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## MESSAGE FROM THE RECORD OFFICE

The Record is very sorry to say goodbye to Beverley Thorpe. She does not feel she can commit to being a sub-editor going forward, so she has stepped away for now. We are incredibly grateful for her energy, dynamism and organisational skills. She has helped relaunch the Record in its current style and provided a great template for us to continue.

### Welcoming our New Team Members

We are delighted to welcome Sue Weatherhead and Millie Proud to TEAM RECORD. Sue is going to help us with advertising and editorial, while Millie, at 22 years old is the youngest Record volunteer to date! She has been furloughed from her work and is going to help us manage the Tysoe & District Facebook page while she still has some free time on her hands.

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Everyone on the Record is a volunteer.

## SILVER LININGS

Every cloud has a silver lining. Although it may have been hard to find one a month ago, with hindsight I suspect the majority would agree lockdown could have been much worse. There's something about a crisis that brings out the best in the British. Be it Dunkirk or the Blitz; the national psyche keeps reminding us 'Never surrender'. Though, for many of us, this was our first national crisis, like previous generations, ours has risen to the challenge.



Picture by Lily Rogers,  
Art Challenge entry.

Luckily there's much good in Tysoe. The PC immediately started marshalling an army of volunteers to look after the vulnerable. To many this happened, like much in Tysoe, apparently by magic. But, nothing could be less true it was by dint of hard work, meticulous planning and careful co-ordination of the many volunteers, who put the village before themselves, that we have survived thus far. The silence, and joys of meeting one's neighbours for the weekly clap and being able to cycle locally enjoying the wildlife in the verges make me feel truly sorry for the unfortunate city dwellers.

Perhaps the only downside for Tysoe has been living in the flight path of Sherington International Aerodrome? Thankfully, in common with much of the aviation industry, the users' finances seem to be in such a parlous state only 50% of their aircraft can afford engines.

We took the decision to try and retain normality by keeping the Record going. Although a challenge, we believe it to have been right. If any subscriber, who has not received recent copies of the Record, wants one please let us know. Corona has highlighted several shortcomings in Record production, which we are trying to resolve. Most just require additional manpower. If you would like to join the Record Team please let us know.

Editor

## RESULTS FROM OUR ART CHALLENGE

In the May Issue of the Record we tasked our readers to come up with an illustration for one of the poems from our Poetry Challenge. We had a good spread of entries from both children and adults. **Alfie Dudley** aged 7 years was voted the WINNER with his picture of 'The Windmill'. Our judges, Bob and Joy Ashby, felt it was *'a sensitive and comprehensive interpretation of the poem'*.

Alfie holding his winning entry:

### The Windmill

By Allison Aves

When walking from a Cotswold dale  
My heart is lifted by a sail  
A-peeping from the hillside top  
As I stride up without a stop.  
It rises high above the stone

On sturdy tower stood all alone.  
If only I could travel back  
In time, and find along that track  
The miller with his floury sack  
Trudging upwards in the morn.  
Towards that hilltop in the dawn,  
While larks and thrushes soaring glide  
And wrens in shadowed hedgerows hide.



### Highly Commended

The entries of **Emily Hunt** (aged 13) with her picture of 'Molly the Cat' (see left), and **Colin Bartlem** (aged 13) in the younger section were both highly commended. While **Kelly Dudley's** entry was highly commended in the adult section.

## NATURE NOTES—GRASSHOPPERS

I spotted a colony of grasshoppers in the allotments in early June and it reminded me what engaging and relatively noisy insects they can be. They, and crickets, belong to the insect family known as Orthoptera, as do their larger and more voracious cousins, the locusts. There are 27 native species of grasshopper and cricket. They are common in many habitats, cause no apparent damage, and provide a source of food for birds such as skylarks and grey partridge, for lizards and slow-worms, and small mammals such as harvest mice. Crickets also help with pest control by, for example, eating greenfly.



Like butterflies, grasshoppers and crickets are considered important indicators of the state of the natural environment. The *Grasshoppers and Related Insects Recording Scheme* was launched in 1968 and information gathered by volunteers shows how grasshoppers and crickets are responding to changes in land use and climate. Indeed, there have been some enormous changes over the last few decades; several species that were once rare have become more widespread, whilst other more common species have declined. In addition, a number of new species have arrived in Britain, probably expanding their range in response to climate change.

The grasshoppers in the allotments are most likely to be the common field grasshopper. The adults are active from June until late autumn, feeding on grasses and other plants. The males display by rubbing their legs against their wings to create a brief, single chirp, repeated at short intervals. The females lay their eggs in the soil and these hatch in the following spring. In the allotments I saw lots of youngsters, which look like the adult grasshoppers, but are smaller and have no wings.

Rosemary Collier





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## MINDFULNESS AND NATURE

There have been unexpected positives of lockdown. For those not run off their feet as key workers, parents or carers, life has slowed down. Living in Tysoe Parish, even if gardens are small, we have this beautiful rural landscape in which to meander. And this year, forced to do less and go nowhere, we've been able to watch spring and summer unfurl in ways that, perhaps, we haven't before.

It's been a stressful year for nature – a wet winter, a dry spring, the winds too often from the north. Yet nature's resilience inspires us: the changing whites of the blackthorn, then hawthorn, then elder blossom in the hedgerows. The rich buttercup yellow of the meadows, the deep pink of the red campion, the fluffy cow parsley, then the mellow blues of the meadow cranesbill on the uncut verges, have been a joy. The dawn chorus has felt louder than ever, with so many baby birds coming into our gardens. Is the reduced pollution making a positive difference, or is it simply that this year we are more aware of the natural world around us?

Perhaps the answer is both. Certainly, many are experiencing the profound value of nature on their own sense of wellbeing. Whether gardening, taking a stroll or just pausing to watch from an armchair or field gate, nature refreshes us. It calms us, centring us, helping us find our feet in the here and now, in the company of the goldfinches, small tortoiseshells, dog roses, busy hoverflies and bumblebees ...

As lockdown lifts, feelings of anxiety are rising, so how can we *not* slide back into a frantic lifestyle? We can decide not to drive (or fly) unless it's really necessary – each one of us helping keep air pollution down, minimising damage to the environment. And, just as valuably, we can resolve to make time every day to pause, to watch nature, and do so for long enough to regain that sense of quiet calm, retaining or regaining the sense of stillness and presence discovered in lockdown.

Emma Restall Orr  
Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve

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## GETTING UP CLOSE TO NATURE WITH RICHARD ELLIS

Many Tysoe Facebook followers will be familiar with the wonderful images by Richard Ellis. The Record caught up with him to discover the secrets to his art.

### **How long have you been into photography?**

My photography has really taken off in the last 2-3 years after a trip to Utah, USA. If I'm away with work, I'll take a camera with me to places like the Forth Bridge in Scotland or to Ireland and capture cityscapes like Dublin or Belfast in my downtime.



### **What is your favourite type of photography?**

Working in the motorsport industry I can shoot those events for free. I photographed the Rally GB in mid Wales which I really enjoyed, but landscape and nature/wildlife are my favourites. I love the peace and separation of nature away from my noisy world. It's a great balance!



### **What equipment do you use?**

Nikon is my preferred brand, I shoot with both DSLR and Mirrorless. I use various lenses from large telephoto (wildlife) to a really wide angle fixed prime (one length) lens for landscapes/astro. I also use macro lenses (flowers/insects/butterflies) for max magnification. A high, quality general zoom lens is always attached to the camera which covers most general subjects.

### **Tell us about the front cover photo: The Tysoe Hare**

I've followed the same drove of hares for over two years on and off, stopping off virtually every day after work, so these guys (the older ones) are quite used to me lying amongst the grasses with a huge camera and lens. I've managed to capture some very special moments.

### **Have you got any tips for budding photographers?**

The best tips I tell people is to learn your equipment, keep doing what you do but do your own thing, don't follow others. Learn your subject (wildlife) wait watch and listen as 'photography is always more than just the click.'

You can see more of Richard's work at: [richardephotography.com](http://richardephotography.com) or on Facebook and Instagram (see inside back cover for his contact details).



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## THE MAKING OF TYSOE: THE CHURCHYARD SURVEY

Even before the launch of The Making of Tysoe Project in March, a team of volunteers had already started transcribing St Mary's churchyard memorials as part of the project. With lockdown now relaxed the group is back (keeping 2m apart). Our drone-assisted plan has 446 surviving memorials; we have recorded about 300. The final number may be higher as we unearth more or recognise stones as belonging to lost memorials.



Carved headstone c.1740

Sunlight can both reveal or completely obscure lettering and decoration, depending on the time of day. A good torch is essential, the best we've found is the blinding LED sort which cyclists use. Sometimes taking a mobile phone photograph and fiddling with the contrast etc. can make inscriptions clearer and many epitaphs include scriptural quotes and a few words entered into Google on-site can often recover the full text. One bitter 1790s epitaph runs: "This world is full of crooked streets/ Death is the marketplace where all men meets/ If life was merchandise that men could buy/ The rich would always live; the poor must die". The family it commemorates had just been bankrupted.

We use earlier surveys, parish records and historic photographs to fill out the story of the village families whose memorials we record. Many earlier memorials were cleared periodically to make way for new interments and for ease of maintenance. Those around the boundary wall are still accessible, but many were dispersed throughout the village. Our earliest headstone – Paul Hiorn 1671 - is actually built into the boundary wall near the school.

We are keen to hear about reused inscribed stones which your readers might know of, and also memories of any clearance episodes, and any pre-1970 photographs showing the churchyard. The aim is to make the survey results fully accessible to all.

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## THE WONDER OF 3D PRINTING

As I lie in bed slowly waking up to the new day, a gentle hum is emanating from the room below. The reverberation isn't a continuous one, and intermittently with the humming there are gentle thuds of the printer head moving backwards and forwards. It is a sound I recognise well after a year on placement in a 3D printing and design workshop in Sheffield.

Based in Tysoe for the lockdown, I bought my own 3D printer. I was chuffed and excited to get it working, so after a day of assembly I had my first 3D model complete. This was amazing! I had designed something on my laptop, set it up on a printer and created it within a couple of hours. Within the week my room was teeming with plastic parts that I designed. A few days later I found plastic oozing out of the side of the printer, and a thick lump hardened around the nozzle, but I ordered new parts, cleaned everything up, and within a fortnight it was fixed again.

3D printing allows you to create parts which are impossible to mould in any other way. It has led to great innovations, particularly in the medical field. Face visors, masks and other PPE equipment have been 3D printed and supplied to Covid-19 key workers. One-off prototypes of new designs can be produced cheaply and within days. There are different types of 3D printing, some involve lasers, some by electrification, while sustainable, recyclable materials are being explored to take the place of plastic.



I love designing things, and watching those creations come to life. One day I hope I might create a business from it. As I write this, my printer sits idle, waiting patiently for its next exciting project. If you need me to design anything or print anything off – please get in touch.

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Who could have imagined, just a few years ago, that three working women would be communicating with the world on a daily basis from their homes in Tysoe?

### **Jane Ellis**

#### **IT Integration Product Manager – Jaguar Land Rover**

Each Monday I set up “the Star Ship Enterprise” on my kitchen table. This is what my husband has dubbed my two screens, docking station and keyboard as they are so big! I spend my day on Microsoft Teams so I can communicate with my team of over 100 people based across the world. A typical day for me would be an early morning meeting with the team in Shanghai, China followed by a meeting with my offshore development team who are based in Pune, India. The afternoon could consist of calls with the team based in Mahwah, New Jersey, USA and local calls to my management team based in the UK. It’s always a challenge to organise the meetings around the time differences!

### **Ruth Dorrell**

#### **‘Warwick in Africa’, part of the University of Warwick**

At this time of year I would normally be sending about 75 volunteers off to Ghana, Tanzania or South Africa to work in one of our partner schools to help advance the teaching of English and Maths. Instead, our activity has all moved online, which I manage from my computer in Tysoe. We use WhatsApp to mentor our Lead Teachers. While our student volunteers are running research projects to enable us to do more work in 2021 on raising aspirations. [www.warwick.ac.uk/warwickinafrica](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/warwickinafrica)

### **Jo Small**

#### **Coach, Emporium of Positivity**

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How astonishing is that!

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# BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION



During lockdown more time than ever has been spent in our gardens. With no Open Gardens or Flower Shows this year, I thought we should have a 'Front Gardens Competition'.

Judging will be from the roadside with social distancing rules applied.

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- Small Garden up to 100sq.m
- Large Garden
- Pots /Tubs on Hard Standing
- Children's Scarecrow

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Dillon will  
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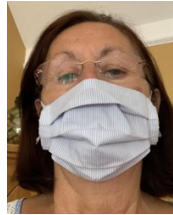
**Good luck everyone!**

***"Come on good people of Tysoe, let's show off our gardens and have some fun." Faith Hall, organiser.***



## TYSOE W.I. - MAKING FACE COVERING MASKS

The Tysoe W.I. Craft Group, with members and friends, has been very busy making scrubs, scrub bags, well-being bags and masks for NHS frontline and key workers. Demand has now slowed down so we felt it was time to turn our attention to our own community. After making masks for our members, we are now offering them to you.



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## TYSOE'S RING OF SIX IS SILENT

In their 1964 song “Sound of Silence” Simon and Garfunkel express their sorrow over the inability of people to communicate with one another, in much the same way we could too if we were to reflect on what lockdown has done to the wonderful ‘ring of six’ in Tysoe. They have been silenced completely, except for the regular clock chimes, since mid-March with no end in sight. . . or earshot!



Photo by Christine Tuffin

Do you remember October 19, 2019? A three-hour peal was rung, without interruption in celebration of the tricentennial of four of the six bells, which had been cast in 1719 by Richard Sanders: the 1 or treble (lightest), the 2, the 3 and the 6 or tenor (heaviest). During that peal, a feat of discipline and concentration and stamina, I was standing in awe in the churchyard and overheard these comments: “How wonderful! How quintessentially English! How lucky we are in Tysoe, having our church, our tower, our ring of bells and our own band of dedicated bellringers!!” Niels Benatar

*“What do they do, when all the ropes are still,  
When silence creeps again into her bower,  
When the stunned air is quiet from its thrill.  
And he, who bears the lantern, locks the tower?”*

From a poem by John Masefield  
(Poet Laureate 1930-1967)

### Tysoe's Bellringers

David Bell, Graham Collier, Linda Leonard, Carroll Lymbery, Jane Millward, Emma Moffat, Tom Moffatt, Muriel Paxton, David Rake, Jenny Tongue, Trevor Williams.



David Bell,  
Tower Captain,  
and David Rake

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**APRIL** - 1st 117, 2nd 160, 3rd 60, 4th 65

**MAY** - 1st 137, 2nd 144, 3rd 158, 4th 147

**JUNE** - 1st 16, 2nd 1, 3rd 119, 4th 52

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## GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

### Three local attractions now open to visit post-lockdown

If you follow me on Instagram (@theweekendtourist) you'll have seen that since lockdown measures have been slightly lifted and more outdoor attractions are opening, we've visited three near to Tysoe to give you the low down.

**Compton Verney:** You can view their collections virtually, but a £5 grounds pass will allow you access to the Capability Brown landscape gardens and sculpture trail. The pass is valid to 4th July, but must be bought online before you go (wifi is patchy there!) There are also outdoor tables and plenty of spots to take your own picnic. Toilet facilities were available.



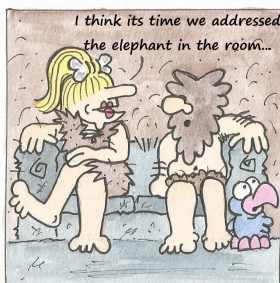
**Kiftsgate Gardens:** Kiftsgate Court Gardens is about a 30 minute drive in Moreton in Marsh direction. The gardens have been nurtured by three generations of female gardeners from the Muir family and are famous for their own rambling rose - The Kiftsgate Rose. The gardens are open from midday and take contactless payments. They've also laid out a one way route to help social distancing. This was our favourite trip and for a couple of hours you felt like you were in the Med! Again WC facilities were open.

**Rollright Stones:** The Rollright Stones have been open for a while and are free to visit, although donations to the charity that looks after them are greatly encouraged. The stones are full of myth and legend and are part of several walking routes. A short diversion from Walk 17 in the *20 Walks in Shipston Country* by Peter Titchmarsh (available to purchase in Tysoe Shop) fits in quite nicely here.

A full guide to places open for visiting is available on the blog [weekendtourist.co.uk](http://weekendtourist.co.uk)

**Jess Friend**

## KEVIN THE CAVEMAN



## RAISING MONEY FOR THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME



Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> was to be Tysoe Open Gardens weekend for the NGS, making it the fifth year visitors to Tysoe would have enjoyed ten of the village gardens, followed by tea and cakes in the village hall.

Unfortunately it was cancelled due to the covid-19 virus. So Christine Duke from Kernel Cottage, decided to sell plants, raised from those growing in her garden, for the NGS medical charities on the planned weekend. Despite the awful weather there was a lot of support and she has raised £100.

Garden Cottage / Walled Kitchen Garden on Shipston Road was also due to open along with other gardens. We also sell plants for the NGS from seeds, cuttings and divisions from plants in the garden as well as produce from our walled kitchen garden.

In addition to the sales we make for the NGS on the open weekend, throughout the year we have a trolley at the bottom of the drive selling the plants and any excess fruit and vegetables. At the end of each year we distribute the money to various charities each year.

We have decided to give the same sum to the NGS as we raised for them last year, so between the two gardens we have raised £250 to support the NGS. Thank you to everyone who has bought plants and produce to make this donation possible.

Sue & Mike Sanderson

## MEMORIES OF TYSOE FLOWER SHOW

As lockdown has forced us to cancel this year's Flower Show, we thought this would be a good time to celebrate the long history of our traditional country show by winking out the stories and photos hidden away in our memories, attics and cupboards before they are lost to posterity. The aim is to tell the story of the Flower Show, in words and pictures, and to share our memories, the more amusing the better, on the Record's Facebook page alongside a special 'Flower Show' edition of the Record. All contributions welcome.



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Bridget Norton

## MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

The wildflower areas in the Churchyard and School Lane have made good progress during the last few weeks and the area closest to the church has been a blaze of yellow – with buttercups and yellow rattle. The bank in School Lane is starting to reveal a variety of wildflowers, suppressed for many years by the regular mowing, but which have managed to hang on.



Most spectacular in early June were the ox-eye daisies, which are also allowed to flourish in other parts of the village. My gardening hero Dan Pearson, published a lovely blog about them at the beginning of June <http://digdelve.com/leucanthemum-vulgare/>.

This year the wildflower charity Plantlife has been promoting 'No Mow May' to promote the fact that when it comes to providing vital nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects, the flowers in an average-sized lawn can produce enough nectar each day to support over a thousand honeybees. We had a small campaign in Tysoe and counted the flowers in some of the unmown areas in the Churchyard wildflower area, a single square metre contained over 500 flowers!

Rosemary Collier



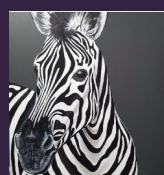
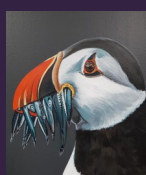
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If something takes your fancy we can arrange viewing, delivery or collection following safe distancing rules.

Stay safe and we hope to see you soon!

*Melanie and Penny*

## TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

I am relieved to report that our annual Internal Audit is now booked for the 7th July. Legally the audit must be completed by end July. This date is immovable regardless of the lockdown situation so we were getting close to the wire.



The Internal Audit scrutinises the running of our Parish Office. Auditor Bill Woolaston will be reviewing our processes and procedures and providing feedback on where we can improve. Once the audit is complete the Council will then meet to sign off the findings at an Extra-Ordinary meeting planned for 22 July at 19.15. This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom and will have a very slimline agenda, that is to sign off the annual accounts and the audit. More information about the meeting on the 22 July will be posted on the website and communicated via our newsletter closer to the date. To subscribe to our newsletter please email your request with your first and last name to [parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk).

### Other news

The Council's Standing Orders have been reviewed and updated. Along with the Financial Regulations, the Standing Orders are one of the pillars of the Council's governance. These are available to view at [www.tysoe.org.uk](http://www.tysoe.org.uk) (go to the **Parish Council** tab). We are also close to finalising our Risk Management Policy and Plan for the year.

### Reporting Footpaths

Whilst most of us walk with a pair of secateurs in our pockets at this time of year, you may come across footpaths that are still impassable even after a bit of judicious pruning here and there. If the footpath has a waymarker showing that it is WCC you can report the problem at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rightsofway>. If you need help to identify the footpath reference please email [parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk)

Beverley Thorpe



## ST MARY'S CHURCH



In June we began a period which is known in the church as “ordinary time”; the liturgical colour is green. Ordinary Time isn't a very exciting title - it is the season when there are no major festivals. It could be called ‘a season of growing’. Our farmers would tell us that all year round is a season for growth, but traditionally this was the main growing time, leading up to harvest festival. I expect the colour green ties the church's year in with the farming year, and the fields around the village do look green and full of life.

Due to the pandemic we are missing some of our summer events like the church fête. Instead of having our usual leavers' service with a tea for the children in our school who will be moving on in September we will be doing it using Zoom. We wish them well and hope to continue to see them as they grow and flourish.

For some of you who may wish to visit the church for private prayer, it is now open on Tuesdays between 10am and 12 noon and on Fridays from 2pm to 4pm. Please follow the notices about hygiene and social distancing. God bless you,

George

Rev. George Heighton      T: 01295 680201, E: revgeorgeh@outlook.com

### **A Personal Message from Ray Burrows**

After a spell in hospital, I'd like to say a big thank you to my friends and neighbours:

- ◆ To Paul and Mandy for phoning the ambulance and of course the NHS
- ◆ To Richard and Donna for looking after Bailey.
- ◆ To Colin and Chris Locke, Matt Cheney, Fred and Kath Williams, Roger and Angela Oliver, my beautiful daughter for visiting . . . .and above all,
- ◆ To Peter Randerson who has put me back on track.

Thank you all,  
Ray Burrows

## OBITUARY SHIRLEY GUBBINS

Please can I thank everyone for the show of respect for Shirley it was very moving and appreciated by Peter and myself.

Shirley was born in Tysoe on the 29th of March 1949 brought into the world by the village midwife Nurse Hunt who lived in The Elms in Sandpits Road. She lived with our parents and grandparents in 6 Parke Row until 1953 when we moved into the newly built Middleton Close at number 3. We moved back to 6 Parke Row after our grandparents died.

She attended Tysoe primary school where she formed life long friendships with Heather Calvert, Heather Turner, Sue Haines, Diane Eden, Robin Hancox and Roger Oliver who all still live in the village today. It was just before her move on to Kineton High School that she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes an illness that she suffered with for the rest of her life.

In her youth she was a MOD and loved the music of Roy Orbison, early soul music and Tamla Motown. On leaving school she trained as a short hand typist and worked at Alcan Laboratories in Banbury.

She met Peter and they married at St Mary's Church, Tysoe in July 1971. They moved into their new and only home together at 36 Middleton Close. Many of you would know Shirley from her time in the village shop where she worked part-time for many years. She was always smiling and welcoming to everyone.

She always loved knitting and many babies in the village have benefited from her efforts as have a fair few adults. At one time she was knitting for a boutique in London.

Shirley loved her nephews and nieces and her great nephews and nieces, She was a devoted wife and the best sister a brother could ask for. At 71 she was taken too early and she will be greatly missed. A true Tysonian, I hope the angels are prepared for random wool tank tops at Christmas.

Nigel Hibbert  
(Shirley's brother)

## TENNIS CLUB UPDATE - COURTS ARE REOPENED

Yippee! We are now able to play doubles at last, albeit adhering to new lockdown rules. We have to use our own marked balls, not touch other players' balls and change ends clockwise keeping a safe distance. None of these rules proved difficult to follow and lots of members have now been using the courts. Summer club sessions are Tuesday evenings from 7pm and Sunday mornings from 10.30. Please visit the website to find out more or contact our Secretary.

### Contact:

Club Secretary – Carol Spencer  
07708 412767

[carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk)



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### Calling All Young Tennis Players

Are you bored of being at home? Fed up with doing the same things? The good news is Tysoe tennis courts are open and available for play. If you are interested, please contact Nicki as there are some rules that need to be followed to keep you safe. These are displayed on the club-house windows. We are making plans for the summer and hope to have:

- **A junior club session from 4 - 5pm one evening**
- **Coaching sessions if enough people are interested**
- **Perhaps a mini tournament for you to play with an adult**

We will be running **6 free sessions** for children aged 5 and upwards on Sunday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am. You do not need to be a member to come along and equipment can be provided. We will post dates on the Tysoe Tennis Club website/ Tysoe Noticeboard Facebook page nearer the time. The LTA guidelines on safe play will always be followed.

If you are missing your tennis, then the LTA have some fun activities for 4 - 7 and 8 -11-year olds that can be played at home. See <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/lta-youth/tennis-at-home/>

If you would like any further information, please contact Nicki Campbell on 01295 680772 or via email on [nicki@tysoe.net](mailto:nicki@tysoe.net).

## TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH

There is much to give thanks for during these trying and concerning times. We must be very thankful to have a community like ours.

The Methodist Church and Hall will remain closed for the time being. It is with regret that I announce that Rev Peter Powers is moving to a Circuit in Oxford, after serving us as Superintendent for five years. We wish him well, at least he will not be too far away. (Incidentally the Joseph Singalong which he organised has so far raised £695 for Motor Neurone Disease.) He will be replaced by Rev Lain Ballard in September. Meanwhile Rev J, Strain will be looking after Tysoe Methodists, along with Bidford, Mickleton and Welford Churches.

We wish Rev Tom Moffat and Emma well in their move to pastures new. Thank you for all you have done in this Parish and for your friendship to us at the Chapel. I will miss hearing your voice next to me in the Benefice Choir. Take care. Stay safe everyone.

Chris Gibbs



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## TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

So much has changed since school closed on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We miss all of our children and want nothing more than to see our school full again.

The children currently in school have been making pom poms and will be decorating the tree at the front of the school. To recognise that we are 'apart but together' we have invited the children at home to contribute their own pom pom too.

We are planning a virtual Sports Day and Leavers' Service since our children are not able to access these important traditions right now. We look forward to seeing the children's contributions and hope that next year we will be able to take part face to face once again.

We are incredibly proud of how our children have adapted and tackled their home learning with enthusiasm. The staff have provided a wide range of home learning and have kept contact with all of the children. We have enjoyed seeing the different activities the children have been doing at home. Two children were involved in a World Record challenge with Rob Biddulph. They were part of the largest ever online art lesson!



George Year 2



Eve Year 2

The children in school have been working on the same learning that teachers have been sending home. This week, one pod has been learning about Australia and created these lovely Sydney Opera House pictures.

**Paige Neale**  
Head of School

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## HOME SCHOOLING - A PARENT'S REPORT

Teachers have it so easy, don't they? Stroll in at 9 with a coffee, kick the kids out to play at half ten. An entire hour for lunch. Done and dusted by 3. Don't get me started on the six-week summer break. SEVEN if it's a private school. **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020** – All UK schools closed until further notice.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Ready for home school kids? This is going to be SO MUCH FUN. Mummy has got new pens, exercise books and reward stickers. We can have healthy lunches and playtime in the garden and an afternoon nature walk. I'll sit next to you with my laptop while you enjoy all of these exciting activities.

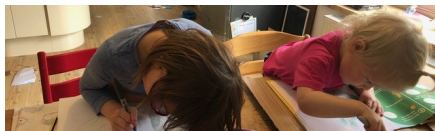
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - School has sent a learning plan but there's not much on it. You're such bright little poppets I'm sure you're going to whizz through it in no time. I'll add in some extra things that I've downloaded on the Internet. For FREE!

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Who knew you needed SO MUCH supervision just to colour in a picture! Mummy is falling a teensy bit behind with work but Daddy can put you to bed! Oh. Daddy is STILL on that Zoom call? The one that he's been on all afternoon? And it really IS bedtime isn't it.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**- Darlings you worked so hard last week that I think we should give ourselves a teacher training day. Yes, I know there are five things left to do, but honestly who cares what a fronted adverbial is. I've got an English degree and I have no idea! Yes, you run off and watch Netflix.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**—Right guys, let's get through this maths as fast as possible. Are you still wearing pyjamas? No, I suppose it doesn't make any difference. Is it really necessary to throw the pens at each other? And WHY is my laptop covered in stickers?

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**—Ok I've got a conference call so you're going to need a movie that's at least an hour long. No fighting, no painting, no den building. If I'm longer than lunchtime, get yourselves some crisps. Don't kill each other.



Lucy Willcock

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Children having fun outdoors.

### Why not try out some Forest School activities?



Making pictures from nature

Take your children to an outdoor area they enjoy. Ask them to take a little time to pick out a particular tree that appeals to them. Can they take a closer look? What kind of leaves has it got? How does the trunk feel? Take some paper and crayons with you and make rubbings of the leaves and bark. It would be great if your child could return to their special tree at different times, you could talk about the seasonal changes, make drawings, tell stories or take photos. What sparks your child's interest? Have fun finding out together!

As this goes to print Covid-19 may still prevent attendance at *Forest School* sessions like ours at Compton Verney, but hopefully that will change soon.

Emma Butchart is responsible for Formal and Outdoor Learning at Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park. She is a qualified teacher and Forest School Leader.

Emma Butchart



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