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MESSAGE FROM THE RECORD OFFICE

While there was no Record in August that doesn't mean to say the office was on shutdown; far from it, the team has been beavering away:

- Reviewing our subscription charge / writing the questionnaire for our readers see insert middle pages. (Please complete and return.)
- Looking at the advertising rate card for 2021
- Checking our subscriber information for our distributors' rounds.

This last job was completed by Carol Clark who has recently joined us a Subscriptions Manager and also Treasurer, a role she is taking over from Paul Dowler. We are most grateful to Paul for all the work he has done for the Record over the years. Meanwhile Jude Canning has kindly agreed to take over from Sue Hart as our Distribution Coordinator.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Choose one of the following: email your copy to tysoerecord@gmail.com; message us on Facebook @tysoerecord; post hard copy at Dinsdale House, or Orchard House, Back Lane; contact one of the team and we will write it down for you. The next deadline for the October Issue is 17 SEPTEMBER 2020.

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TIME REMEMBERED— A HARVEST OF YESTERYEAR

It had been a wonderful year on the farm, almost everything going according to plan, sowing, lambing, shearing, haymaking, and then harvest, cutting and stooking - misty mornings, warm after-



noons, plenty of hard work, and endless treks to the fields with cans of tea for refreshment and encouragement. Here we were; Saturday evening in golden September, milking done, tea over, and ready to enjoy the short respite before carrying the sheaves in the following Monday, weather permitting.

I made my way up above the farmhouse to what we called 'the Windmill field'. It was from this source that our water supply came. All around were stooks of sheaves like an army, at ease, awaiting the command, and the windmill standing upright in the centre, like a general addressing his troops.

As I entered the field gate, partridge scuttered out of the stubble, rabbits bobbed into the hedgerow and pheasants made towards the cover uttering their cries of "Catcha, catcha", as they browsed over the last grains of corn whilst the daylight lasted.

By now the shadows were lengthening, the dew falling and the harvest moon rising above Tysoe Windmill. (Little did I know that my future destiny lay in Tysoe). It was beautiful to behold, almost every field was full of sheaves stooked in smart rows, wheat, barley, oats: and my mind turned to the words of the Harvest Hymn - 'The valleys stand so thick with corn that even they are singing".

It was peaceful here: the windmill had ceased its work of pumping water from the well into the tank at the farm; it was as though the whole place was asleep - until a dog barked in the distant farmyard, probably aware of a fox nearby, or maybe a farm cat.

As I gazed towards Tysoe Windmill, my mind moved on to the lovely poem by H W Longfellow: "The Windmill". "Behold! A giant am I."

Margaret Gibbs Former Editor (1999 - 2007)

ABOUT MARGARET GIBBS—FORMER EDITOR

Margaret Gibbs was Editor of the Tysoe & District Record for eight years from 1999-2007. She took over from Mrs S M Willliams. Born in 1924 at Scotforth, just outside Lancaster, she moved to Tysoe with her father in 1944 when he gave up his coal business and took up farming instead at Nineveh Farm, Whatcote. Margaret met her husband, John Gibbs, at the Chapel in Whatcote. They were married in May 1946. She remembers her first home in Tysoe, a one-up, one-down cottage with no running water. At the grand age of 96, Margaret is Tysoe's oldest resident. She lives at Quo Vadis on Main Street, behind what used to be the village pond. Margaret has a remarkable memory. It is fascinating to hear her stories, like the one captured in this beautifully evocative editorial—*'Time Remembered'*.

THE RECORD BIDS FAREWELL TO GERALD & SUE HART



For the past twenty years Sue and Gerald Hart have been a vital part of the Record's production, responsible for binding and collating, bagging up copies, liaising with distributors, sending off postal copies, supplying the Post Office with spares and probably many more activities we don't even know about.

They retired from the Record back in July. David Sewell presented a bouquet while the rest of the team handed over a thank you card, with a Long Service Award inside. We hope they will both enjoy a well-earned rest and not have to look a staple in the face again!



DID YOU KNOW?

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

NATURE NOTES—MARVELLOUS MOTHS

The mid-August heatwave was a great time for seeing moths. A light trap run in our garden captured many different species. There are about 2,500 species of moth in Britain, many more species than our butterflies (about 70 species).



Although there are plenty of brown moths, some moths are beautifully marked and coloured. They

also have some lovely names, for example: Elephant Hawk Moth Angleshades, Annulet, Antler, Apple Leaf Skeletoniser, Argent & Sable, Ashworth's Rustic. Adult moths and their caterpillars are an important source of food for other insects, spiders, frogs, toads, newts, lizards, birds, bats and other small mammals. Many species of bird rely on caterpillars to feed their young.



Silver Y Moth

Whilst most species of moth spend all their lives in Britain, there are some that do not overwinter well here and arrive each year as migrants – just like birds. The Silver Y moth is one example, so called because of the distinctive silver Y mark on each forewing. It spends the winter in North Africa and the Middle East where there is food for the

caterpillars. During the summer, adult Silver Y moths move northwards using air currents to assist them. They complete at least one life-cycle in Europe and then, in late summer, a new generation of moths returns to their winter breeding grounds.

Sadly, as with all the wild species that I've written about, moths have been in decline for a good number of years and this is due, to a great extent, to the loss of habitat. The efforts that are being made locally to increase the diversity and abundance of



wild plants will all go towards supporting at least Burnished Brass Moth some species of moth, as well as butterflies and other insects.

Rosemary Collier

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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.

Our Farm Gate Pop Up is proving very popular at the weekends with our Friday Steak/Burger night and Sunday Morning Breakfast Club...further details on the blackboard on our gate off Back Lane or on the usual Facebook, Instagram or Twitter!

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DEAR MILKMAN



The dreadful Covid-19 has had very serious financial implications for many firms, yet some businesses have welcomed increased sales. Examples of the latter are Halfords, flour makers and doorstep deliverers of milk. Here is a selection of notes left in empty milk bottles for the milkman:

- Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.
- Milkman, please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk.
- Sorry about yesterday's note. I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round.
- Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?
- Do not leave milk at No.14 as he is dead until further notice.
- I've just had a baby, please leave another one.

Alan Birkbeck

TYSOE'S DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERIES

Tysoe has a long tradition of home deliveries. Heritage shop and bakery, established in 1833 by Doreen Smith's grand-father, employed 25 people including a full-time confectioner. It used to deliver



bread, pastries and provisions three times a week by horse-drawn carts to Upton House, Sunrising House and the villages of Radway, Arlescote, Kineton, Butlers Marston, Pillerton, Fulready, Idlicote, Honington, Epwell and Shutford, as well as delivering to shops in Shipston. The carts were subsequently replaced by black and yellow motorised vans.

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Since the lockdown we are offering a home delivery service for groceries and newspapers, simply email us on **mytysoeshop@gmail.com**.



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HOW TYSOE VILLAGE STORE RALLIED IN LOCKDOWN

Bart, Louise and the team are always there for us at our local village store. The Record grabbed some of Bart's valuable time to get a glimpse of the hard work and dedication it took to keep the shop open, safe and well stocked during Lockdown.

When the UK supply chain failed spectacularly, what actions did you take?



We were making changes before lockdown was announced. In the first weeks, we closed the Tea Rooms, introduced the sanitising station, bought masks for the team, upgraded the CCTV to monitor customer numbers, obtained narrow shopping trolleys to help with bigger shops, and started the Home Delivery Service. Our philosophy was to ensure Tysoe residents could survive without having to leave the village and we were determined to keep vulnerable customers and staff safe.

How easy was it to get supplies?

It was tough going. We regularly put in 14 hour days. It required creative thinking. Using our years of experience in the industry we contacted suppliers of hotel chains and coffee shops to put stock on the shelves.

Which achievements are you most proud of?

Our team of volunteers delivered over 2,500 orders, either same or next day to Tysoe and the surrounding villages. Louise, Caroline and Gwen excelled as 'pickers' working tirelessly to keep our customers happy. This delivery service is continuing and customers can place orders via mytysoeshop@gmail.com. We've even got a delivery van (see photo) and are considering a website!

Do you have plans to open the Tea Rooms?

Yes, but not until after September, and we will be focusing on takeaways, as the small size presents some social distancing challenges.

What has motivated you to do all this extra work?

We have always considered Tysoe a special village and during lockdown the community spirit was astonishing as demonstrated by the team, the volunteers and shoppers alike. Covid-19 was a monumental challenge but we're so proud of our team's resilient retail performance.

Sue Weatherhead



- An invisible shopkeeper
- Someone in trouble
- A five pound note
- A runaway trolley
- Terrible twins
- A magical bar of chocolate

If you need help, here are a few ideas you may wish to consider?

- What does 'The Village Shop' sell and what is it called?
- What do your characters look like?
- Are they clever or funny? Kind or bad tempered?
- Will your story make us roll around laughing, or will we be hiding in fear?
- Do you want a happy or a sad ending, or will we be left wondering?

Competition Rules

The competition is open to children up to the age of 15 who live in a 5 mile radius of Tysoe. There are three categories: Children up to 7 years, 8 to 11 and 12-15 years of age.

Closing date: Saturday 3rd October 2020.

Three first prizes of a £25 book token, a £20 voucher to spend in TYSOE VILLAGE STORES along with a writers' goody bag. The winning entries will all be illustrated by Josh Welsby. The three runners-up each receive a £15 book token and a £10 voucher to spend in TYSOE VILLAGE STORES.

Entries in a sealed envelope for the attention of Beki Benjamin, 'The Village Shop Competition' should be left in the box at Tysoe Village Stores. ALL entrants will be put into a prize draw for a chance to win a £20 voucher to spend at TYSOE VILLAGE STORES. Please include your name, **age**, address and a contact number or email.

Alternatively, you can email your entry to benjamins@acp-publishers.co.uk.

Sponsors: Bart Dalla Mura (Tysoe Village Stores) Beki Benjamin (Author of The Adventures of Mo at Butterbee Farm) Judges: Beki Benjamin, Josh Welsby, Bart Dalla Mura

The judges' decision is final.



Shopping is a strange experience in our new masked culture. Wearing a face mask. and seeing others wearing them, can be both uncomfortable and unsettling. The mask acts as a visual and constant reminder that things are not as they used to be. The barrier of material can make us feel removed and even threatened. When you're conversing with someone, you tend to pick up on things like posture, gestures, facial expressions and even breathing sounds. A lot of these cues are now hidden behind the mask or are more difficult to discern, so our brains have to work much harder. If you are feeling anxious shopping take comfort from the fact that you are not alone. Many of us are finding it hard to adjust to new face coverings. Jo Small





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THE MAKING OF TYSOE: THE KIWI CONNECTION

The churchyard memorial recording programme is now well advanced under the experienced eye of David Freke, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and Carol Clark's database. Some 500 memorials have been recorded in detail - photographs, decorative schemes, epitaphs and styles, as well as deciphering some inscriptions previously considered illegible. Fieldwork will be concluded in a few weeks' time and the full findings eventually posted on the Parish Council website.



Now is the time to start another part of the Project – the Kiwi Connection. In 1873 a large number of individuals, mostly farm labourers, emigrated from Tysoe, travelling first to Plymouth and then sailing in the Scimitar (as shown) to start new lives in

New Zealand. The journey took ten weeks. The 150th anniversary will be with us soon and we want to pull together all the information there is available from letters, photographs, newspaper cuttings, memories, anecdotes and memorabilia and produce a definitive account.

Why did they leave? Who were they? Where did they go to? What happened to them, and do any families keep in touch? We already have a useful corpus of information, but there must be more. If you have any documents or pictures that you would like to share (we will scan or photocopy and return), please let us know.

Also, we would be pleased to talk to anyone who has any information that they feel might be useful – this includes any information about the artist William Matthison who also had Tysoe connections, some of whose pictures were taken to New Zealand by the families. Please contact either:

> John Hunter on 01295 688418 j.r.hunter@bham.ac.uk Kevin Wyles on 01295 680786 kevinmwyles@hotmail.com

A MISCHIEF OF MAGPIES



I am grateful to Richard Ellis and his *drove* of hares for awakening a partially forgotten interest of mine. I refer to collective nouns.

Amongst my favourites are: a *mischief of magpies*, a *murmuration of starlings*, a *murder of crows* and a *charm of goldfinches*. If others would like to share their favourites with us please let us know by 17th Sept for inclusion in the next edition. Editor



Not sure what the collective noun is for a line-up of vintage tractors, at Herbert's Farm on 26 July. *Suggestions please!* Photo by Alison Cross.

SPECIAL MENTION—THE VILLAGE GREEN

I am sure we have all noticed the improvement to the middle cottage front garden on The Green. Thanks should go to Alison and Steve Randall who got in touch with the owner, dug out all the weeds and planted it up during lockdown. Well done both. Jude Canning



We are a self-help support group for carers living in Kineton and surrounding villages. While unable to meet, we are keeping in touch via our monthly newsletter and our volunteers

are making support calls. We hope to run a virtual coffee morning soon! Email <u>kcarers4carers@gmail.com</u> or call 07947 893504, or visit : www.carers4careresonthefosse.org.uk

TYSOE W.I. - MAKING TIME FOR TEA!



Our members were due to have a lovely afternoon out



last week including an afternoon tea. Obviously we couldn't go ahead, but committee thought if our ladies can't go out for tea, then we will take it to them! Everyone received a bag containing a slice of cake, a scone, biscuits, jam, tea bag, napkin and a guiz. It's been

lovely to receive so many messages of thanks. It was also so nice to see our members for a quick chat on the doorstep as we delivered the bags. It's important we all try to stay connected in these difficult times, especially when it doesn't seem that we will be commencing our meetings anytime soon. Chatsworth Christmas trip has been cancelled. Let's hope that we can re book some trips and events in 2021.

UP-DATE ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD & SCHOOL LANE



We're almost ready to cut down everything in the wildflower areas but it's important that all the flowering plants have set seed before we do. The bank in School Lane has produced a surprising

number of flowers for its first season; large amount of Yarrow (white flowers), a good patch of Bird's Foot Trefoil (yellow flowers above) and a couple of very nice Mullein plants (tall, yellow flowers, greyish leaves). I've been collecting seed from local verges and plan to sow both areas with a greater mixture of local wildflowers during the autumn. If these seeds germinate then we should get an even more colourful display next year. In July, we were very fortunate to receive a visit from Mike Slater from Warwickshire Butterfly Conservation and he suggested some small improvements we could make to both areas to encourage more butterflies (and moths) next year. He was delighted to see the work that we'd done and also to visit a couple of other wildlife 'reserves' in the village.

Rosemary Collier

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL—SOCIAL & FITNESS







TYSOE BOWLS CLUB REPORT



We are very pleased to announce that Bowling will recommence in the village hall from Tuesday 11th August for morning and evening sessions. Tuesday afternoon sessions will start on Tuesday 1st September. Friday evening sessions will start on Friday

14th August. We have prepared a risk assessment which, alongside the measures put in place by the Village Hall Committee, will enable bowling to take place with minimal risks to participants. We have also prepared a guidance sheet for all of our members which will be handed out at their first session. For more information please contact Phill Short, Chairman, 01295 680732.

The Bowls Club was due to celebrate its 25th anniversary in November 2020. Due to the current circumstances the proposed celebrations will be postponed. More news on this will follow in due course.



WINNERS OF THE GARDEN COMPETITION - JULY







Small garden

1st Randerson with 69 points 2nd Temple Brown with 61 points 3rd Bartlet with 60 points

Large garden

1st Gibbons with 68 points 2nd Schofield with 67 points 3rd Mouat with 63 points

Pots and tubs

1st England with 70 points 2nd Wyles with 67 points 3rd L Locke with 64 points

Scarecrows

1st place Roseanna & Everly Wigram's witch on a besom 2nd place Tysoe children's group blue bubble's TCG person 3rd place Heidi Western's Boris Johnson

Congratulations to everyone for taking part, and a big thank you to judges: Alan Franklin of Pro Gardens, David Thomas and to Sarah Dillon for her photography. Well done to Faith Hall for organising it.



IN PRAISE OF HAIRDRESSING

During lockdown we were denied the opportunity to get our hair coloured, cut or styled. Consequently, some interesting looks emerged; alarming tide-lines, blondes morphed into brunettes, while grey came ubiquitous.

It has been a shaggy tale. Men, used to having short-back-and-sides, tossed their luscious locks like David Ginola from the L'Oreal TV ad, 'Cos I'm worth it!' (or in their imaginations anyway.) It got to the point where seeing 'man-buns' became a very real possibility in Tysoe, even the odd McEnroe style headband was spotted.

Women came up with some challenging creations too, with mini-plaits to tame wayward fringes, bunches, ponytails, Alice bands and, as a last resort, a cover-it-all-up hat for public outings. Fortunately, there were not too many of these as we were confined to barracks.

.....And then there were the home haircuts! Scissors, shears and razors came out when the long hair became intolerable. Facebook sprouted pictures of pudding basins inverted on heads, mothers struggling bravely to cut their children's hair (the latter sometimes in tears!), while some would-be hairdressers got rather carried away with scary consequences. I'm not sure any were quite as bad as the barber's scene in Paddington 2, but not far off.

The long and short of it is this enforced separation from our hairdressers has made us value them all the more. We are blown away by your cutting, curling and crimping talents. Here's to our continuing *New Looks*. Hairdressers – **we salute you!**

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History of the Tysoe Flower Show & Fete

Thanks to Covid-19, for the first time in nearly 60 years we have had to cancel our traditional and much-loved country show so it seems a good moment to look back at its history.



The origins of the Show are hazy. There was certainly a Tysoe Horticultural Society in 1903. The trophy winners pictured above include the author Joseph Ashby and Mr Styles, (probably the Compton Wynyates miller.)



The dress code has certainly relaxed over the years. Note the swishing skirts of 1912 and the brilliant array of hats in 1926.

1926

1912

1903



PRICE REVIEW & QUESTIONNAIRE

We invite you to tell us what you think about the Record. Please help us by answering the questions below:



Pricing Information and Questionnaire

The Tysoe & District Record is your local village magazine, established in1951. It is produced by volunteers and funded by annual subscriptions and advertising revenue. Over the years these volunteers have produced and delivered over 800 editions. Recently the publication has changed to colour which has updated its look and feel, as well as increasing our production costs, currently we pay 90p per copy to produce the Record.

Subscription Review

The annual subscription for 10 copies of the Record is £2.50 (25p per copy). The subscription price has not changed since 2009, so to remain viable and to continue to produce the Record in colour, we are planning to increase the subscription charge to £5.00 per annum, starting in 2021. For the past few years, we have been subsidising production of the Record, from advertising funds accrued in the early 2000's. This price increase is important to ensure the Record is able to pay for itself. We will continue to subsidise the current rate you pay for the remainder of this year, but from April 2021, the £5 annual subscription means you will pay 50p per copy.

Printing and Advertising

We have looked closely at the production costs, the Record is printed at the Old Fire Station, and we are keen to continue to support this local resource. We will be advising our advertisers of the price increases separately. So with the combination of increased subscription fees and advertising revenue, the legacy of the Record can continue, how amazing it will be to reach the 1,000th edition!

Tell us your views

The Record team has also reviewed distribution and subscription collection with the team of volunteer distributors. As subscribers, and as this is your local magazine, we are keen to know your views. So felt it was only right to share the detail of pricing with you and take this opportunity to invite you to tell us what you think about the Record.

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10. Your Suggestions

What would you like to see included in the Record? For example recipes, budding reporter slots, Tysoe interviews, etc.

We are interested in your feedback, so if you have any other comments to make please feel free to do so below.

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Returning the Form

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire. It will help us considerably to know your thoughts about the Record.

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THANK YOU

An endearing feature of the Flower Show is the extraordinary continuity over the years. Many features are largely unchanged, including the renowned quality of the exhibits, but some attractions have disappeared, probably for reasons of Health and Safety, e.g. bowling for a live pig.



Ambrose Sabin (Joan Butcher's > father) (on right), Howard Butcher (June Hillman's father) on left.

<Winning four including Joan Butcher with her tomatoes



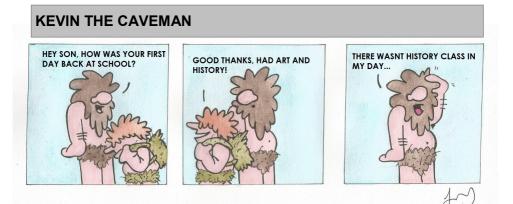


Percy Philpott, top exhibitor, with his trophies

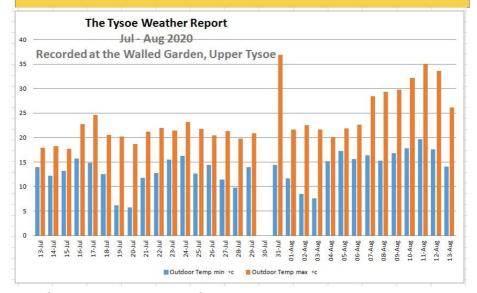
We hope you have enjoyed this trip down memory lane. This is only the briefest snapshot. The history project is still ongoing so please contact the Record if you have more stories to tell. We look forward to seeing you all at the **Tysoe Flower Show next year on 21st August 2021.** Bridget Norton



David Sewell, Chairman with Gerald Butcher's top tray winning entry, and Gerald's grandson, Peter, with his 2nd place exhibit. *Please say if you know the dates of these photos.*



THE WALLED GARDEN WEATHER REPORT



The five consecutive days of +30 degrees are widely reported as the longest since 1961. The winters of 1961/2 and 1962/3 that followed were severe. In Tysoe the hottest day was 31st July at 36.9 degrees—possibly a new record. The night time temperatures on 19th and 20th July were close to freezing and yet by 31st July the temperature was approaching record levels, it's no wonder the plants don't know what they should be doing! The barometer has barely shifted from 1000mb since 9th June.

WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Grenadier Apples

Finally the summer weather has produced the soft fruit harvest, in fact earlier than most



years and definitely shorter due to the high temperatures and lack of rain!

We have had an increased number of volunteers coming to pick the raspberries, blueberries, gooseberries,

tay berries, loganberries, red, black and white currants. Also some spending many a long hour grass cutting and strimming between the rows of fruit and around the trees. The orchard is looking very good!

We took a large amount of honey from the hives back in June and members have been enjoying jars of this delicious tasting product from our bees.

The top fruit is very disappointing this year, late frosts and high winds destroyed most of the blossom and small fruitlets so apart from a very



few pears and cooking apples, there is little to see! Even the perry pears and cider apples are in short supply.

Regretfully we have decided to cancel Apple Day this year. There is too much uncertainty about gatherings and a lot to organise up front, so this has not been an easy decision.

The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe and is open 24/7.

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

Conference pears

Ode to Autumn—"To bend with apples the mossed cottage-trees, And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;" John Keats, Sept 1819.



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TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

With three Extraordinary meetings and an internal audit, it's been a busy month in the Parish Council office! The revised Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to Stratford District Council for review before being circulated for public consultation. Cllr David Roache and the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group have done an excellent job in what



have been quite challenging circumstances. They have handled a few questions back from the planning team since the report was delivered but nothing major so we hope the Plan will go to consultation soon. We will let you know as soon as we hear.

Other news

- The Playground is now back to full use after the lockdown was lifted and Thomas Fox Landscaping tackled the waist high grass. During their weekly audits, Cllrs Cross and Millward report how great it is to see the large number of children enjoying the equipment.
- See the NEWS section of the website for a Department for Transport consultation on the Highway Code. Copies of minutes, meeting dates and agendas can also be found on the parish websites at www.tysoe.org.uk.
- To aid the collation of the monthly financial update, ordinary meetings will move to the second Monday of the month from September. The next scheduled meeting is 14 September.

If you have any questions for the Parish Council please email Beverley at parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk. Beverley is available half-days on Mondays and Fridays. If your matter is urgent please contact a Parish Councillor direct.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Parish Council meeting 14 September—either via Zoom or in person. Take care.

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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

In September we plan to host our first public worship services for many months, an opportunity at last to worship together in church. Some will be Morning Worship, and some Communion Services. It will be significantly different from the services we were used to before Coronavirus appeared. We will observe the current social distancing and hygiene recommendations, we can have music but will have to refrain from singing; hand sanitiser, masks and gloves will be in evidence and we shall need to keep a record of who comes to church, for Track and Trace. There will be no handshaking before or during the service and we cannot serve refreshments afterwards, but we will be able to greet our friends and neighbours, in a socially-distanced way, outdoors, after the service.

For those in the vulnerable category – being over 70, and / or having underlying health conditions – the government advice continues to be to stay at home as much as possible, so you may not wish to come to church yet. We will continue to have an 11am Zoom service on Sundays from one of our churches to enable people to continue to worship in their own homes, and we are continuing with our Zoom Wednesday service at 10.00am.

The church will be open on Wednesday afternoons for private prayer. As our school reopens and many return to work the message is still **Stay Safe, Keep Well** and we look forward to being able to meet again as we continue to take cautious steps out of lockdown.

The plan is that Heather Parbury, our new Associate Minister, will be able to move into the Brailes vicarage during September and commence her ministry among the five villages in October. We look forward to welcoming her back to South Warwickshire.

George Heighton

Revd George Heighton Email <u>revgeorgeh@outlook.com</u>

TENNIS CLUB UPDATE - ENTHUSIASTIC JUNIORS!

The Club is getting active again. Ladies are playing every Thursday morning from 10-12 with coffee at Monkey Bean afterwards. There are also two 1-hour men's sessions. Monday 11-12 and Thursday 1-3. Contact Julian Gardner on julian.gardner2@gmail.com. While plans are underway to start Banbury Town mixed matches in the Autumn. Even better news, we have just heard that the Sports Pavilion is opening up. Many thanks to Steve et al for making this possible. Please see website for all the rules and regulations

Tysoe Juniors It's a busy few weeks:

- Coaching on Tuesdays has been a great success over 21 children aged from 5 to 16 have received coaching from our partner Tennisolutions. Many thanks to Bella, Luke and Wendy.
- Sunday morning junior Club mix-ins have been popular with around 18 children taking part. We have had lots of fun, tennis practice and games such as wipeout, steal and dodgeball, which have all been tackled with great energy. A big shout out to Elaine, David, Philip, Liz, Ali and Sylvia for supporting the younger players.

Contact: Nicki on <u>nicki@tysoe.net</u> or liz on lfinlyson@live.co.uk



Dog owners please note! Parents and younger siblings come along to watch and sit around the courts. Please help us to keep village children safe by disposing of your dog's mess in the appropriate place.

Contact:

Club Secretary – Carol Spencer 07708 412767 carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk



Tysoe Tennis Club www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

TYSOE METHODIST CHURCH

Once again we see the land around us changing as harvest is being gathered in; from the crops in the fields to flowers and vegetables in our own gardens and allotments. Some of our gardens are looking better than ever, thanks to the extra attention they have had from us staying at home. Roses have loved the sunshine, while we have enjoyed hearing the blackbird chorus sometimes starting as early at 4-30am! This year, as part of our Christian Calendar, we will be giving thanks for the wonders of creation remotely, as the chapel remains closed and under Methodist guidelines over 70s cannot meet.

We are still living in strange times, for example holding our recent Church Council meeting via Zoom, and we have to be careful. We continue to keep everyone in our prayers. If there is someone you haven't seen for a while,

why not give them a call or send a them note? August will have been a very different month with 'no' Flower Shows locally.

Stay safe. Blessings to all from Tysoe Methodist Church. Chris Gibbs



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TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last academic year was a challenging one at times. We were pleased that all of our children were able to contribute to our 'Apart but Together' artwork and hope that you have enjoyed seeing it on display outside school. It will be moved inside school shortly as a reminder of the challenges we faced 'Apart but Together.'



We are delighted to welcome all of our children back to school and we are thinking of our Year 6 Leavers as they begin their secondary school journey. It was not quite the farewell we expected, but we are incredibly proud of how well they coped with the changes and challenges of their final year at Tysoe and we wish them well as they begin Year 7.

We are looking forward to this new academic year with all of our children returning. A special welcome to our new Reception children and their families. We are excited to see what this year brings!

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TYSOE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UP-DATE

After prolonged discussions a 'Strategic Gap' has now been agreed with Stratford District Council (SDC). This includes all of the field to the west of Church Farm Court/Meadow Lanes/Red Horse Close giving the village the protection it needs from development between Lower and Middle Tysoe.

This agreement enabled us to submit a revised Plan to SDC on 21st July following approval by the Parish Council. The major changes from the previous Plan are:

- The new Plan includes only one Reserve Site Herbert's Farm, Roses Farm having now been excluded from the Plan.
- A revised Strategic Gap which has been agreed by SDC and includes most of the matters that the Examiner had raised.
- The Housing Mix policy now limits the number of 4+ bedroom houses in a multi-house development to 20% (in line with SDC's policy) rather than the 5% we had proposed in the earlier Plan.
- The Built-Up Area Boundary (BUAB) around Lower Tysoe has been eliminated.

We believe that this revised Plan provides what residents want and the village needs to develop and prosper in a controlled and acceptable way. Once SDC have reviewed it they will make it available for a 6 week consultation period – we will notify residents of the dates for this. Following that we hope it will go to a referendum as soon as possible.

Tysoe Neighbourhood Plan Group

13th August, 2020



JOEY'S JOKE

I went down the road for a walk the other evening and there was a fox sat in the middle of the road reading the Banbury Guardian. I said: "what are you doing?" He said, "I'm looking to see where the hounds meet next Thursday."



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We have been fortunate in Tysoe to be able to access a wonderful array of local produce: fresh milk from Downs Farm, together with ice cream, free range eggs, local honey; fruit and vegetables grown from our own allotments, or at the Community Orchard, the walled garden and other keen gardeners and growers like Gerald Hart.

The challenge for us is to continue to shop local now that we can venture out to the supermarkets. If we can maintain these good habits, then spring/summer 2020 might be seen as a positive change.



Lucy Willcocks from Tysoe has set up 'Made in Warwickshire,' a new online community that celebrates the best local independent businesses. It promotes fantastic places to eat and drink, independent shops, ideas for family fun and support to stay healthy and active.



The idea was born during the height of COVID-19, as a way to show some support for independent businesses forced to close or reinvent themselves to survive. As lockdown easing continues and businesses work their way through changing guidelines, there are exciting plans to develop the community for businesses, customers and visitors to our beautiful county.

Read more at <u>www.madeinwarwickshire.com</u> or follow on Facebook at @madeinwarwickshire or Instagram at @madeinwarks.

REOPENING - Notice from the Village Hall Committee

Tysoe Village Hall will be re-opening for Indoor Sports and Exercise Classes (Carpet Bowls, Dance Classes, Indoor Gentle Fitness Classes, including Yoga and Pilates) subject to social distancing criteria. Face masks must be worn at all times in the Hall, with the exception of eating or drinking, or if it would negatively impact your ability to undertake an exercise or activity. Steve Randall will confirm start dates with users.

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