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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST ISSUE OF 2022



Hello everyone

What will this year hold? On his Instagram (@jwelsby_illustration) Josh Welsby posted this delightful picture of an emerging mole with the caption: "I look forward to 2022, reflecting on last year and building plans for this year. Here is a mole starting his garden, where the flowers will metaphorically blossom into something great."

We share his positive attitude and hope that 2022 will be a good year for everyone. There's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (p27) to celebrate for a start and lots of green initiatives happening in and around Tysoe - see the Tysoe Nature Map insert for details.

Perhaps we would do well to follow Chris Gibbs' advice (p17) when he says: "As we continue into 2022, let's look for the GOOD things, help one another and keep safe."

One thing is sure, there will be more 'surprises' along the way, as demonstrated in this issue with visits from the Wisemen's Camels (p5) and more 'Tales of the Unexpected' (p24-25). Do share your own experiences with us. We'd love to hear them. Team Record

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write it down for you. **Copy dead-
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February 2022.**

SOUNDS AND BIRD SONG

Quite often we take sounds for granted, right up to the point where they're not there anymore. This was demonstrated recently when Tysoe's church clock stopped chiming. Without realising it, we'd come to depend on the sound of the bells to give an audible structure to our day.

Did you catch *'Attenborough's Wonder of Song'* on 3rd January (also on BBC iPlayer)? It really resonated with me. Like Sir David, I too had a simple tape recorder which I used to record bird songs when I was a schoolboy. Teaching oneself to recognise the different calls makes bird watching much more fulfilling and successful as you can zero-in on the sounds they make, often hearing elusive birds which rarely show themselves.

The BBC programme demonstrated seven of Sir David's favourite sounds recorded during his career, from his earliest broadcasting days recording Lemurs in Madagascar through to Humpback Whales and the impact their songs had on a global audience in the 1970s. He singled out one of my favourite birds, the Nightingale. Its song is pure magic to my ear. I still have recordings I made on Salhouse Heath in Norfolk in the late 1970s on school field trips. What was interesting was that new technology has since enabled scientists to analyse the song, to better understand the complexities of the riffs and trills. Male Nightingales sing at night to attract a prospective mate as the females migrate at night. The females are attracted to the males with the most complex and accomplished songs and research in Berlin city parks has demonstrated that males with the best song prove to be the best fathers, as demonstrated by the frequency of their feeding of the chicks. We like to think that the females are attracted by the beauty of the song, but in reality they are simply looking for the best father for their chicks.

Sadly Nightingales are in serious decline in England and their demise through habitat loss is leaving our soundscape much the poorer. If you ever get the chance, head to Knepp in Sussex or Minsmere in Suffolk to hear the remaining males singing their love song from mid-April to the end of May.

Roland Cherry

BIRDWATCHING WITH JACKIE KEYSER



Goldfinch



Long-tailed tit



Blue tit



Chaffinch



Wren



Nuthatch

There is never a dull moment when watching the birds feeding on one of many bird feeders in the garden, and there is a definite pecking order. Having a variety of foods ensures more species visit. We have flocks of sparrows, goldfinches and long tailed tits, along with the staples of blue-, coal- and great-tits. A few solitary starlings have found us. Blackbirds, dunnocks, chaffinches, doves and pigeons Hoover up what is dropped onto the ground, whilst robins just look for the next punch-up with each other. Occasionally the tiny wren makes a dash for a seed. Magpies watch the squirrels bury their peanuts, then hop over to dig them up as soon as the squirrel has turned its back. Many times the angry squirrel chases them off, only for another magpie to take his stash while he's chasing the first one.

Greater spotted woodpeckers visit daily - the green woodpeckers stay at the bottom of the garden, and this year a pair of nuthatches are regular visitors. Greenfinches, sadly, are few and far between, but the winter always brings us a gorgeous yellowhammer or two. Jackdaws look ridiculous as they try to master the feeders (designed for ground feeding birds) and the 'king beak' in the garden belongs to a solitary male pheasant who slowly toddles in from the field next door, to see what's going on.

I get zero thanks from the wildlife - I spend a small fortune and in return they leave a mess, they dig up or eat the plants, they destroy the feeders, and occasionally they get themselves eaten by the killing machine that is the sparrowhawk, but I wouldn't be without them and I feel lucky to live in an area surrounded by such diversity.

(Images - rspb.org.uk)



Greater spotted Woodpecker

A SURPRISE VISIT FOR EPIPHANY

'The Wise Men's camels will be dropping by for a Herbert on their way back from Bethlehem' said Monica from Happy Herefords. She wasn't kidding! On Sunday 9th January they duly arrived.

The Record spoke to Daisy Fossett, the camel minder, to find out more. Her father used to belong to Fossetts Circus where the passion for these exotic animals started. It was based in Stratford but travelled all over the UK and abroad. Not many people can claim their father was a Lion Tamer!

Daisy introduced Kokoso, a 20-year-old grey Dromedary camel (one hump). "He's appeared in an E- Harmony TV ad, been ridden by Jeremy Clarkson and walked around in London totally unfazed." Then there's Baxter a Bactrian camel (two humps). "He's a racing camel and quite fast but he's 8 years-old, acts like a teenager, always testing the boundaries."

The Fossetts have just started the UK's first ever camel dairy. "All our jobs with the camels got cancelled during Covid," said Daisy,

"so we decided to start the dairy."

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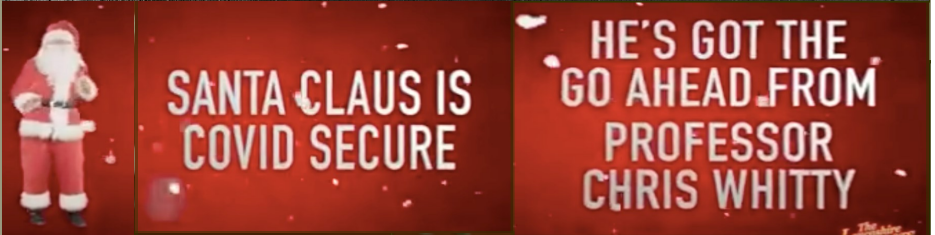
While milk quality is fantastic, the quantity is less so, as altogether the milking camels only produce 6-7litres which has to be shared with the calves.

The camels and the Fossetts had a great time with the Happy Herefords and enjoyed their Herberts. They'll be back for more!

www.jacamels.co.uk



TYSOE DOES CHRISTMAS IN 2021





ADVENT WINDOWS VILLAGE TRAIL



Well done to Isobel Watson for organising the Advent Trail and Map.

TYSOE W.I. CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS



After another difficult year with cancelled meetings, we had a fantastic Christmas party and it was wonderful to see so many of our members. Think it's safe to say fun was had by all. We have some very talented ladies.



Visit our FB page to view photos and videos. Great Christmas outfits!



Unfortunately due to the rise in Covid numbers, we took the reluctant decision to cancel the January meeting. We hope to be able to hold our February meeting, and look forward

to welcoming back Alexandra Messervy FRSA. She will be giving an insight into 70 years of the operational side of the British Monarchy as we prepare to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.

We are plotting a little something for the Queen's jubilee celebrations, so watch this space!

The Craft and Laugh Group were at it again, decorating the Village Stores Tearoom windows for Christmas, though it's our wonderful crafter Pat who produced most of it! Well done Pat, hope you all enjoyed viewing it.

The group also spent several months creating lots of items to sell to raise money for Tysoe Dementia Group. Staging a number of pop up shops, we are thrilled to report we raised £520! We are so grateful for all the support from our members, the public turning out to buy and many donations. Well done everybody.

Follow us on Facebook, email tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com or visit our webpage www.tysoewi.com

THANK YOU

I would like to thank friends, neighbours, my church community and all in Tysoe who have shown me so much kindness and support since 20 December, when John my husband passed away. I consider myself very fortunate to be living in this caring village and words cannot express how very grateful I am to you all. The plants, flowers, food and sympathy cards have been overwhelming in the nicest possible way. Thank you so much.

Pam Hatchett

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MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

We are delighted to include our new Tysoe Nature Map as an insert in this month's Tysoe and District Record. It shows just how many natural assets the Parish of Tysoe has, providing some very good resources for us to build on. Production of the map was supported by funding from the Cotswolds National Landscape and several local organisations and supporters. A huge thank you to everyone for their support. We have applied for a second grant from the Cotswolds National Landscape to help us run a number of activities this year (walks, talks, meetings and a children's summer workshop). We don't know yet whether this application has been successful.

Operation Wildflower



Above: Parish Councillor Jane Millward raking up the thatch with Peter Watson behind.

Right: Scarifier operated by Graham Collier and David Bell.

Many will have seen a group of us working on the edges of the playing fields and in School Lane. We've been preparing the ground and sowing wildflower seeds, assisted by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, in a project called 'Wilder Communities' and funded by Severn Trent.



The project has paid for the seeds which are worth several hundred pounds. The seeds are mainly perennial wildflowers, so they will take a while to establish, but the mixes also contain annual wildflowers which will certainly flower this summer. The wildflowers will benefit

local insects, which in turn will support local birds. Over 40% of British native species are in decline and it is clear that we need to do much more to champion nature's recovery. Species 'officially' under threat and that are less apparent in the parish these days include hedgehogs, swifts, house martins, yellow hammers, cuckoos, skylarks and tree sparrows.



Wildflowers from left to right: Miranda Forrester, Rosemary Collier, Jackie Keyer, Olivia Williams from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

Thank you very much to everyone who has helped with the wildflower project. Fingers crossed that the wildflowers will do well.

Rosemary Collier

AVIAN FLU - HOW TO CONTAIN THE OUTBREAK

Avian flu has struck parts of the UK again, with disastrous effect. The birds affected have mostly been ducks, geese and swans, but gulls, birds of prey and curlews have also been affected. Concerns are building that it could spread to other local populations such as lapwing and wigeon.

One thing that we can all do to help stop the spread is to keep feeders and ground feeding areas regularly cleaned with bird-friendly disinfectant, and not forgetting bird baths as well. If you keep poultry then you need to ensure they don't come into contact with wild birds.

Please do not touch any sick or dead birds. If you find any dead waterfowl (swans, ducks, geese), any gulls or birds of prey, please report them to the Defra helpline 03459 335577. You can check the RSPB website for Avian Influenza Updates www.rspb.org.uk

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WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Another year starts with rising Covid infection rates and yet again the Wassail was cancelled with regret. However many of the people who come along to enjoy the tradition fall into the more vulnerable in our community so it seemed the right thing to call off the event.

A few members have gathered together to start the year by planting three crab apple trees, representing Whatcote, Oxhill and Tysoe villages, to support The Queen's Green Canopy celebration of her Platinum Jubilee. Oxhill Parish Council and Whatcote Parish Meeting have kindly donated trees which helps the orchard which is a not for profit organisation.



Sentinel

The three varieties of the standard trees are Sentinel - white flowers and red/orange fruit, Rudolph - cerise flowers with red fruit, Golden Hornet, - white flowers with golden fruit. So we look forward to a wonderful flower display in the spring and some lovely fruit to follow!



Golden Hornet

The orchard is looking at its winter best thanks to the mild weather but recent frosts will be of benefit in killing off some bugs and hopefully reducing disease amongst the trees. And looking ahead there are plans for more tree planting and rain water harvesting.

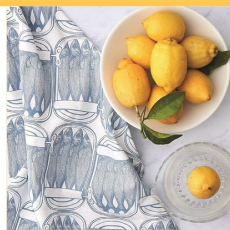
If you would like to enjoy the harvest of fruits then why not join us – just use the contact numbers below or message us via the web site. The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe.



Rudolph

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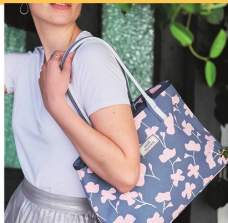
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WALLED KITCHEN GARDEN



Every year gardeners will say that it has been an unusual year, mainly due to the vagaries of the British climate (and perhaps global warming). 2021 was no exception with the addition of Covid 19 problems. We did open for the NGS along with a couple of other gardens in the village and although we had about half the usual number of visitors, we still raised money with plant sales and visitors enjoyed the space to walk around.

The harvest was good (details will be on our website www.twkg.co.uk if you are interested). Aubergines did exceptionally well (91 picked) but tomatoes, although they produced in the end, were very slow starters. Mistletoe was hit by the warm autumn weather with many of the berries only turning white well into December.

As usual we sold our propagated plants and excess fruit and vegetables from the trolley at the bottom of the drive. This year we raised £500 to give to charities. We will share this money between the NGS, Survival International, Tysoe Children's Group, Katherine House Hospice Adderbury and Carers4carers.

We hope you will come and buy our organically grown produce starting towards the end of February with rhubarb and perhaps some leeks.

Sue and Mike Sanderson

ELECTRIC DREAMS

VW iD3 - a Great Drive but still with Downsides

Having previously owned 2 hybrid cars the move to fully electric seemed the natural way forward, especially with the global push towards reducing CO2 emissions. I decided on the **VW iD3** with an advertised range of 260 miles. From experience I knew this range was unlikely to be unachievable. In summer it averages 220-240 miles. The big issue with batteries is their capacity in cold weather. A full charge in winter now indicates 180 miles with an 'actual' range of 140-150 miles, which leads to range anxiety on longer trips.

Long journeys need to be carefully planned to ensure that convenient charging can be done en-route. I have managed to find fast-charging points which take 40-50 minutes to fully charge, enough time for a coffee and bun; but you cannot book them. Plus there are numerous charging companies which require different Apps on your phone to access them, and sometimes they are out of order. Having said all that, I would definitely recommend the move to fully electric, despite the downsides.

Martin Smart

Volo Hybrid and Jaguar i-Pace - Exploring the Lease Options

Four years ago we leased a **Volvo hybrid**. We weren't ready for all electric. We were blown away by the technology - seamless transition between electric and diesel, and excellent performance. Having a hybrid meant that we suffered no 'range anxiety', and we simply plugged it into a normal household socket to recharge it.

We've now gone one step further with an all electric **Jaguar i-Pace**. We had to have a 7kw charger installed at the house, and yes, any long trips now need to be carefully thought-out to ensure that we have access to rapid chargers. So far this hasn't been a problem, as they are springing up around the UK as fast as weeds in the vegetable patch! And we still won't own one outright as we want to know we can give it back at the end of the plan.

Jackie Keyser

...STILL DREAMING?

Nissan Leaf - A Dilemma or a Dream?

Imagine owning a car which costs nothing to run – no fuel costs, no road tax, no congestion or emission charges. Surely, that must be a dream? No, it's a REALITY! Our Nissan Leaf is such a car. It runs like a dream, envelopes the driver and passenger with comfort and relaxation, shows which way to go and entertains them to boot.

BUT . . . Why does an electric mile not relate to a linear mile? The mileage gauge may say the car has travelled 28 miles (Stratford and back), whilst the electric gauge says 45 miles. Last week, after a frosty night, the car used 6 electric miles whilst warming up. It's a dilemma.

Our lovely Nissan Leaf should travel 100 to 120 miles before charging, our dilemma is we don't know how far it will go and can't visit our families with confidence. We do know, however, that as a local run-about, the Nissan Leaf remains 'a Dream'.

Thomas Slinger

THOUGHTS FROM TYSOE METHODISTS

A Happy New Year to all, but I'm aware of people who are ill and some who have been recently bereaved. We think of them at this time, the families and friends affected. Please hold those known to you in your prayers.

It was a joy to go to St Mary's Carol Service and be able to SING in the choir, hear the readings and enjoy the refreshments afterwards. We were lucky as the following week more Covid restrictions came into force.

Thinking of others, please note the **Shipston Food Bank Box** is still in the Methodist Church Porch. Please continue to donate what you can. As we continue into 2022, let's look for the GOOD things, help one another and keep safe.

Chris Gibbs

A MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH, TYSOE



As I write to you from early January I've seen only one small group of snowdrops. We've had some fierce frosts this week following days of milder weather when the birds sang heartily to each other as if Spring had already arrived. We must wait a little longer.

At the beginning of February the church year turns away from Christmas and Epiphany towards Lent and Easter. The pivotal day is February 2nd, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when, the scriptures tell us, Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem for his dedication and he was recognised by two very elderly people who had stayed spiritually close to God. The old English name for this feast day is Candlemas. The old name for snowdrops is Candlemas Bells. When we have survived February with the rigours of winter, as March begins, we will reach Lent. Another old English word, Lent meant Spring. This year it begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd to be precise.

We become used to the Seasons changing, looking for signs of hope and promises of new growth. It perturbs us when the cycle seems to change. What if plants and animals cannot adapt and survive? What if human intervention has irrevocably changed our world? We read in the bible that people have always shared these anxieties about human behaviour causing damage and death. The prophets warned people of consequences and begged them to tune into the way the world has been created by God. This February see signs of life and goodness all around you. Become more spiritually aware. Recognise the good in what you see. I pray you will find it lifts your spirit and gives you hope.

with love

Reu Heather

Associate Minister,
Feldon group of Churches

Our services are at 11.00 each Sunday at St Mary's. Do come and join us. All are welcome.

THE MAKING OF TYSOE : RECORDING THE CHURCH TOWER

Taking advantage of the recent scaffolding, volunteers with a head for heights have been recording the stones of St Mary's tower. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity (1912 was the last time scaffolding was erected) has enabled us to make a record of its construction history. We developed methods by trial and error during the survey. First a drone (kindly operated by Richard Grove) gave us scaled photographs of the south and east faces, but the drone was hampered by trees on the other facades. We then used photographic mosaics, but reducing them to scale was a lengthy and frankly approximate process. We graduated to 1m x 1m drawing frames, and even tapes and plumb bobs – skilled, laborious but accurate. The lowest stage was recorded in stygian gloom using head torches!



Church Restoration
Team 1912

What are the results?

The lowest 3 stages are roughly coursed Horton stone, and the corbels above the clock face show that there was originally a roof at this point. The blocked window below the corbels existed on all four sides - they would have been for an earlier bell chamber. This phase is traditionally dated to the late 12th century.

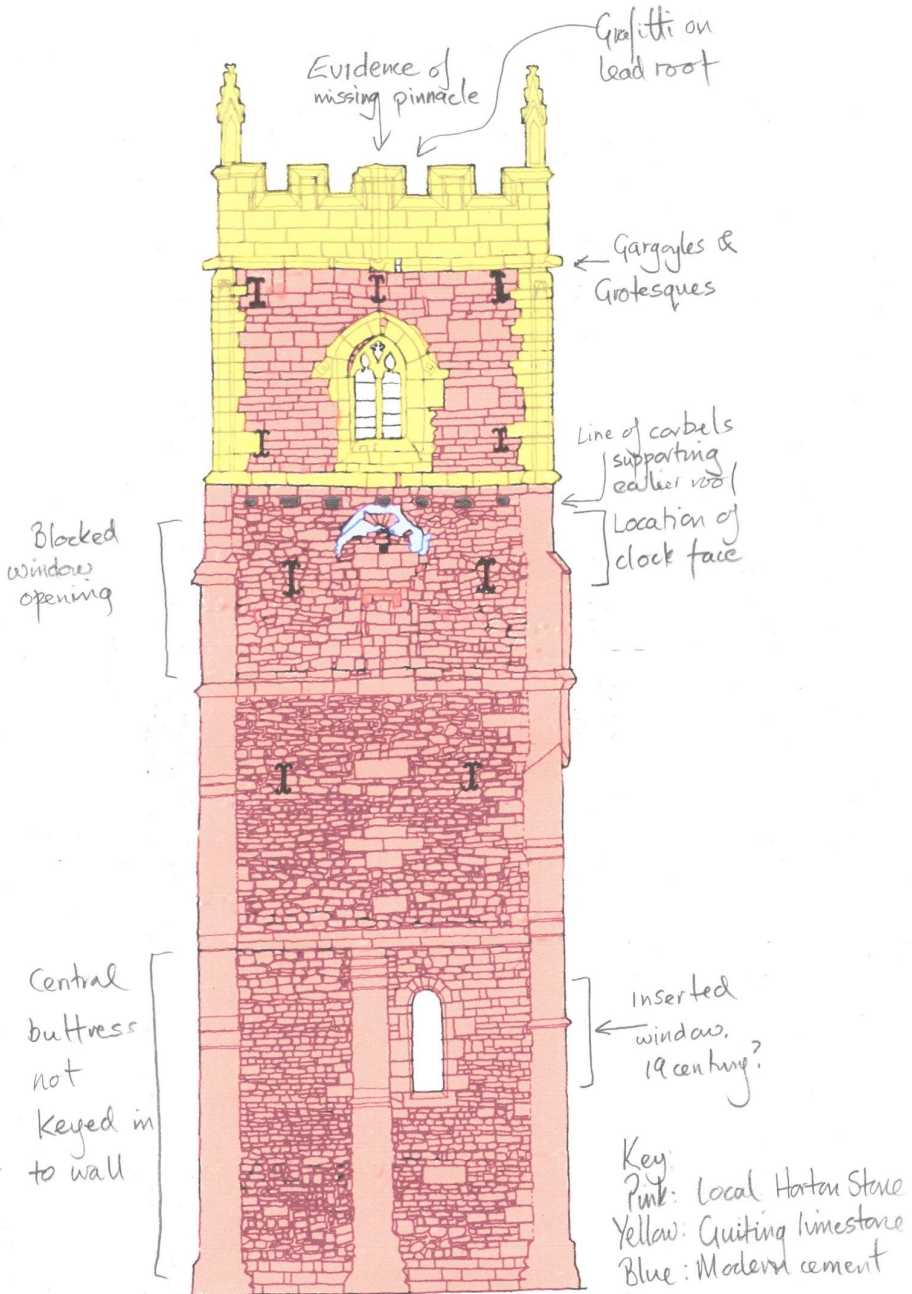


Blocked window

The 4th stage has a louvred window of Guiting limestone set in the well coursed Hornton stone wall with decorative Guiting stone quoins. Guiting stone is harder than the local marlstone and when fresh is a bright creamy/orange colour. The top stage is all Guiting ashlar blocks, an addition to the tower which, with its fine masonry, appears to be a patron's prestige statement, probably in the 15th century. More recent is the 19th century(?) round-headed window inserted in the lowest stage.

Continued overleaf

ELEVATION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH TOWER—WEST FACE



MEMENTOES FROM THE MASONS . . .

The 1912 masons left some mementoes – a fragment of a Keiller's marmalade jar and an intact Stoke-on-Trent plate inscribed "Fraie Bonnie Scotland". Both were found by our contemporary masons, stuffed into cavities in lieu of suitable rubble - evidence of nationality? holiday destinations? or merely breakfast? The lead roof has been signed by various craftsmen: e.g. S Wyles 1967; C Timms Electrician; ELC 1942; Joe Hopkins (multiple times!); G Hibbert; Baxter, and Mark H. We recorded these ephemeral signs, they are as much part of the human history of the tower as the grand statement made by the top-most pinnacles.



Dave and Matt Kaye (father and son) stone masons from Boden and Ward.

Thanks to John, Ian, David, Gill, and Kevin; the masons Dave, Matt and Ben for their assistance and cheerful acceptance of our presence in their workplace, and the contractors Boden Ward for permission to do the recording.

David Freke

The recent cold weather has limited the work that can be done so only two of the team are shown.









TYSOE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND



PRIZEWINNERS IN THE 180 RESTORATION CLUB lottery raising funds to restore St. Mary's Church.

OCTOBER: 1st 10. 2nd 175. 3rd 145. 4th 98.
NOVEMBER: 1st 159. 2nd 158. 3rd 67. 4th 23.
DECEMBER: 1st 83. 2nd 92. 3rd 95. 4th 106.
5th 163. 6th 45.

FEBRUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Tuesday	1, 15	Blue & green bin collection
	Every Friday	1+	10am-12 noon TYSOE DEMENTIA CAFE , Village Hall. No need to book.
	Tuesday	8, 22	Black bin collection
	Monday	14	Valentines Day—kissy, kissy!!
	Monday	14	A romantic Parish Council Ordinary Meeting, 7.15 Tysoe Village Hall.
	Tuesday	15	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall.
	Friday	25	CARER FOR CARERS Monthly Meeting, 10.30– 12 Kineton Village Hall.
	Monday	28	Last day of February—2022 is NOT a Leap Year but don't let that stop you!



Poppy Appeal 2021

Despite the problems of Corona, I never cease to be amazed at the generosity of our area. We had a good year raising £4182.52p for the Poppy Appeal. This was achieved despite the reduction in Euros, washers and other questionable foreign shrapnel, usually associated with the Appeal. Our most erratic coin this year was a Manx florin! Perhaps there was an upside to travel restrictions? Thank you all for all your support whether it be as collectors or financial supporters.

David Sewell



**KATHARINE
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Charity challenges for 2022

Why not try something new in 2022 and help us to raise much-needed funds for our hospice?

Help us raise money with an adrenaline rush! We have the following challenge events available to sign up to now – the sky is literally the limit!

- Extreme Abseil: Take on the 418 feet National Lift Tower, Northampton on 1 April (no joke!)
- Blemheim Fun Run: Run, jog or walk around the stunning grounds on 15 May
- Wingwalking: Take to the skies on the top wing of a Boeing Stearman bi-plane on 26 May
- RideLondon-Essex 100: Be part of Team KHH and cycle 100 miles on 29 May
- Moonlight Walk - our annual flagship event is on 9 July at Banbury Rugby Club.
- Oxford Half Marathon: Secure your spot for the 13.1 miles around Oxford on 16 October

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Braking Bad

Theodore Christophers was made coroner for South Warwickshire in 1892, one inquest he presided over involved the body of 17-year-old George Thomas Jackman of Coventry, who was killed while out cycling with Foleshill cycling club. He lost control of his bike coming down Sunrising Hill and went through a hedge; his brother Leonard, who was also with the club, discovered George's body by the side of a telegraph post, his skull and thigh both fractured. Christophers viewed the body, laid out at the Peacock Inn, before opening the inquest, held in the old schoolroom at Middle Tysoe. He called poor Leonard Jackman as a witness, who stated that neither he nor his brother had brakes on their bicycles, and so when a group of them rode down the hill, several of them were thrown off their bikes. A verdict of accidental death was recorded, and the telegraph pole recommended to be moved to avoid further accidents.

Extract from 'The Warwickshire Coroners' written by historian Nell Darby, from the Focus Life January 2022.

A Smoking Cradle

Towards the end of 1875, William Harris, a farmer in Lower Tysoe, and his wife Mary Ann, employed a local 13 year-old girl named Mary Robinson as a live-in house servant. William and Mary Ann also had six children at the time, between the ages of 12 months and 10 years.

According to newspaper reports, just over 12 months later, in January/February 1877, there was a series of unexplained fires in the house over a 6 week period. Mrs Harris had given birth to a baby boy in late January 1877, and twice his cradle was found to be on fire, the baby suffering burns in the process. On another occasion, a bed in which three of the older children were sleeping was found to be smouldering and the children "partially suffocated by smoke".

Curiously, the servant was not suspected at the time, and it was only after the tenth fire that the police were involved. Under questioning, Mary Robinson, now aged 14, admitted that she had caused the fires, but gave no explanation for doing so. She was eventually sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment and sent to a reformatory for 5 years.

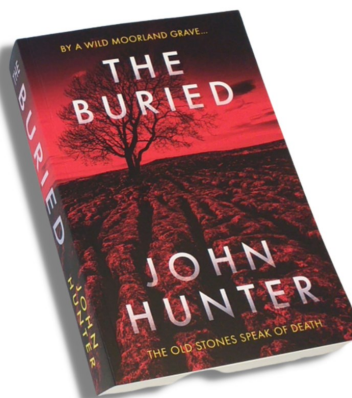
By Carol Clark, the Record's Treasurer

Notes: William Harris was Carol's great, great uncle. She knows the family lived in Lower Tysoe and that three of his children (Mary Ann junior, William Henry, and Joseph Bernard) continued farming, possibly in Lane End, into the twentieth century. She'd be interested to learn more about Harris's in Tysoe, if anyone knows anything?

The Buried

With a title like 'The Buried', it's no surprise to read about bodies being exhumed, especially as the author, John Hunter, is a leading forensic archaeologist. This book is a sequel to 'The Winder' and many of the characters, including Dr Jackson (Jacko), are familiar to us. There is a hint of Indiana Jones about Jacko it has to be said, while there's more reference to the shady goings on at the Manor in Middle Belford.

You learn a lot about archaeology. Interestingly the Cotswold landscape has gained some peat bogs, all the better for preserving the dead! What is rather disconcerting is the all too-close-to-home setting of the pub, the churchyard, even the single-decker bus which makes its customary three-point turn; combined with the high body-count it begins to make you wonder whether Tysoe is such a benign place after all. But then it's just a story . . . or is it? *It's a cracking read, be sure to pick up a copy.*



Review by The Editor



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We already have commitments from Happy Herefords to supply food and from the Social Club to provide drinks. We now need to organise the activities and entertainment. We would like events to start around midday and run through the evening. We're looking to involve children and adults and would like to work with the school, pre-school, and all adult and junior organisations.



If you or anyone you know would like a platform to perform, sing, dance or display your talents, then please get in touch at parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk or talk to any Parish Councillor. We want this to be a day to remember and a celebration of a wonderful life of service to the nation. Tysoe has a rich vein of talent. The Jubilee Celebration will provide an opportunity for you to show just how good that talent is.



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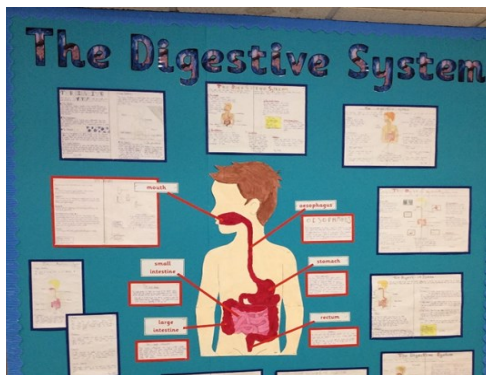
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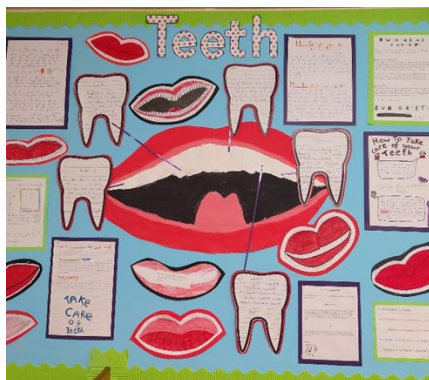


Here are some examples of the work the pupils have produced on Healthy Living topic.

Willow class has been learning about the digestive system. After carrying out a very messy experiment to show how food passes through our digestive system, we produced some writing to explain the different stages

Silver Birch have been talking about how they are making sure they brush their teeth for 2 minutes twice a day and are eating sugary snacks at mealtimes rather than between meals when they do more damage.

As well as learning about teeth as part of our healthy living week, we read 'HAPPY' by Nicola Edwards and wrote poems about what makes us happy.



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Junior Tennis News

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Please contact Nicki on nicki@tysoe.net if you would like further information or look at the Tysoe Tennis Club website.



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