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Welcome to our April Issue :

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WELCOME

Hello everyone

Our distributors will be knocking on your doors very soon to collect your £5 subscription for the new Record year which starts in April. It would be most helpful if you could have this ready for collection. Alternatively, if you prefer you can pay us by BACs - Name: TYSOE AND DISTRICT RECORD Sort Code: 09-07-20, Account number 03039870. Please be sure to include **your name as reference** and let your distributor know if you are paying online so we can match your payment to our list.

Sadly much of our attention in this issue is focused on the war in Ukraine. As Rev George writes in his Easter message: "Having spent two years under the shadow of Covid-19 we thought we were coming out of the darkness but another threat has materialised, the invasion of Ukraine has carried us back to Cold War days . . . but we should not let the darkness overcome us." Living where we do, we can take comfort from nature and the arrival of Spring:

*"I feel a warming in the air./ I see the days grow long
And all the signs of nature / Fill my weary heart with song."*

From **Hope Springs** by Linda Leonard

Team Record

SPARE A THOUGHT FOR UKRAINE



Instead of complaining about the cost of things and knowing it'll get worse, here's a different mindset. I crawled into a warm bed last night and I know where I'm sleeping tonight. There is a roof over my head and the house is warm. The fridge and cupboards have food. I turn on the tap and have clean water. If I have to take less trips, walk a bit further, then so be it. **We are luckier than most people that we share this world with right now. Count your blessings, not your entitlements.**

Source: Shared from Facebook

Freedom

In June 1949 George Orwell published 1984. In his book Winston Smith experiences what it is like to lose his freedom, to have his every action and thought dictated by Big Brother, the state. We can see direct parallels in Russia today when the populous is fed disinformation with the truth cynically hidden from them. The sad reality is that this is not fiction it is fact, with lethal consequences for both sides in this conflict in Ukraine. Seeing the tragedy unfold makes us reappraise the values we hold dear: to live in a democracy, with a free press and the right to determine our own futures. Our outpouring of support for the Ukrainian people is in the hope they retain these freedoms too.

Interconnected

Another aspect of the war in Ukraine is to appreciate how connected we all are. The world has become smaller, interconnected through international trade and the Internet. We rely on Russian diesel imports. Much of Europe has become dependent on Russian gas supplies. Sanctions imposed as a consequence of war mean these supplies have been cut-off (or reduced), consequently fuel prices have rocketed. While we may think Ukraine is hundreds of miles away, we are feeling the consequences here in Tysoe.

Empathy

The harrowing images beamed by satellite from Ukraine show refugee columns leaving the country, many under hostile fire, they serve to remind us just how fortunate we are. Rather than just stand and watch the people of Tysoe have been moved to help, finding essential supplies to load onto a truck bound for Ukraine, giving generously to the coffee morning to support the humanitarian appeal, while some people have signed up to accept refugees. As Sue Baxter says in her poem Sunflowers – Seeds of Hope, 'Let the brave Ukrainians know that we support their cause', (see back cover). We pray hostilities will end and afford them 'a lasting peace.'

The Editor



Fred Price, shocked by what was happening in the Ukraine, held a meeting on Sunday 27th February at Tysoe Social Club. The aim being to see what we, Tysoe, could do as a community to help. From this, so many incredible initiatives have happened and will continue to do so. **#TysoeSupportsUkraine** was launched.

A local friend of Fred's let him know that, via his business, trucks were going out to Ukraine and if we could get donations together, they could collect and take them. At that time we were given a crazy deadline of a few days so the ball started rapidly rolling.



Donations kept arriving throughout Collection Day as shown

We had a specific list of essentials which included sleeping bags, nappies, medical supplies and so on. Jacqui Franklin gave us clearance to collect in the village hall and the social media team of Jo and Zoe put notices out of the timings and what we needed. From there word got out and we were away!

On collection day, we set up with different areas for each item. By the end of the day we were so swamped we could barely move. Our helpers, Sharon, Lucy, Kate, Jane, David, Carol Ann, Annie, Alison, Josh, Jennie, Steve and more worked tirelessly sorting, bagging and labelling everything. People donated from far and wide. So generous!

We all bonded with this desperate yearning to help. The room was packed with essentials.

Next step was the truck collection. After many false starts with customs back logs and such, the truck finally arrived. David Sewell was brilliant at sorting out the parking bay. Top team of Steve, Theresa, Rob, Danny and Nigel loaded everything on. A mammoth task. We all worked so well together that I have been told we could all get a job in logistics.... food for thought...I need some more work!



By now those donations should have made their way to Lviv, Ukraine via Lublin in Poland. That rucksack from the school trip, that sleeping bag you used on the one and only camping holiday, those surplus thermal flasks at the back of the kitchen cupboard will all be so welcomed by the many marooned or homeless from this truly dreadful war.

Thanks to everybody, to all those who donated and to all those who helped. It was a great community effort.

#TysoeSupportsUkraine

Beverley Cressman



#TYSOE SUPPORTS UKRAINE

FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING

What an amazing Coffee Morning. I am quite sure that those of you who were able to attend will have never experienced an event like this, which without doubt united the whole village and some surrounding villages in their compassion, enthusiasm and desire to support and help the plight of Ukraine.

The Hall was packed, creating an atmosphere of community spirit, willingness, warmth and generosity.

There are far too many people who contributed to the morning and its success, to give public thank yous to but you all know who you are and your efforts were quite remarkable and so much appreciated:

- ☺ From the moving poem of "Hope" read by Anton
- ☺ The endless supply of cakes from the WI and many individuals,
- ☺ Not forgetting the Polish treats and blue and yellow jellies,
- ☺ The wondrous collection of handbags,
- ☺ Loads of lovely bring & buy, children's books,
- ☺ Name the huge Teddy,
- ☺ The mini art auction,
- ☺ Nonstop coffee machine ladies and their kitchen staff and
- ☺ The wonderfully manned most gigantic raffle of excellent prizes so generously donated - (one prize still unclaimed: name George, raffle ticket number 120).

Our morning concluded with another poem written specially for the Ukrainians by our local poet Sue Baxter (see back cover)

.....end result..... **£6,363. 42.**

WELL DONE TYSOE!

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

Back in 2009 I was in Odessa. It is the most beautiful city with wide tree-lined boulevards, gorgeous parks, fine sculptures at every corner.



I took this photo of the Opera House (I didn't have a very good camera at the time). The Nazis had it rigged with dynamite to be destroyed as they moved out of Odessa at the end of the second world war but some brave souls went in on the Nazi departure and cut the wires seconds from detonation (I know this from listening to the guide).

According to the Odessa National Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre's website, it is one of the five most beautiful theatres in the world. Forbes has included the Odessa Opera in the list of the most significant monuments of Eastern Europe. Here's hoping that this magnificent building remains intact in the current conflict.

Eileen Mann

Dear Editor

Some years ago I travelled in my motorhome, with Border Collie Jesse, to a beekeeping Apimondia convention in Kiev, Ukraine. Having motored some 800 miles across various country borders to Belarus, I was turned back for lack of a vehicle registration document. I travelled some 100 miles down a very bumpy road to the nearest Ukrainian border post and, long story short, was allowed entry on the condition that I got my wife to e-mail them a copy of said document from home. This leniency, I learned later, was totally unheard of. One hurdle overcome, I was then faced with the problem that my Sat-Nav only covered Europe as far as the Polish / Ukrainian border; all signposts thereafter just happened to be in Cyrillic and, to me, were undecipherable! I eventually got to Kiev and was made most welcome by some wonderful people - but that is another story!

Douglas Nethercleft

YOUR LETTERS - follow-up from last month's travel theme:

Places.

I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots**. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognises you there.

I have, however, been in **Sane**. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. I live close so it's a short drive.

I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on jumping any more.

I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in **Suspense!** It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get!.

And, sometimes I think I am in **Vincible**, but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in **Denial**, but I'm positive I've never been there before.

So far, I haven't been in **Continent**. But my travel agent says I'll be going soon.

Anon

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



FREE!

**AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH
TUESDAY MORNING 19th APRIL
9.00AM – 12 NOON**

Please call in after dropping-off children at school!

The March WI meeting had a last minute change of Speaker and subject when our original Speaker, due to talk about and demonstrate the wearing of a knight's armour, had to cancel due to a broken wrist. We were relieved to learn he was not suffering from "Saturday Knight Fever!"



Fortunately for us Tysoe's very own Paul and Heather Dowler, stepped in and spoke knowledgeably, using their own personal experience, about Dementia in its many forms. We all answered a quiz on the subject and were surprised and informed by the answers....this leading to quite a lively discussion.

The Dementia Cafes, run by Paul and Heather, have been Tysoe WI's chosen charity for this last year. We were able to present a final cheque making our total contribution £983. We hope this gift will contribute towards supporting those suffering from or caring for a person living with dementia within our locality.

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 6th April at 7.30 when our speaker will be Jo Carter with the Laura Ashley Story.

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

DEMENTIA CAFÉ NEWS

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the lovely ladies of Tysoe WI. We are so very grateful to you for supporting the Tysoe Dementia Café as your nominated charity last year. Special thanks also to Jennie Rake and her team of handbell ringers who came and entertained us—and are due to do so again on 8th April! And a big thank you to the Shipston Rotary Club, who donated £100. We are humbled by the goodwill shown within our village and the community spirit that is clearly bubbling over in Tysoe.

Heather & Paul Dowler

Thomas Fox

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MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE



Things are beginning to move now—the primroses in the churchyard and elsewhere are looking lovely and there is a superb clump of violets on the bank in School Lane. The wildlife hedge in the churchyard is starting to sprout and lots of tiny yellow rattle seedlings are appearing in the two wildflower areas, hopefully to be followed by other flowering plants, including cowslips established last year.



We've agreed the mowing plan for the verges with Thomas Fox and, apart from 'No Mow May', there will be some small areas devoted to wildflowers and tended by residents. The wild flower areas in School Lane and around the playing fields have been mown once and will be left alone now to allow the wildflower seed to germinate and grow. Fingers crossed!

Finally, the long-awaited results of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch should be out in April.

Dates for your diary:

- **Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground** monthly evening visits to see the development of the wildflower meadows - starting Wednesday 20th April,
- **Bat night** in St Mary's Churchyard – Saturday, 28th May led by the Warwickshire Bat Group,
- **Butterfly talk** – Thursday, 8th September with Mike Slater from Butterfly Conservation Warwickshire.



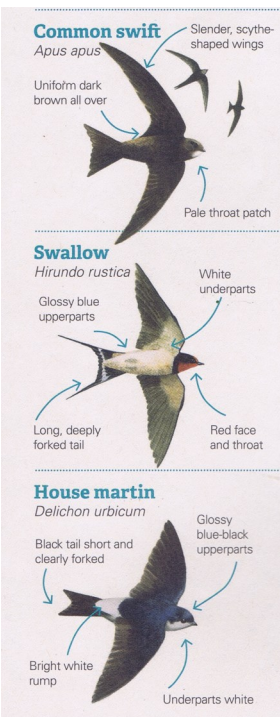
Tysoe Wildlife Activity Week and Drama Workshop for local children from Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August (9.30 to 12.30). The workshop is free for children aged 5-11 and who live in the Tysoe District. To book: email TysoeWildlife@gmail.com or phone Shirley on 01295 680793

Rosemary Collier

NATURE NOTES

Departures and arrivals

Spring is the time when the range of birds that we see locally undergoes another change. Departures to the north and east include members of the thrush family, such as fieldfares and redwings, that have spent the winter feeding in the fields and hedgerows. Nearly all fieldfares will have returned to Scandinavia by late April, whilst some redwings also return to Iceland. We have a very large resident breeding population of blackbirds but additional birds from Norway and the Baltic region arrive in large numbers to overwinter in Britain and then return north in the spring.



Arrivals include swallows, swifts and house martins which have overwintered much further south. Swallows are strongly migratory, with many making journeys of several thousand miles each year. They migrate mostly by day stopping frequently to refuel. Before crossing barriers, such as the Sahara Desert or the Mediterranean Sea, they will feed for several days to ensure they have enough fat for the crossing. As you will be aware, there are concerns that climate change is affecting the life-cycles of some species and this winter there have been reports of a small number of swallows remaining in southern England for the winter. Whilst they avoid the hazardous journey across sea and land, this is still a risky strategy, since if we had a prolonged cold snap they wouldn't find enough insects to feed on and would starve.

Illustrations Chris Shields, WWT magazine

Rosemary Collier



SPRING AT UPTON HOUSE AND GARDENS

Spring is here at last and the King Alfred daffodils are showing their golden colours in the Orchard at Upton House and Gardens, perfectly timed for our **Easter adventures in nature trail (14 April - 24 April)**. Little ones can join in with nature-inspired activities throughout the Woodland Walk and finish the trail by collecting a Rainforest Alliance chocolate egg or allergen free alternative; £3 per child and normal admission applies.

It's not just the daffodils that are starting to make an appearance, there are early signs of blossom coming into bloom near the Mirror Pool, which will shortly be followed by blossoms in the Orchard and Courtyard. Upton has plenty of different varieties including cherry, apple and magnolia trees. We will be celebrating this beautiful time of year and connecting with nature with a poetry trail around the gardens and by joining in with **#BlossomWatch**, so keep an eye on our social media channels and send us your blossom pictures.

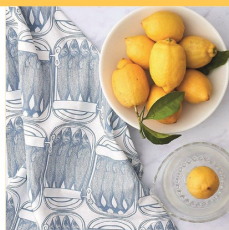


Continuing with the theme of nature, on 30 May we welcome Brian Acton who will be presenting **'A New Leaf'**; captivating story telling in the Woodland combining prose, poetry and song. This family-friendly story-walk will include a woodland treasure hunt and leaf rubbing, ideal to get younger family members enjoying the great outdoors. £8 for a child and a free accompanying adult.

There is plenty going on in the house too, including midweek pop-up talks until the end of May on 10 of our specially selected paintings included in the latest tabletop guide **'100 Paintings from the Collections of the National Trust'** by John Chu and David Taylor. Discover new insights and stories behind some of these iconic pieces including Bosch, Bruegel and El Greco.

For more information - <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens> and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @UponHouseNT

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WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD

So spring is here! And how welcome it is to have some sun and calmer weather although still a while before the risk of frosts is over.

All around buds are bursting and the blossom is starting to look good. In the hedges the blackthorn is out and also some gorse locally, although not at the orchard! The wildflowers are coming along and the cowslips were out at the end of February.



The good news is that Tysoe PC have donated a crab apple tree so we have our trio of donated Queen's green canopy trees representing the villages.

Work continues with spring pruning and grass cutting is in the offing! If you would like to help then do get in touch – 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.

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

www.wot2grow.co.uk

Carers4Carers monthly meeting **Friday 22nd April 10.30–12 noon**

Kinton Village Hall. Join us for coffee, biscuits and friendly chat. This month, come along and get creative with a local potter. Your loved ones can attend our Companionship Group. Pre-booking is essential.

For help with transport or volunteering with us, phone Gillian on 07947 893504, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com

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CELEBRATING THE CRAFT OF THATCHING



For the past three months, master thatcher, Dan Quartermain, and his two apprentices, Michael DeHaviland and Jack Roberts, have been replacing the thatched roof on Ivy Cottage, Back Lane, one of the oldest dwellings in Tysoe, c.1600s. It has been fascinating to watch them work.

Working day: Starting promptly at 8am every morning, the team were on the

roof come rain or shine, continuing to work in strong winds (even when Dan was away). One of the apprentices cycled daily to and from Deddington, as well as putting in a full-day's work on the roof.



Terminology: An 'armful' of thatch is shaped into a 'bundle' of consistent size and length, hence the shaking down and trimming.

Materials: the thatch on the main cottage (original dwelling) is made of combed wheat reed, a wheat/straw material. It is called a reed as it goes through a thrashing machine and has an unbroken stem. The newer extension has a water reed thatch which grows in wetlands.



Handcrafted: The team gradually worked their way round the whole roof, removing the old, weathered thatch and replacing it with new golden thatch. It is an environmentally friendly form of roofing, entirely biodegradable; even old thatch can be used for animal bedding.

Finishing the roof: The ridge was created again using combed wheat straw, as reed is too brittle to bend. Individual wraps are made up and laid over the top, then hazel sticks are split into long lengths and used for the pattern-work to pin the ridge down. Ivy Cottage has a traditional 'flush ridge' which tapers out flush with the facework. Wire netting was added as a last job to keep the birds out.

Roof motifs: Dan made the fox on top of the Old Police House by the war memorial, which he has thatched twice now. Most of the properties he works on are listed buildings so he can't change materials or styles. He said people tend to see the animal and not the quality of the thatch.

ADVISING ON THATCHING IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA



Dan was in Ghana recently with the UK charity, **Just Ghana**, travelling round for three weeks in a bid to make their thatching more sustainable and also to assess buildings for funding.

Traditional thatching skills are dying out as thatch is replaced with tin roofs. Local thatch only lasts about 3-4 years as it is

done quite sparingly. Dan said things like the pitches of the roofs can be changed to make them more sustainable. A bit different to rural Warwickshire, temperatures were 40 degrees in the shade and 55 in full sun. "I was brought in to advise on local projects like new health centres where they want to use sustainable material from the local area." He had to get accepted into the communities by the chiefs before he could view the buildings. He said the people were lovely and the children appear happier there than children here. Dan is keen to return to work alongside the local artisans to complete the projects.

HISTORY OF THE METHODISTS IN TYSOE

Methodism in Tysoe dates back to the lifetime of John Wesley when, in their Cottage Meetings, the first local converts met for worship and fellowship. The village is also 'one of the historic centres of Methodist witness,' thanks to Joseph Ashby of Tysoe, 'with his deep understanding of the Methodist ethos, his wide human interests and his great practical contribution to the welfare of the people' according to Rupert E. Davies, Methodist President.

In 1793 two of the members of the Methodist Society, William Geden, a breeches maker, and Edward Watts, a Yeoman, both of Lower Tysoe, purchased some property from Thomas Thornton for £55, and converted one of the cottages into Tysoe's first Methodist Chapel. This served the Society for 28 years, during which time the membership steadily increased and eventually the Cottage Chapel "became too small to contain the congregation resorting thither for the worship of God."

In 1821 the first Tysoe Methodist Trust was formed. This body purchased the existing Chapel and adjoining properties, including a barn which duly became the new Chapel, and with the addition of a galley, accommodated the local Methodist Society for the ensuing 149 years.



*Old Primitive
Methodist Chapel*

Primitive Methodism was introduced into the Banbury Circuit in 1836; its influence quickly spread to the surrounding villages. In Tysoe the early Primitive Methodists met as their Wesleyan neighbours, in the home of one of the members until in 1861 they were able to build their Chapel in Back Lane, during the ministry of the Rev. Henry Yates.

From then on the Society played an active role in the life of the community. In 1936 the Primitive and Wesleyan Societies amalgamated to form the Tysoe Methodist Society.



Old Wesleyan Methodist Chapel

Once again, the need for expansion and major renovations resulted in new premises. In 1961 the Trustees purchased the row of cottages and shop which once formed part of The Dock, which was to become the site for the new church. In 1966 plans were prepared for a new building.

At a ceremony on Saturday 21st March 1970 Mr T Walton, the oldest church member laid the first stone and on 17th October 1970, the new Church was officially opened and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. Appropriately the processional hymn was "Christ is our corner-stone, On

Him alone we build," (Anonymous 6th or 7th century, tr. by John `Chandler 1806-76). Source: History of Methodists in Tysoe taken from the Chapel's 'Opening and Dedication Souvenir Brochure.'



TYSOE METHODISTS—IMPORTANT DATE!

Join us on 3rd April at 3pm for the final service at Tysoe Methodist Church. Although tinged with sadness, the service is to celebrate all that has happened over the years. All our members and supporters are invited. After this final service the keys will be handed over and the church will come under the charge of the South Warwickshire Circuit. Thanks go to Robin & Sue Hancox who have done so much in getting the Chapel ready for the final service. Chattels have been distributed, although some need to remain until after the final service.

Each day the atrocities in the Ukraine are hard to take in, Tysoe's response with essentials and fundraising has been outstanding; to see Parliament addressed and united on all sides was momentous.

Our prayers and thoughts are with he family of Mr Steven Billings and those connected to him. Soon the clocks will spring forward, flowers are beginning to add colour and beauty to our gardens, trees and hedges are budding. Hope for things to come.

Peace be with You. Chris Gibbs

APRIL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Every Friday	1+	10am-12 noon TYSOE DEMENTIA CAFE, Village Hall. No need to book.
	Tuesday	5, 19	Black bin collection
	Monday	11	Parish Council Ordinary Meeting, 7.15 Tysoe Village Hall
	Tuesday	12, 26	Blue & green bin collection (remember to subscribe for green bins)
	Tuesday	19	Mobile library 1.45pm, parks up outside the Village Hall.
	GOOD FRIDAY	15	Good Friday 7.30pm Tenebrae service
	SUNDAY / MONDAY	17, 18	EASTER HOLIDAYS



TWO DAY INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING COURSE

Run by Shipston Beekeepers -a branch of Warwickshire Beekeeping Association.

Saturday 23/04/22 09.30 - 16.00 Brailes Village Hall OX15 5AS

Theory - How a honeybee colony works; the beekeeping year; essential equipment; harvesting your honey and wax; how to get started with your own bees.

Sunday 24/04/22 10.30 - 14.30 Practical at club apiary Lower Brailes -

Siting an apiary; assembling hive parts; apiary safety; inspecting a honeybee colony (weather permitting).

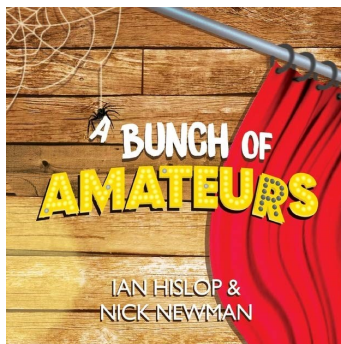
Beesuits provided.

Light lunch and refreshments provided both days.

Enrolment:- <https://www.sbka.org.uk/introduction-to-beekeeping-enrolment/>

Enquiries:- secretary@sbka.org.uk





Tysoe residents will know what fun amateur dramatics can be, but how many know of the drama behind the scenes? The Private Eye editor and TV commentator Ian Hislop with his friend Nick Newman have written a very funny play about the antics behind the curtain.

“A Bunch of Amateurs” is in rehearsal by Kington Amateur Dramatic Society, **Performances April 28th, 29th, 30th.** To book go to the contact page at www.Kads.org.uk or call **01295 680487**, (payment by card on the door). Licensed bar available.

Jeremy Rivers– Fletcher



Kington & District Local History Group

7.30pm April 22nd

Kington Village Hall

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Morris Dancing,

with instrumental accompaniment.

Speaker Alan Benjamin

BOWLS

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FLAT GREEN BOWLS

New members required for the new season starting Friday 15th April 2022. League and friendly matches, plus social evenings on Fridays. All ages welcome. Call Robert Townsend: 01926 641041 / 07964 551496

St. Mary's Church, Tysoe

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday,
April 14th 7:00pm

Holy Communion
followed by vigil in church

Good Friday, April 15th

7:30pm Tenebrae
a service of light and shadows in
which to watch with Jesus

Easter Celebration,

April 17th

11:00am Eucharist of Easter Day

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH, TYSOE

The first Sunday in April (fifth Sunday of Lent) marks the beginning of Passiontide. Nowadays the word 'passion' often relates to sex or uncontrolled emotion. But in the church context the word looks back to its Latin root – *suffering*. In the two weeks of Passiontide, church services provide an opportunity to spend time thinking about Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and death. We share Jesus' journey from his triumphant entry to Jerusalem, re-enacted on Palm Sunday, to Maundy Thursday recalling his Last Supper with his disciples. On Good Friday people throughout the world pause to reflect on Jesus' death on the cross. Then, on the following Sunday, his resurrection explodes into reality and we celebrate the most important Christian festival: Easter Day, (see times of the services opposite).

Passiontide is full of extremes: the highs and hosannas of Palm Sunday through to the darkness and despair of Good Friday; then bringing the inextinguishable Light of Christ into our church once more on Easter Day.

Our lives are full of highs and lows. I have been watching the earth coming to life again with flowers bursting open and lambs in the fields leaping around their mothers without a care in the world. Having spent two years under the shadow of Covid-19 we thought we were coming out of the darkness but another threat has materialised. The invasion of Ukraine has carried us back to Cold War days of anxiety about global conflict, as death, destruction and the exodus of millions of people from their homes fill our television screens. We are deeply concerned for people caught up in the conflict and for ourselves, but we should not let the darkness overcome us. In John's Gospel Jesus told his followers that he is the *light of the world*.

I pray that on Easter Day, when we bring the Paschal Candle, symbolising the light of Christ, into our churches, the light of his presence will once again prove stronger than the darkness that surrounds us and that we will walk confidently into the future.

God Bless

George

Revd George Heighton

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WECONNECT

Bereavement and Grief Support Group

For anyone grieving, whether it be that you have lost a loved one or you are caring for someone who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness or dementia, it can feel very lonely and overwhelming.

You are not alone in how you are feeling and support is out there.

We would like to encourage you to join our group.

Talking with others who understand how you are feeling, and in a safe and calm setting, can help you process your thoughts, and even to know it is okay to let go.

The group will be led by Stig Graham, former Chaplain at Myton Hospice

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and interested to enrol please email
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TYSOE PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE



Hi Tysoe,

I feel Spring in the air with many daffodils and Hyacinths in bloom, and a sprinkle of sunshine!

The Parish Council met on Monday 14th March and have been busy looking at projects for the coming new Financial Year. Some of the street lights are past their best and need replacing, and others will be replaced over time to ensure they are economical in their use of electricity. Speaking of which, check out the Parish Website, Facebook or the Parish Notice Board for information about getting help if you are struggling to pay energy bills. There's also more information for the over 70's on the Wellbeing notice board too.

We are planning work to be done at the corner of Peacock Lane, near the Doctors' Surgery in order to allow disabled access from the foot-path across the road – so watch this space. I think too, there will be some new planters positioned on the corner.

Dates for your diary – Tysoe Parish Council's AGM is on May 9th in the Village Hall at 7.15pm and the Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Thursday 12th of May in the Village Hall at 7.15pm, these meetings are open to the public and we hope local groups will report on their plans and activities at the Assembly.

Of course, the Jubilee celebrations planning is still in hand and more news will follow soon. The Parish Council are looking to plant a beautiful Copper Beech Tree in the village, with a wrought iron guard and seat around it to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year.

Let's hope the arrival of Spring moves on apace so that we can spend much needed time out in the sunshine and fresh air.

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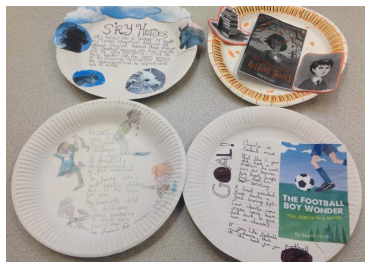
TYSOE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL - WORLD BOOK DAY

Rowan Class - Tasting plates



describe their books. The book reviews took place in school and the plates were made in their classes.

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TYSOE TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Regrettably, the Ladies A team could only field two players to go to Studley, which resulted in a 3-1 loss. This was followed by a draw against Leamington with Julie Smart and Liz Finlyson on sparkling form and winning both their rubbers. The Ladies B also had a draw against Henley.

The bad news is that Shirley (The Record Editor) had a really bad fall playing at Priors Marston in the mixed team and a dash to the Horton General was necessary, where it was discovered she had a broken wrist. Obviously, the match had to be abandoned. Let's hope she has a quick recovery and is back on court soon. *(Here's hoping! Ed)*

Happy Easter!



Junior coaching is available on Fridays from 4.00pm onwards for ages 5 and upwards. It is also available on Sunday mornings from 9.00 for 5/6 year olds and 9.30 for older children.

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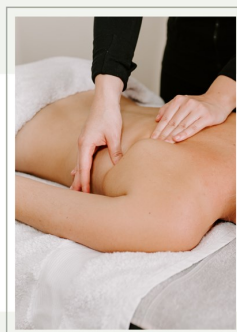
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