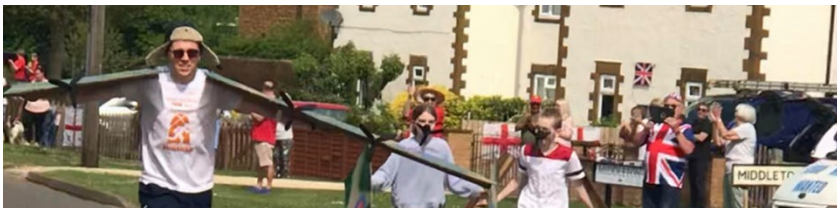
I have really. It's been a great with at least 15-20 people, if not more, turning out every day.

When did the fancy dress start?

One morning I happened to mention Peter Kaye's *BIG Night In* and then the next day everyone showed up in fancy dress. It was amazing! We filmed the *Amarillo* video. It didn't get picked but was shown on BBC News Midlands Today, and the video has had over 300,000 views on social media which is fantastic! Everyone was really chuffed.

How did you celebrate VE Day 75?

We really went to town! We started with the sound of the air raid warning before the two-minute silence at 11, then there was the Battle of Britain fly past with Ben Keyser and friends to the sound of the Memorial Flight. The VE Day Street Party started at 4pm on the Sherington Road. I played Winston Churchill's iconic speech to begin with, followed by music from the



1940s to 1960s, and then, at 6pm, Jack Jeffs came and sang some Elvis for us. We partied at a social distance until 8.30pm.

Yet another great example of Tysoe's community spirit.



HAPPY HEREFORDS

We farm it, we cook it, you eat it



Thanks Tysoe for making us feel very welcome here at Herbert's Farm. Our Herefords have settled in too. This year is a very different year for us due to Covid-19, we would normally be catering at outside events which obviously have been cancelled. We have resurrected our Meat Boxes from when we started 12 years ago and are delivering these locally and nationwide. Free delivery within 5 miles of Tysoe, see our website for details and contact us directly to order, delivering daily.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH CONWAY HOPKINS

Conway was born in 1939 and comes from a farming background. His grand father, Jim Durham, was farm manager for the Marquess of Northampton at Compton Wynates breeding Hereford cattle. Jim arrived from Hampton Lucy after his wife Alice died in 1918 from Spanish flu, leaving behind 4 children aged from 5-11. They lived at Compton Farm, from where the children walked to school in Tysoe.

The Marquess provided employment for many local people, owning many farms and houses in the village. Water was provided from a reservoir under the hills at Winchcombe, near Old Lodge. Conway's family drew their water from a stand-pipe in Back lane, when they lived in what is now called Ivy Cottage. The Marquess paid for the first water mains to be laid in the village in 1958.

Compton Farm



Conway Hopkins



Ivan Hopkins
(Conway's father)



Ivan Hopkins and
Alwyn Canning



Everyone in Tysoe used to grow their own fruit and vegetables, either in their own garden or on an allotment, one of which was called 'The Promise' behind the school. Most families kept a pig in a sty which was salted and hung for bacon which kept the families fed, so people were much more self-sufficient.

The farming year was always busy. Beans were grown for horse feed, while crops such as barley, oats, wheat were grown for human consumption. Hay-making was much more hands-on, hay ricks were made by layering straw the same size as the rick. To stop the damp Conway's dad, Ivan, always thatched the ricks. Hedge-laying was an autumn job that ran through the cold winter months.

Conway Hopkins

Thomas Fox

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DRONES IN AGRICULTURE

Farmer Brown stretched and rolled out of bed to make his morning coffee. It was 8am. He certainly wasn't missing his old early wake-up calls. He glanced at a screen to find out that his drone had just landed and was reporting back. While he savoured his cuppa, he learned that five of the dairy herd had a temperature, there was a water leak in the irrigation system in south field, and a bigger dose of herbicide was needed close to the road. Fiction? Yes, for the moment. Fantasy? Absolutely not.

Under present rules from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), a drone cannot be more than 500m away from its operator, who has to be able to see it at all times. The drone can't fly higher than 120m. Plus, if you're using it for work, you need a PFCO – Permission for Commercial Operations.

Today, even with these limitations, an off-the-shelf drone can be a hugely beneficial tool to a farmer. Not only can they be used to check on live-stock remotely, but can be used for crop scouting; checking pest, weed and disease levels across fields. These basic drones have even been used successfully for herding sheep!

Different types of sensors can also be added to drones. A multispectral camera captures visual and certain non-visual wavelengths of light. This data is then used to calculate the Normalised Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) – a measure of crop health that can be used to assist a farmer in determining if additional interventions are needed.

Thermal imaging cameras can also be added. These illustrate hot and cold spots and can provide the temperature of every pixel in the picture. Using these cameras you can remotely determine the temperature of live-stock.

The rules about needing to be able to see the drone at all times are changing too. The CAA is working with some companies to provide Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) services – where the pilot cannot see the drone. With Covid-19, trials have been fast-tracked for drones to supply PPE equipment to the Isle of Wight from mainland UK.

So when will Farmer Brown be able to get up at 8am instead of 5? Hard to say, but perhaps in less than five years. Who knows what the world will look like then?

Tom Willcock

Lives in Tysoe and specialises in drones and 3D visualisation

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LIVING IN A VIRTUAL WORLD

Back in 1990 my husband wrote a dissertation about the ‘Electronic Cottage’ and how it would facilitate home working. Now thirty years on that new concept has become a fact of life. In the current lockdown when workforces have been obliged to work from home, businesses have had to adapt and become even more ingenious in using technology. The Record has set about investigating some of the more unusual and unexpected businesses that now operate in Tysoe.

Mark Lynch – Sky News Director

In the absence of live sport to cover I have become a news director; normally that would entail a commute to Sky’s studio in Osterley, West London, but the coronavirus has accelerated the development of some clever software that allows us to put news bulletins to air with the crew largely at home using the internet.



I sit at my kitchen table in Tysoe with three laptops - one displays the run-down system we use, with each news item, presenter link or video clip in chronological order. The second shows the newly-developed software that allows me to select and control cameras, run video clips, put in graphics, access live feeds from all over the world, and control the sound. The third laptop runs talkback on Skype, so I can talk to the presenter and the producer, and it also shows the studio output so I can see what we’re doing.

The only people on site are the presenter, a producer, a backup director (in case my internet goes down), an engineer and a couple of journalists. There is a seven second or so delay between what we do and it getting into people’s homes, so if we make a mistake I can walk into the sitting room and watch it all over again.

Unbelievable! It seems the Electronic Cottage has surely now come of age.

By Shirley Cherry

BRITISH FLOWERS



As recently as 50 years ago market gardeners across the United Kingdom grew a large amount of British flowers. These died out with the Dutch imports and cheaper prices demanded by supermarkets. Now we see a quiet move-

ment of British growers working together as a co-operative numbering 800. I am proud to be part of this multi-award-winning group so much so that I have now taken on the role as Coordinator for the West Midlands. In a normal year we take part in regional shows such as Chelsea, Malvern, BBC Gardeners World, Bath and West.

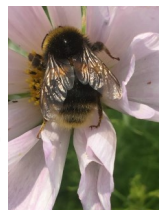
The flowers are grown on a one-acre plot at Hornton. They are freshly picked and only travel a few miles by road, not air miles. These are sold in the Post Office. They are garden style with delicious fragrances and smells that bring back childhood memories of cottage gardens. The flowers are seasonally grown. They have a natural beauty, unique in size and shape unlike that of commercial grown blooms.

We are currently picking early Sweet peas grown under cover. Our cottage garden flowers are now ready for cutting; Lupins, Delphiniums, Digitalis, Peonies and David Austin roses growing alongside various herbs. We grow over 100 different flowers, herbs and foliage giving a growing session from May until end of October.



With the current situation, and looking ahead to the future, we see a growth in the public buying British and supporting local businesses and hope we will be able to open the plot for a tour for the Flower Farmer Big Weekend in August.

Jacqueline Franklin
Hope & Glory Flower Co



TYSOE WI

These difficult times have affected our trips and meetings for the foreseeable future. Our walking tour of Oxford in June and our visit to Kew Gardens in July have been cancelled.



Our 'Craft and Laugh' group are still meeting up each Wednesday online, we continue making scrub bags, well being bags, masks and scrubs for the NHS, vets, carers, food bank volunteers, police etc.

A huge thanks to our members and non members who have pitched in to help, and to the many people who've donated fabric, haberdashery, bedding and gifts for well being bags. You're all amazing!!

We have now made around 1000 items. We are trying to keep in contact with many of our members either by email, by telephoning, letters and cards, we all need to know someone is out there to talk to.



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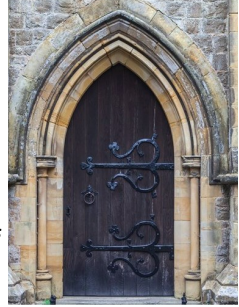
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Some of us have found the new situation has helped us build new relationships and talk about faith in new ways. But we are all aware that many of us are also feeling isolated and far from our friends and even from God. It's not always easy to keep up a rhythm of prayer in times of stress and trauma. Bishop John is holding an online retreat for anyone who wishes to join on Saturday 3rd June, so keep an eye out for more information.

As the nation begins, tentatively, to look for a way out of lockdown, the churches remain closed for public worship. Weddings have been postponed, and funerals happen at the graveside or crematorium. It's going to be a while before we can get back fully into our buildings, and so that gives us time to consider what might have changed and what we might do when the time comes. As we begin to think, I was prompted by a colleague to ask, **“What are you learning about God in this time? What is God saying to you?”**.

As we begin to reflect on those questions individually and as churches, my prayers continue to be with each of you at this difficult time.

Sarah Edmonds
Area Dean

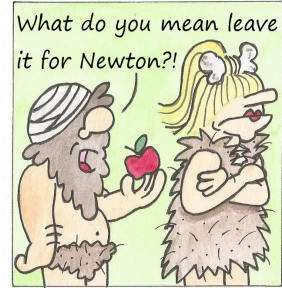
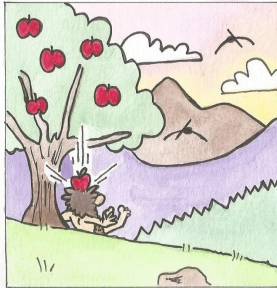
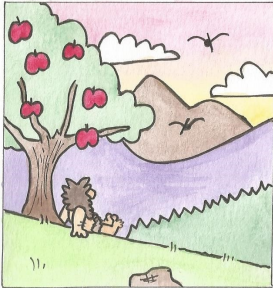
TYSOE'S VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



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VISIT YOUR FAVOURITE LOCAL TOURIST SPOTS VIRTUALLY

I'm beginning to miss being a tourist. So I thought I'd try some of the local virtual experiences on offer - makes a change from yet another Netflix box set. Here are my top three:

Compton Verney Art Gallery & Park was due to be showcasing two brand new exhibitions: '*Cranach: Artist and Innovator*' and '*Fabric: Touch and Identity*'. They've moved both online, allowing you to explore the exhibits with detailed photography and narrated information by the artists - comptonverney.co.uk

Oxford's Ashmolean has launched 'Ashmolean From Home'. The museum was set to be staging the highly anticipated '*Young Rembrandt*'. Now you can watch the curator's introduction and explore some of the artist's most iconic works. They are also encouraging you to submit your own #isolationcreations via social media - ashmolean.org

Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust is one of my favourite tourist haunts. During lockdown they've launched a lecture series entitled '*What Was Shakespeare Really Like?*' Plus there are a set of shorts featuring famous faces and you can even download a virtual souvenir - your own Zoom background! - shakespeare.org.uk

There's a more detailed run down on the www.weekendtourist.co.uk or Fb [@theweekendtourist](https://www.facebook.com/theweekendtourist).

Jessica Friend Bartlett

MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE— BEE HAPPY!



Photo Rev George Heighton

The wildlife charity Plantlife encouraged us all to leave our mowers in the shed for **NO MOW MAY** and let the flowers grow. This is because when it comes to providing vital nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects, **every flower counts** and your lawn can help provide that feast. We've been promoting this on Facebook and with posters in the village and also provided

suggestions for making a '**Scaremow**' to protect them. A national 'flower count' is taking place from 23rd to 31st May to count the flowers on your lawn and find out how many bees it can support. See: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/everflowercounts/login/>.

In the churchyard April's wonderful display of primroses has been followed by bluebells (the Spanish variety), Cow Parsley, Alkanet and Greater Celandine. The wildflower areas are growing and the first Yellow-rattle plants that were sown in the plot nearest the church have started to flower. Yellow-rattle is semi-parasitic and feeds on the nutrients in the roots of nearby grasses. We're using it to suppress vigorous grasses, to allow other species to flourish. The new wildflower area on the bank in School Lane is also growing well and the leaves of several flowering plants are starting to appear. Rosemary Collier



TYSOE FLOWER SHOW 2020 - CANCELLATION

It was with great sadness last night that the Flower Show Committee made the unwanted but inevitable decision to cancel this year's Show. Brailes and Cherington have already cancelled theirs, so we are in good company along with Wimbledon and Test cricket. We will be back even stronger in 2021, so start preparing your entries for 21 Aug 21. David Sewell



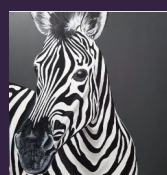
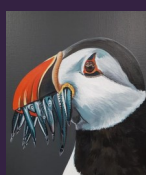
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Stay safe and we hope to see you soon!

Melanie and Penny

TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE



May has been a busy month again.

1. With over 33% of parishioners' votes, we are very pleased with our winning logo designed by David Freke, Lower Tysoe.
2. The accounts for year 2019-20 have been checked reviewed by the Parish Clerk and a Councillor and we are happy they are ready for the Internal Audit. Bill Wooliston will review our annual accounts this year once the lockdown is lifted.
3. The budget for 2020-21 has been uploaded into our accounting software, Scribe.
4. The Council's Financial Regulations have been reviewed and updated. This important document governs the conduct of financial management by the council. A copy is available at www.tysoe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tysoe-Parish-Council-Financial-Regulations-2020.pdf. The Council's Standing Orders are currently under review and will be published soon.
5. Our Medication Collection service continues to be provided. Please remember to send a request for all collections. To protect your data we delete your records after each collection.
6. The Neighbourhood Planning Group continue to liaise with Stratford District Council to agree a revised draft of the Tysoe Neighbourhood Plan. We will share the final draft once complete.
7. We have processed several items of correspondence including concerns over posts on verges, mowing and obstruction of highways.
8. If you could make use of our small Epson colour printer that is WIFI enabled please email parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk .

Beverley Thorpe



Message from Kari Gummer

I would just like to say what a wonderful village Tysoe is. Everyone is so kind. I've been so well looked after during lockdown. Jane and Erin have taken Max for walks, while my birthday celebrations were amazing! THANK YOU

ST MARY'S CHURCH



I'm writing after the first cautious relaxation of the Coronavirus lockdown. There is little change which affects our worship. We continue to hold 'virtual' services, using Zoom, on Sunday at 11 and Wednesday at 10. If you wish to know more please either email or call me (details below).

Weddings, baptisms and funerals

Sunday worship is not the only thing affected by church closures. Couples have had to postpone weddings, baptisms have stopped, and funerals can only be held at the graveside or at crematoria, with a limited number of mourners present. This is difficult for families and friends. Many cannot attend because they are at risk, either being shielded or in isolation. I find it a personal challenge as I am unable to meet people face to face. This makes funeral preparation particularly difficult. Many families are planning for memorial services when churches are reopened, to say a proper good-bye to their loved ones.

The Church of England's Bishops have ruled clergy can access churches for prayer or to record a service. However, after a lot of prayer, I have decided not to for two reasons: I wish to preserve the unity of being part of the body of Christ, while others cannot enter a church building I feel I would be taking advantage of my position if I was to do so. Secondly, the church is more than the building; it is the people of God. "Christ Jesus himself [is] the cornerstone," writes Paul to the church in Ephesus. "In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

I look forward to when we can worship together again in St Mary's. Until then, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

God bless you,

George

Revd George Heighton

Email revgeorgeh@outlook.com

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TRIBUTE TO MARY DOWLER

Some of you here in Tysoe will perhaps know Mary from when she carried out some legal work for you, as a friend or just as someone who always said hello and was seen walking up and down the village with a short grey-haired bloke!



My beautiful Mary has very recently left me alone with her love and many happy memories. Mary touched the soul of each and every person that she came into contact with and brightened their lives. She was jam-packed with Love.

We are continually hearing about the selfless care being provided by NHS and Nursing Home staff during these unprecedented times and I have personally been most humbled by the kindness, professionalism and sheer amount of love bestowed upon Mary by the staff at Green Pastures Christian Nursing Home in Banbury.

If you feel that you would like to celebrate your personal memories of Mary, then I would be most grateful if you could donate to this charity online: <http://www.eddfrostanddaughters.co.uk/tributes-and-donations/>.

Or by send a postal donation to: Avril Howe, Clinical Lead Nurse, Green Pastures Christian Nursing Home, Bath road, Banbury OX16 0TT

Thank you so very much.

Paul Dowler

NEW CHURCH APPOINTMENT

Revd Heather Parbury is the new Associate Minister for the South Feldon Group of parishes. She and her husband Philip will live in Brailes Vicarage and Heather will work part-time, ministering in all five churches and communities. Her licensing is not likely to be before September.

TENNIS CLUB UPDATE - COURTS ARE REOPENED

Following the Government's announcements, the tennis courts are now open for restricted play. LTA guidelines stipulate that, unless it is with members of your own household, you can only play singles. You must only touch your own marked balls, not change ends, keep social distancing, use hand sanitiser, clean and wipe down equipment, etc. and not use the Clubhouse or Pavilion. Again, please check on our website for full details. Most of us ladies (and maybe some men too) don't play singles so we can't wait to play doubles again.

In line with LTA guidelines some individual coaching will be taking place on the courts for junior players on Wednesday and Friday afternoons run by our coaching partner Tennissolutions. Please check on the Club website for updates.

Contact:

- Club Secretary – Carol Spencer
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HIGHLIGHT OF THE GARDEN AT UPTON HOUSE



The *Davidia involucrate* is a highlight of the Wild Garden, named after a French missionary and naturalist, Armand David, who was the first westerner to recognise and collect specimens. Also known as the Handkerchief Tree, it is native to western China (where Armand was living between 1862-1874).

Sadly, Upton House and Gardens remain closed. When we reopen it will be gradual with pre-booking to safeguard local communities.

With best wishes from all of us at Upton.

WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD

What rollercoaster weather in May! The warmer days and sunshine meant watering the blueberries more often, then the brutal nights of frost. Hopefully the orchard is strong enough to withstand such setbacks. As we move to June we can look forward to warmer days and nights and the ripening of soft fruits, we usually start picking early July.



Everything is pretty healthy apart from the usual peach leaf curl and mildew on some gooseberries, plus aphids on the trees. Volunteers have been amazing! Grass cutting, strimming between the rows of canes and bushes and also round the trees (while social distancing). The sensory garden is coming along nicely, the overgrown herbs are being reduced so the new growth can come through.

The Community Orchard is 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 www.wot2grow.co.uk

FOOD BANK - HELP AND DONATIONS



The Food Bank in Shipston is open to anyone who finds they might be in need of a bit of help to tide them over. We know there may be people who need something at the moment, but who have never accessed help before. *That's fine, you're not alone.*

And you don't need a referral or a voucher. Just come along on a Tuesday or Saturday morning between 10 and 12. We operate out of St Edmund's Church (opposite the chip shop). You can come as often as you need. You can also get help by asking Rev George Heighton Tel: 01295 680201 Email: revgeorgeh@outlook.com and he can contact us.

DONATIONS

If you can help with donations to the Foodbank there are boxes in the porches at the Tysoe Vicarage and the Methodist Chapel. We need tinned potatoes, fruit juice and spreads (jam, marmite etc).

HOME SCHOOLING REPORTS

We go onto welearn365.com at around 8.30am, get our work by email and print it off. After that we do PE with Joe, and once that's finished we settle down to do our school work.

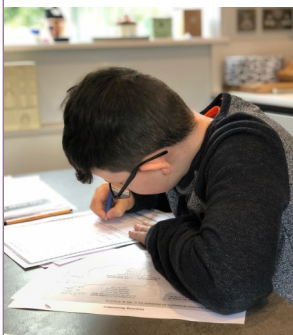
School provides us with a lot! They send us a Maths and English task every day and they also give us extra topics or Geography ideas. They send links to fun maths games on Tablesmaster and TablesRockstars.



At home I find my brother quite disruptive. Once I've completed my maths and English there's not so much to keep me busy, although in the afternoons we do our exercise, topic work, bake or some other activity.

In the grand scheme of things, I enjoy home schooling but I would like to go back to school to see my friends. It does get pretty boring being stuck at home for 23 hours a day and just getting out for an hour's exercise.

Angel Stevenson, Year 6, Tysoe Primary School



For me home schooling starts about 9am. I print off the work set by my teacher and then work until 10.30am when I have a break, then I carry on till 2pm with an hour lunch break. I do Maths and English in the morning.

I don't like doing the mathematics part of schooling because you have to count up loads of different numbers, but I really like the English because it is easy to get the flow of it and "into the zone" whereas maths takes a long time and concentration, but

I think I'm getting better at it now.

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

I'm not missing my friends because I see most of them on video chats. My friends don't really like home-schooling as they find it boring as well.

Byron Stevenson Year 5, Tysoe Primary School

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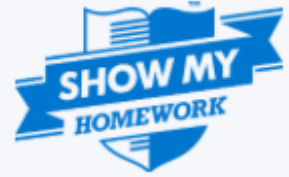
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THOUGHTS FROM TWO TYSOE TEENAGERS

Since the coronavirus pandemic has forced us into lockdown we've been using technology to help us home school. It has been difficult as distractions are harder to ignore in a home setting. As Year 9s, this year's work is crucial as GCSEs are looming. At Alcester Grammar and Shipston High, we receive work everyday through a website called Satchel One (AKA Show my Homework).



We receive projects as well as daily lessons. Having a project differs from regular work because it allows us to research things that interest us as opposed to just doing the curriculum. It also gives us the opportunity to use our creativity. At our schools in Year 9 we continue all subjects as much as possible although some lessons are much different to how we complete them in school, for example drama has become more theory and art has become less creative due to the limited resources we have available.

Home schooling is tricky as somethings we have to learn can be difficult to understand and contacting a teacher in time for the deadline can be challenging. However, home schooling is definitely the safest way to continue our education until such time as we are allowed back.

We contact our school friends by FaceTime and Zoom, but it is not the same and we do miss daily interactions with our friends. Perhaps we could have the occasional lesson via Zoom so we could see our friends and ask questions of the teachers.

zoom



Coronavirus has changed our lives an incredible amount. Home schooling could be improved by reducing the amount of work we receive and making it easier to get help, but teachers are doing what they can as they are experiencing this pandemic too.

We'd would love to hear from other Tysoe teenagers. Please email us: tysoerecord@gmail.com

Aimee Marcuse-Harris
Year 9-Alcester Grammar School
and **Millie Marcuse-Harris**
Year 9 - Shipston High School

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