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The Heritage's Shop, Watercolour painting by Hazel Robinson.

COME WITH US FOR A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE!

- Visit Mr Heritage's Shop and Bakery, est.1833
- Explore the paintings of local artist Hazel Robinson
- Read Simon Forrester's personal VERDICT on COP26
- Test yourself with our Angelic Christmas Quiz.

RECYCLED CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE!



Made by Diane McHardy

Gosh, another year draws to a close. It's been a difficult year for many. Vaccines have helped to retard and reduce the impact of the virus, but, sadly, we are not out of the woods yet. Our thoughts go to all those who are continuing to shield, preferring to stay safe in their homes. We hope you can find some festive cheer!

How about joining the **Record's Recycled Christmas Challenge**? We invite our readers to make a Christmas decoration from recycled materials to hang in their windows and/or bring to St Mary's Church, so they can be used to deck the holly trees by the main gate.

Meet Mrs Cindy Claus

Recycled materials: 2 old CDs, red cord from last year's wine bag, bow and bells from a Lindt Reindeer, paper scraps, old wrapping paper, PVA glue. Easy to make for all ages, plus the CDs shine in the Christmas lights. *Get sticking and have some fun!*

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

Maria in 'The Sound of Music' sings about her 'favourite things'. The lyrics conjure up a bygone age in just a few well-chosen phrases:

'Bright copper kettles and warm woollen mittens'
'Brown paper packages tied up with strings,'
'These are a few of my favourite things.'



In this issue we take a trip down Memory Lane revisiting Mr. Heritage's shop and bakery which opened in 1833, opposite the Peacock (see p4-5).

We start our journey with Hazel Robinson's delightful painting of the shop on our front cover. She turns back the clock on Tysoe and captures the traditional character of this special place, as you will discover in her retrospective (p6-7).

Our sense of smell powerfully evokes the past. Orange peel thrown on the fire, or wafts of cinnamon, clove and chocolate are scents that we particularly associate with Christmas. Growing up, my mother used to put the vegetables on at the same time as the meat so there was a lingering smell of boiled cabbage, not such a good smell!

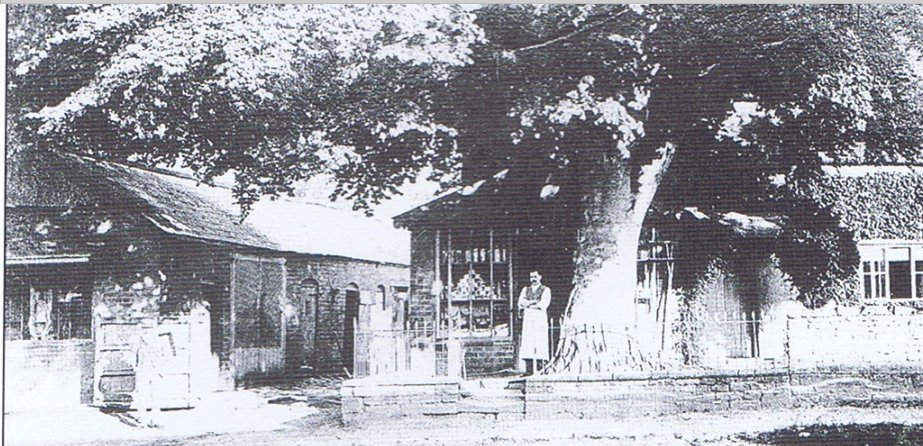
There's the aroma of food and then there's SWEETS! Tysoe children (like children everywhere) used to fantasise about the jars of colourful sweets in Mr. Heritage's shop: pear drops, sherbet lemons and mint humbugs. We learn how thrupence would get you a Jamboree Bag; but was the irresistible draw more about the sweets or the surprise toy?

Interestingly Michael Appleton doesn't mention rationing as a hardship when he was growing up (see his article on p9). Given the rising levels of childhood obesity (especially after lockdown), perhaps there could be a case for reintroducing it, as reputedly the population was the healthiest it has ever been during rationing. Did you know that UK homes throw away 4.5 million tonnes of perfectly edible food every year? That's 70% of the nation's food waste. A sobering thought, especially as we consider the impact of climate change (see p.15-16)

So, back to my favourite things. Will we have a white Christmas and feel: 'Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes', I wonder?

The Editor

MR HERITAGE'S SHOP



Tysoe has been well-served by its shopkeepers over the years. Notable amongst them was **MR.HERITAGE'S SHOP & BAKERY** which opened in 1833. It started out as a butchers run by Doreen Smith's grandfather, then grew from there to be a sizeable operation as a butchers, bakers and confectioners. In its heyday it employed twenty-five staff: bakehouse staff (who started work at 3am), shop staff and people preparing and delivering the orders.

SERVING A WIDE AREA The business delivered around Tysoe,

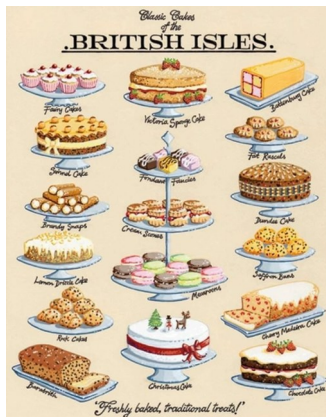


taking orders to the Upton Estate, outlying farms and neighbouring villages, originally using horse and cart before investing in motorised vans. Doreen Smith recalls how "The vans delivered three times a week. They would go as far afield as Brackley, Radway, Arlescote,

Kinton, Butlers Marston, Pillerton, Fulready, Idlicote, Ilmington, Epwell and Shutford, as well as delivering bread to shops in Shipston." It was the Ocado of its day.

SCRUMPTIOUS CAKES! As well as bread, the bakery also used to produce a mouth-watering array of cakes and doughnuts. You could also order Christmas, Wedding and Simnel cakes from them.

HOME DELIVERIES Sylvia Hands grew up in Epwell. She remembers the bakery's yellow and black Commer delivery van. "Mrs Chapman drove it and she used to stop outside our house, loaded up with cakes. She'd pull out all the drawers in the back, so you could look at them." Carol Clark remembers how the van delivered bread and pastries to Oxhill on a Friday. "My mum loved their cream horns!" Faith Hall thought they were the "best cream horns with raspberry jam.



Total bliss!" While Muriel Paxton's favourite was the lardy cake.

Faith recalls how "you entered the shop to a large array of cakes pastries, bread and biscuits, once smelt never forgotten." "Mr Heritage used to ask you how much money you had," said Sylvia, "and if you didn't have quite enough, he'd still let you have the cake."

SUGARY SWEETS Carol remembers: "They sold sweets! If you had time and the money, you could nip in before the bus back left for Oxhill. Thrupence would get you a Jamboree Bag which contained



sweets, a joke and a plastic toy. A sort of everyday version of a Christmas cracker. It was never that inspiring but there was always next time!" Chris Gibbs recalls how: "It was a treat to go into Heritage's for a few sweets. Jars with pear drops, liquorice, barley sugar and humbugs, etc, were all

lined-up; sweets were weighed out according to how many pennies you had!"

FIRE ENGINE "One of the highlights of visiting the shop was if the siren suddenly went off across the road." said Chris. "We'd watch intently for the little fire engine to come out of the thatched garage opposite. I can still remember the siren now, it sounded just like an air raid sound."



Tysoe images courtesy of Kevin Wyles, 'From Thatch to Fire.'

HAZEL ROBINSON RETROSPECTIVE

Local artist Hazel Robinson (nee Heritage) manages to capture the spirit of rural Warwickshire in her work. A farmer's daughter born at Epwell, she attended Banbury School of Art but was obliged to come back to work on the farm. Unsurprisingly her paintings show a great knowledge of farming and farm animals: sheep nibble hedges, geese strut and her stone walls appear solid having built a number herself. She moved from Shenington to Hopkins House, Lower Tysoe with her husband Edgar 20 years ago.

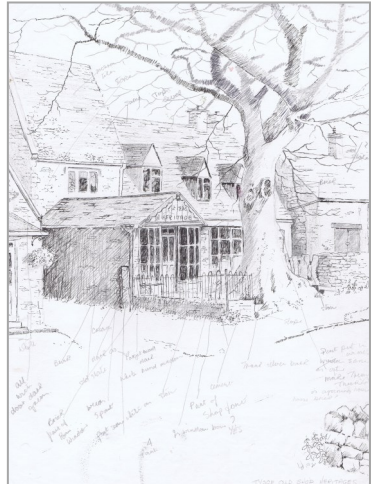


Local barn with sheep, painted in oils.

Hazel's distinct style was born out of concern for the many barns which were being converted into dwellings. "They are full of history, people worked hard in them," so she made it her mission to paint them. She became expert at Hornton stone, attracted by its colour and warmth, progressing from barns to houses in villages within a 20 mile radius.

Typically it took her two hours to do a detailed sketch, observing perspective, describing the colours and noting any special features. She never took photographs as reference but trained her eye and her memory, working on the paintings back in her studio; selecting the right weight and texture of water-colour paper for each commission.

She has painted hundreds of pictures over the years, had many interesting experiences along the way and met some lovely characters. On one occasion she ended up sitting in the bucket of the tractor to make her sketch.



Sketch for Heritage's Shop.

On another she found herself hanging out the washing for an elderly couple, having become friends after painting their house, Sabins Farm, tucked down a track between Hook Norton and Sibford.



Over time Hazel developed a following of regular customers. She held solo exhibitions at Banbury Museum in the early 1980s, when it was next to the Banbury Cross, and experimented with other styles, including a series of imaginary pictures inspired by 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'After the Fete', but these appealed to a different audience. She also tried working 'en plein air' but didn't feel she could achieve the same level of detail that her regular customers had come to expect.

Many Tysoe residents will remember that Hazel used to do teas in her garden, "using a proper tea pot and providing the sort of teas I remembered as a girl. I never used to charge but allowed people to leave what they wanted in a box which I gave to charity." Her paintings were displayed in the barn at the back where people could browse at their leisure and come and find her if they wanted to purchase one. There was no high pressure sell with Hazel!



View of Wigginton, watercolour.

Through closely observing the countryside and its dwellings Hazel succeeds in painting a portrait of traditional rural England. Her work displays a great understanding for the rhythms of rural life, as well as capturing the landscape and character of this very special part of the world. A

modest lady with a wonderful talent, it has been a privilege to talk to her about her work. Editor

See Hazel's work and bid for 'The Heritage's Shop' on the front cover, at the Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th December at Tysoe Village Hall.



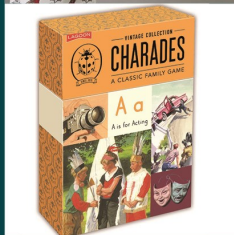
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THE FORTUNATE GENERATION

Perhaps not everyone will agree with me, but I consider that we who were born in the early 1930s were, in many respects, a very fortunate generation. Whilst our formative years of growing up were dominated by World War II, we did not really understand the full horrors of it. For us it was a period of excitement and drama, there were few cars on the road and we were able to cycle and walk freely in town and country. This with the added excitement of coming across military manoeuvres, various crashed German Bombers, once even the crew who had baled out, as well as 'spying' on the local airfields added considerable interest to the school holidays! Admittedly the period of the Blitz was a bit frightening, but fortunately we were spared the worst of it.

Inevitably the war and post war periods were ones of austerity and queueing, but that was no bad thing and we knew no different. Thus, we enjoyed the simple creative pleasures of childhood and were able to grow up in a more natural way than seems possible today with all the pressures of consumerism, television and social media. In many ways we had a far greater quality of life even though we were denied the travel and other luxuries of today.

We also had a far greater feeling of loyalty to our country and the then Empire than appears to be the case today. We did our National Service and those, like myself, who were fortunate enough to go on active service overseas, did so with great pride. When we started our civilian careers, although we did not receive the large salaries and generous holidays of today – a 5 ½ day week with 2 weeks annual holiday was quite normal, work was readily available as was reasonable accommodation in Central London.

The pressures I see all around me now I find quite horrendous. There is no doubt that our standard of living has improved considerably in very many aspects, notably medicine, communication and housing, but at what cost? Just pause and think about it. Too many of us rush hither and thither without appreciating what pleasures exist on our doorstep. Fortunately the simple things in life are still around us – the countryside, our gardens, our birds and animals. Enjoy them and I pray that you will have as happy a life as I have had.

Michael Appleton

BAKE OFF GERMAN-STYLE . . the Germans really take the biscuit!

In the next couple of weeks, if you walk past our house wafts of cinnamon, clove and chocolate might fill your nostrils. Yes, it's baking season in our house. My wife, Mirjam, is German and one of the many wonderful pleasures of being married to someone from a different culture is learning about their food traditions. Food unites us perhaps like nothing else.

This weekend full production swung into action. I must check my sugar shares as I'm sure they are doing well considering the brown, white, caramel-coloured sugars; icing sugar; fruit jams; chocolate quantities used. I could hardly see Mirjam and the two boys through the flour haze.



German biscuits come in as many shapes and sizes as Italian pasta shapes. For the connoisseurs out there, the best *Plätzchen* (German name for biscuits) are called *Elisenlebkuchen*. By law they must contain a 25 percentage of nuts. Lucky for us, a few days ago my wife returned from Munich with a hoard of delicious *Lebkuchen* (the German name for Christmas biscuits). Let's just say that they will be locked in a safe, surrounded by lasers and guarded by a chap in a uniform to avoid any dawn raids by little folk mistaking November for December.

If you want to have a go here is a great recipe:

5 eggs

400 g sugar

3 tbsp lemon juice

2 tsp ground cinnamon

½ tsp ground cloves

A pinch of nutmeg

A pinch of cardamom

650 grams ground walnuts

100 grams lemon peel in very small pieces

100 grams of orange peel in very small pieces

One packet of round rice paper (available from the German deli)

200 grams of dark chocolate

Mix sugar and butter until creamy and fluffy
 Carefully mix in everything else apart from chocolate
 Leave dough in fridge overnight in a bowl
 Heat oven to 150 degrees
 Place a dollop of dough on to the rice paper about 1cm high, leaving some space around the edge of the rice paper
 Bake for 20 minutes
 Once cold, coat in dark chocolate
 Leave for 2-3 weeks in an airtight container which will make the dough nice and soft

Taking back control of Christmas

Sadly, due to the B word we won't receive our festive tins of biscuits made by my mother-in-law as postage is too expensive. We are hoping though that Nikolaus can still visit on the 6th December as he does for millions of children in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. I hope he manages to get his VISA in time as a wellie filled with chocolate, oranges and nuts is not something to miss out on. I suppose he could drive a petrol tanker as well if all else fails.

Frohe Weihnachten!

As our missed continental cousins say.

Mark McCartney

THE SANTA RUN IS BACK!
 Sunday 5th December
 Meet at the Village Hall
 11am for 11.30am start

Wonder if Fanta Man will be there?

Will it reindeer?

Contact: Steph:
 07814 933220

Get your running shoes on!

How many reindeer appear in this issue of the Record? Email your answers to Tysoerecord@gmail.com by 10th December to win a prize. (Ts & Cs apply).

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Family Business

2021

LOCKE'S SECURE FAMILY BUSINESS AWARD

Congratulations go to R. Locke & Son for winning a top award in the national Independent Funeral Director Business Awards, run by funeral plan provider Golden Charter.

The 'Family Business Award' was open to hundreds of independent funeral businesses across the country, sponsored by SAIF (National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors), but the Locke's entry stood out. Tracy Black, Director of CBI Scotland, acting as judge, said that R. Locke & Son "clearly demonstrated why they should win the best Family Business Category."

The firm was praised for showing "great innovation during the pandemic", and for developing their social and digital media presence. Their great community spirit was also singled out, "with everyone involved in everything from scouts to sports", as was their continuous learning ethos. On winning Colin Locke said, "It's an honour to be even considered for such an award and it is truly a reflection of the dedication and compassion given by our team."

The family business, with premises in Brailes, Kineton and Wellesbourne, can trace its heritage back over 165 years, and for the last 60 years it has been looked after by three generations of the Locke family. They have served their community since Raymond (the R in R. Locke & Son), started his apprenticeship in 1940, through to Colin and George, who run the business today supported by a dedicated team which includes other members of the Locke family.

In recognition of their well-deserved achievement, R. Locke & Son was presented with a trophy and certificate together with £200 for the charity of their choice. They chose Myton Hospice which George Locke said, "does incredible work, supporting patients and families through such difficult times and we are pleased to match our award donation to present them with £400."



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MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST

The aroma of Christmas puddings steaming, and cakes baking in the oven.

The lovely smell of a real Christmas tree.

Candles burning and making Christmas decorations.

Satsumas and sticky boxes of dates.

Christmas stocking with one satsuma, some nuts and a sugar mouse or two.

Throwing fruit peel on the fire.

New clothes just for Christmas.

Walking, with my mother, through the woods, on Christmas Eve, to the local Convent to celebrate Midnight Mass

Memories of Mum and me - we didn't have much money - but loads of love.

Jackie Thompson

TYSOE METHODISTS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Although the Church Council and Circuit have agreed to the closure of the Methodist Chapel in Tysoe, we are still waiting for confirmation from the Birmingham District.

The season of Advent will soon be with us. I'm sure there will be many families looking forward to being together this year after the restrictions of 2020.

We wish you all a Happy and Joyful Christmas this year. 2021 has been challenging but we must give thanks for the tireless work the Health Service has done with the Covid vaccinations.

Faith
Hope
Love

I repeat the words: 'Faith, Hope and Love', we must continue to have Hope for 2022.

Chris Gibbs

"What do you want for Christmas?"

"Hmmm,,,,lately, I've been really into groceries and gas.

Utilities are cool too. Stuff like that."

(Becoming Minimalist)

COP 26 - A VERDICT



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Peering through the spin on one side and the gloom on the other it's probably a five out of ten for COP26. We seem to be in a better place than we were at the start of the conference although there is still a failure by some to acknowledge the seriousness and urgency of climate change.

The UK government worked hard both up front and behind the scenes to bring the different factions together and cannot be blamed for the no-show by the leaders of China and Russia.

There has been progress, particularly on reducing methane emissions, deforestation and on the principle of ending fossil fuel burning, particularly coal.

Unfortunately at the last minute China and India employed guerrilla tactics to force a watering down of the language about coal. They said prosperity is more important than the environment, a devastating claim that flies in the face of the science and the empirical evidence.

One-sided negotiations

There is something wrong at the core of the negotiations. Instead of the planet/nature on one side and us/the polluters on the other side what's actually happening is the polluters negotiating between themselves about who is allowed to create the most greenhouse gasses. The planet has already spoken – wildfires, floods, rising sea levels, heat waves, droughts.

Let's remember, parts of Tysoe had flooding problems in 1998, 2007 and 2012.

1.5°C hangs by a thread

In the circumstances the target of a global warming rise of 1.5°C over preindustrial levels would be an achievement because we are already at 1.1°C. The 2015 Paris Accord set a target of below 2°C but that assumed every industrial nation met its commitments, something that none has done. A rise of 2°C or more would see us in the realms of flooded cities, catastrophic crop failure and unprecedented mass migration.

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Over-population

Every person on this planet leaves a carbon footprint but I heard nothing about over-population nor suggestions for reducing the birth rate. Global population, currently 7.9 billion, is growing at a rate of over 70 million a year and is forecast to be 11 billion by 2100.

Lack of urgency

The final 'deal' would have been great 50 years ago when warnings were increasing, or even 30 years ago when the United Nations established its climate change framework. Even now, many of the target dates for reducing emissions and phasing out the use of fossil fuels are far in the future – 2030, 2050 and even 2070.

In the meantime I also do not understand why the government is not encouraging us all to take some immediate steps, for example:

-  A programme to insulate every building properly
-  Boost UK agriculture and reduce consumption of imported meat, particularly beef from Brazil, Argentina and the United States
-  Increase rainwater harvesting
-  Disincentives to use air travel (and cancel Heathrow's third runway)
-  A 50mph speed limit on motorways, dual and single carriageways (to reduce emissions and fuel consumption, and reduce the number of crashes)
-  Commence the elimination of single use plastics
-  Avoid buying goods made in China

What now?

Along with many Tysoe residents my day-to-day concerns are heating the house (rather than the planet), paying the bills, attending medical appointments and avoiding Covid but looking out I am profoundly worried about the sort of a world we are leaving to our children and grandchildren.

In the wake of COP26 can the human race limit the rise in global temperature to 1.5°C and stop trashing the planet? Yes, I believe so. Will we? Of that the signs are not good and I am a lot less confident.

Simon Forrester

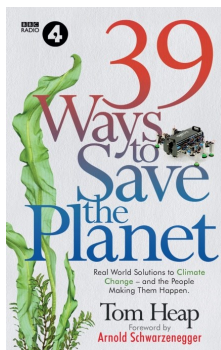
BOOK REVIEW—WE CAN BE THE CHANGE!

I heard Tom Heap being interviewed on the last day of the Stratford Literary Festival's 'Winter Weekend' about his book: '39 Ways to Save the Planet.' Apparently it's been serialised on BBC Radio 4. You may have heard it.

I was particularly interested for two reasons:

1. I learnt the book has a forward written by Arnold Schwarzenegger of the Terminator franchise fame. As Governor of California, he fought to pass the 2006 Global Warming Solutions Act, amongst other things, and he helps protect nature.
2. It is UP-BEAT! Tom wondered about renaming it: "39 Reasons to Be Cheerful" – as it is filled with stories of people delivering real solutions to the climate crisis which we can all get behind.

All too often the media focuses on the negatives. This book, by contrast, is filled with 'untold stories of ingenuity and redemption.' Tom says, 'Will' is the thing. He believes we can solve the problems. While Arnie says "**There is no fate but what we make for ourselves. So let's make ours a clean, green, healthy fate.**" . . . *and who's going to argue with Arnie?* Shirley Cherry



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THE ORCHARD COMES ALIVE ON APPLE DAY



After an absence of four years WOT2Grow held Apple Day at the Orchard on Saturday 30th October. We were blessed with fantastic weather.

The apple choppers produced quartered apples to the highest standard and the juice ran freely as a result. With two presses on the go for three hours we produced nearly 60 litres of juice.

Previously 176 juice bottles had been pasteurised at a local producer.



There was lots of laughter from the children and faces of amazement as the juice started to fill the buckets and bowls. Thanks to all those who made cakes and served the hot drinks. We were helped enormously by having the Flower Show shelters, just in case the weather didn't behave!

A SPECIAL PEAR TREE PLANTING

We were pleased to welcome Lord and Lady Northampton to the Orchard. They came to plant a pear tree grafted from an ancient tree in Cubbington, which was felled to make way for HS2. It was Lady Northampton's first ever tree planting. The pear was selected to help make the Orchard a really special place in Tysoe.



(Photos: Christine Tuffin)





Members attended the planting and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon, topped-off with tea, coffee and cake. It was so good to have our guests see what has been achieved in ten years and to know that the way of managing the trees and the environment fits in with their thinking too.

WASSAIL- MAKE A DATE!




















The next event at the orchard will be the **Wassail on January 15th at 4.30pm** with all the usual bonfire, procession and traditions! Look out for posters for full details.

The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road. Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

The wildflower areas in St Mary's churchyard and School Lane have been cut down for the winter. The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust have offered to provide wildflower seeds and help us to sow them in School Lane and along the edges of the playing field. This is likely to be done on **Saturday, 8th January and we would be very grateful for assistance please** to prepare the areas beforehand and on the day. The Parish Council have applied to the Caring for the Cotswolds Scheme for further funding to support various events/activities in 2022, including a bat night, a butterfly talk, an 'Eco-summit' and another summer workshop for local children. Finally, the Upton Estate team have recently re-seeded all the wildflower margins in their fields close to Tysoe and would be **really grateful if people didn't walk over them, to give them a chance to grow!** Rosemary Collier

DECEMBER & JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Every Friday	3+	10am-12 noon Tysoe Dementia Café , Village Hall. Please book. Tel: 688376
	Saturday	4	Christmas Bazaar 10.30-12 noon Tysoe Village Hall for the Dementia Cafe
	Sunday	5	Santa Run—Meet Village Hall 11am for 11.30 start. Call Steph 07814 933220
	Tuesday	7	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall.
	Tuesday	7, 21	Blue & green bin collection
	Saturday	11	Christmas Tree Lighting 5.30pm sing-along, 6.30pm Lights on!
	Monday	13	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary Meeting, 7.15 Tysoe Village Hall
	Tuesday	14, 28	Black bin collection
	Saturday	25	CHRISTMAS DAY
	Sunday	26	BOXING DAY
	Mon / Tues	27, 28	Substitute Bank Holidays
	Saturday	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY 2022
	Monday	3	Substitute Bank Holiday
	Tuesday	4,18	Blue & green bin collection
	Every Friday	7+	10am-12 noon Tysoe Dementia Café, Village Hall. Please book. Tel: 688376
	Saturday	8	Seed sowing School Lane with WWT. Contact Rosemary 680127
	Monday	10	Tysoe Parish Council Ordinary Meeting, 7.15 Tysoe Village Hall
	Tuesday	11, 25	Black bin collection
	Tuesday	25	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall.

KEVIN THE CAVEMAN by Josh Welsby



"A not-so-silent-but-snorey night"

TYSOE DEMENTIA FRIENDS CAFÉ

Meets every Friday at Tysoe Village Hall, 10am-12 noon.

Pre-booking essential.

Contact Paul & Heather on Tysoe 688376. Email: talkdementia@mail.com

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TYSOE CHRISTMAS TREE

Join us for a sing-song round the tree on
Saturday 11th December
at 5.30pm.

Lights will be switched on at
6.30pm

There might even be a special
visit from Mr S. Claus and helpers!



AN ANGELIC CHRISTMAS QUIZ - CAN YOU SPOT 7
CAROLS FROM THE 10 QUOTES BELOW?



Dear Friends,

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and invite you to think about Christmas Angels this year. *'Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King!'* (1)

Many Christmas Carols ask us to hear, and join in with, the heavenly choir singing God's praises.

'We hear the Christmas Angels the great glad tidings tell.' (2)

The Good News they bring is the announcement of the birth of baby Jesus. We are told *'The angels sang when the baby was born.'* (3)

'The Angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around' (4)

The message he gave to the Bethlehem shepherds is retold world-wide each year. At Christmas we are all invited to hear the story, and join with the *'...shining throng of Angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:*

'All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men, Begin and never cease.' (4)

A message of peace and joy bringing light to the dark places of the world today. *'All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night.'* (5)

When we hear *'what the angel did say'* (6) we too can lift hearts and voices to sing. *'Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord'* (6)

This Christmas will you join the angels in praising our wonderful Lord Jesus? *'He who throned in height sublime sits amid the cherubim'* (7)

Whatever you think about Angels please do come and join the church community this month to sing some of these wonderful carols. So many of them tell us *'Angels singing peace on earth told us 'of the Saviour's birth'* (7)

I hope you enjoy the quiz,
with love,

(Answers on p.32)

Reverend Heather

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 12th December	6.30pm Carol Service
Friday 24th December—Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Mass
Saturday 25th December—Christmas Day	11.00am Holy Communion Service
Sunday 26th December—Boxing Day	10.00am Zoom Service with Sarah Edmonds Maguire Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4664100762

CHURCH RESTORATION UP-DATE

Our stonemasons, Boden & Ward, continue to make good progress on both the tower and window restoration. Helped by the mild and dry autumn, they are well advanced with the repointing / replacement stone on the tower. Badly eroded louvres to the belfry openings on two sides have been replaced with new copies in York stone.

The clock dials are nearing completion by Cumbria Clock company and they should be reinstalled in early December. They look extremely smart as you can see in the photo. The scaffolding allows us to examine other parts of the church; we are replacing a few of the nave roof pinnacle shafts in Guiting stone to match the pinnacles restored in the 1990s.



The north aisle windows are in the midst of stone replacement and shelter coating restoration (see photo), whilst Lincolnshire Glass have taken away two windows and two pieces of 15th C glass for restoration in their labs. They are due back before Christmas. The final glass cleaning is likely to take place in January.

Given Covid complications and problems with material supply, we are impressed with how the teams have performed. The scaffolding will start to come down in stages. The plan is to have it down by Christmas. Fingers-crossed!





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Many members attended our AGM in early November, where we said goodbye and thank you to our President of 6 years Jacqui, who now deserves a rest from official duties and welcomed our new President Eileen. We all look forward to her term in office.



After a glass of wine Sir Andrew Hamilton enthralled us with his talk "The Christmas Truce" as he has an astonishing personal link to the First World War and the Christmas Truce in 1914. Sir Andrew's grandfa-

ther, Captain Robert Hamilton, was an officer in the first battalion in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He kept a diary which is how Sir Andrew learnt of his grandfather's role in the truce. Captain Hamilton and the Royal Warwicks were in the trenches by Plugstreet Wood in Belgium facing the Germans across No Man's Land on Christmas Eve. The W.I. were privileged to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

Our craft and laugh group have been very busy creating lots of beautiful Christmas gifts, decorations, cards, toys and more. We will be selling these at **The Christmas Bazaar** at Tysoe Village Hall on Saturday 4th December 10.30-12.00.

ARMISTICE DAY

Tysoe C of E School remembers: Willow Class attended the memorial in Tysoe on Thursday and laid crosses in remembrance of the men from Tysoe village who lost their lives in WWI and WWII.



Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall:

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TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

Hi Tysoe!



Wow, another month has passed and we are closing up on Christmas fast. News from the Parish Council – something to warm your hearts! The Warm Hub, a mobile café, will be visiting Tysoe on Thursday afternoons from 2pm until 3.30pm for the next 4 weeks, until December 16th, and again every Thursday afternoon from January 6th 2022 to February 17th outside the Village Hall. It's a place to meet friends and have coffee, and, if the weather is inclement, the Village Hall Committee has very kindly allowed people to make use of a room to sit and chat with their warm drinks.

Also the W.I. would love to see you at the Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th December in the Village Hall, 10.30—12 noon, where they will be selling Christmas gifts to raise money for the Dementia Café.

The Parish Council are looking at having some work done on some of the very old Street Names in the village to make them more visible and easier to read. They are also hoping to replace some more street lights, which will help road safety. Talking of which, an email was received from the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership which I would like to share with you. They have an initiative called #Share The Space, and a member of the Warwickshire Police has said:

“With an increasing number of cyclists using our roads it is more important than ever for all those involved to share the road responsibly and to work together to keep all road users safe. Cyclists do not have the same protection as a driver sitting in a vehicle and even relatively minor contact can seriously injure them.”

Cyclists too can take action to help keep themselves safe on the roads. It's important to check your bike regularly – especially the brakes, make sure you can be seen by wearing hi-vis and to take extra care at junctions where three quarters of cyclist collisions happen. It's also a legal requirement to cycle with lights between sunset and sunrise.

With that, I think I just need to wish you all a wonderful December and Season's Greetings from the Parish Council.

Charmaine Swift
parish clerk@tysoe.org.uk

PUMPKIN CARVING



BOO! The Eyes have it!

Massive thanks to everyone, too many to mention, who took part in our first Pumpkin Event. Some amazing carved and decorated pumpkins were delivered to our Burger Barn on Friday 29th October.

Shirley, Rosemary & Jackie took care of the judging and organising, Graham ensured there were enough lighted pumpkins for all of our tables, Helen carved some amazing pumpkins for the tables, while Jane provided face painting and Josh & Laura attended in fabulous fancy dress to award the prizes.

Looking forward to next year already!
Monica x
Happy Herefords



Some came in AMAZING SPOOKY costumes!



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HOLIDAY CLUB AT TYSOE'S CHILDREN'S GROUP



Since opening at The Old Fire Station in 2004, Tysoe Children's Group has operated a very popular programme of fun educational activities to keep children entertained and cared for during the school holidays, particularly summer, which can be tricky for working parents. However, over the last eighteen months, we have witnessed a change in demand for places during school holidays.

We can attribute the majority of this change to the Covid-19 pandemic and reduced demand from parents. For much of this time we have experienced government lockdowns where there was a need to create "bubbles" for the various groups of children, reducing the risk of spreading infection and to ensure minimal contact with multiple groups. More and more parents were asked to work from home enabling them to keep a watchful eye over their children, or alternatively they were able to get extended family to help them out and arrange play dates with their friends.

The most bookings, especially over summer, was for our Forest School at Badgers' Wood. Many days were at maximum capacity. The children enjoyed many activities in the outdoor environment including: potion making; den building; making beautiful artwork using natural materials; painting with crushed berries and leaves; rope mazes; learning new skills such as whittling; and enjoyed toasting snacks around the camp fire.

Demand for places for children 18 months – 3 years has increased significantly over this time as both children and parents have had reduced or zero opportunity for social interactions due to the restrictions placed upon us.

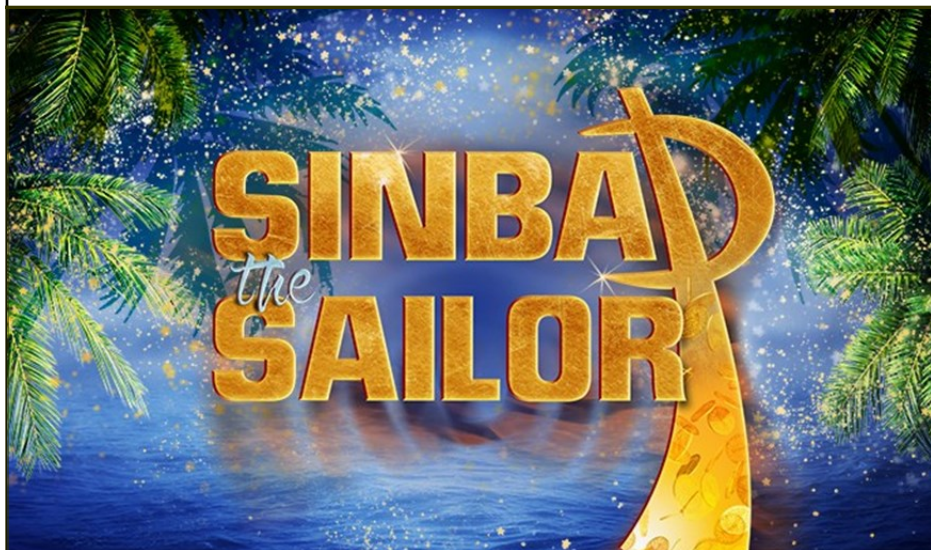
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'Angelic Christmas' Answers p.22:

1. Hark the herald Angels sing! v1
2. O Little Town of Bethlehem v4
3. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy v2
4. While shepherds watched their flocks by night v1, v6

5. On Christmas Night all Christians sing v4
6. The first Nowell the angel did say v1, v6
7. See amid the winter's snow v2, v4

MATHS AT TYSOE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are delighted to announce that once again Tysoe has taken part in this year's Maths Challenge.

☺ Gold Award went to Catherine.

☺ Silver was awarded to Scout, Flynn, Minnie and Alfie.

There were 7 bronze awards and 4 children also received a certificate commending their participation. This is a great result! Well done everyone and thanks to Mrs Smith for preparing the children and organising the competition.

Maths Week - 8th-12th November



The children in KS2 took part in this national competition called England Rocks. There was lots of inter-school rivalry. Children competed online and earned points for every times table question answered correctly. The three children with the most points were: 1st: Seb, 2nd: Rufus, 3rd: Libby P.

Beech Class enjoyed 'One to Ten and Back Again' a numbers book by Nick Sharratt. We counted up to ten and back again in different ways, including using ten leaves collected from our playground. We had lots of fun and then did some counting activities in the classroom.





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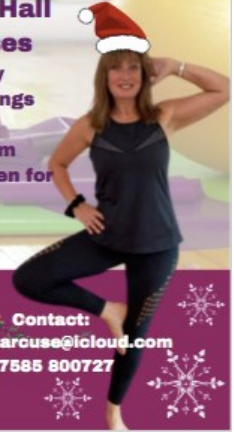
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Tysoe Mixed A team enjoyed playing in the summer Banbury League (Division 3). Our squad was strengthened by the arrival of Pete and Lou Stubbs but also hampered by injury and Covid. The top three teams in Division 3 worked hard for promotion; we ended up being kingmakers in our last match as, by taking points off one, we allowed Kings Sutton B to win the Division by one point to become Champions. Tysoe A remains in Division 3 for another year.

Winter Tennis

Ladies A team faced strong opposition at Kenilworth. Congratulations to Liz Finlyson and Julie Smart who won one rubber but the team came away with a 3-1 loss. Their next encounter was against Studley where both couples won one rubber resulting in a draw.

The Ladies B team played at Warwick Boat Club, by the river in the shadow of the castle but suffered a 4-0 loss. The following match against Warwickshire County Council fared better with some very competitive play ending in a draw.

Tysoe Mixed A had its first tennis match in the Banbury Winter League against Byfield C. The match was hard fought with Tysoe A coming out on top 6-2 on a beautiful mild windless day.

Juniors

All the junior teams have had some competitive play in the Warwickshire Winter League although poor weather has also resulted in rearranged matches. The U10 B lost against strong teams from Rugby and Leamington. The U10 A lost against Solihull and the U9s had a hard match against Berkswell. All of the children are enjoying the matches and gaining great experience as well as improving their game.

We are pleased to have found a new coach for Sunday mornings and so now offer a 9-9.30am session for young and inexperienced players. The 9.30-10.30 slot is for 8+ and more confident players. Please contact nicki@tysoe.net for more information.



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