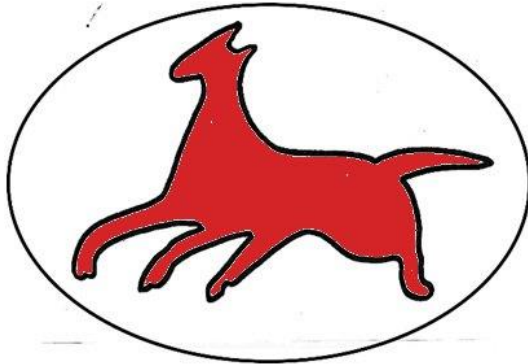


# Launch of the

## “THE MAKING OF TYSOE PROJECT”



Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall

9.45am – 1.30pm Free.

This is an ambitious Community project which it is hoped will interest anyone who wants to discover more about the history and evolution of the Parish of Tysoe.

The purpose is to carry out an audit of Tysoe’s heritage, to safeguard what is important or special and ensure its availability for future generations. There is also an important research dimension to learn more about earlier societies in the area, and the social and religious influences and power structures’ effects on everyday life.

It is anticipated the project will create a new guide book for the church, new tourist information literature, appropriate academic papers and, most importantly, a resource that can be accessed by anyone and which can be built upon in the future.

### PROGRAMME

0945	Introduction to <i>The Making of Tysoe</i>	<i>John Hunter</i>
1000	An overview of the archaeology of Tysoe	<i>Ben Wallace</i>
1015	Prehistoric and Romano-British Tysoe through geophysics	<i>David Sabin</i>
1030	Early Tysoe from fieldwalking and pottery	<i>Kevin Wyles</i>
1045	Tysoe up to and including the Norman Conquest	<i>John Hunt</i>
1100	<i>Short break</i>	
1115	Tysoe’s medieval church	<i>John Hunt</i>
1130	Medieval graffiti	<i>David Freke</i>
1145	Tysoe and the Civil War	<i>David Beaumont</i>
1200	Medieval Tysoe in the documentary record	<i>John Hunt</i>
1215	<i>Short break</i>	
1230	The deserted medieval village at Westcote	<i>David Freke</i>
1245	Local collections, archives, letters and photographs	<i>Kevin Wyles</i>
1300	The protected and unprotected heritage in Tysoe	<i>John Hunter</i>
1315	Graveyard recording at St Mary’s	<i>David Freke</i>
1330	<i>Close</i>	

*Refreshments will be available*

**Free Admission**

Come and hear what we know, what we know we don’t know, and how you can help discover what we don’t know we don’t know!

## The Launch

There will be short presentations during the morning, illustrating the range of the Project. The speakers will describe what is already available and indicate how much more there is to discover about the communities which have lived in the Tysoe area from prehistory to the present day. It is certain that more new information can be uncovered by volunteers from the community co-ordinating their efforts through the project.

## The Aims of The Project

People lived here in prehistoric, Roman, medieval and later periods. The project aims to investigate the development of the area since earliest times to discover more about the lives and legacies of these inhabitants. Key themes are the development of early settlement patterns, the evolution of the three hamlets, the role of the church, ownership and patronage throughout the centuries.

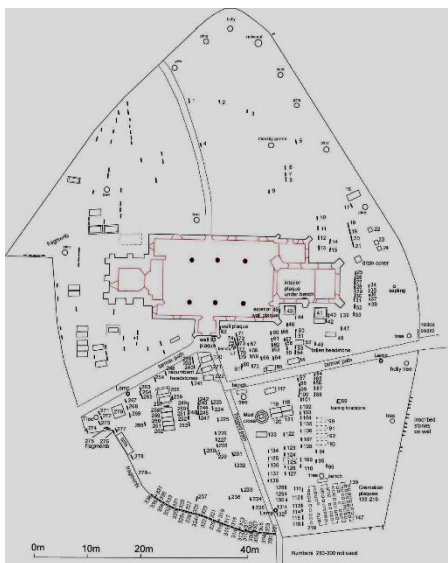


*Part of Kevin Wyles' extensive collection of prehistoric, Roman and more recent finds from Tysoe parish*

We want to understand the ways in which people have interacted with their surrounding landscapes and resources.

It is a wide-ranging process involving landscape survey, geophysics, place and field name records, population profiles, structural analysis of the church and other buildings, documentary searches, genealogy, archaeology and local history. Work has already started in producing a scale plan of the churchyard recording each memorial in detail

*The churchyard memorials plan derived from the drone survey carried out by Tom Willcock*



*Walls of medieval cottages at Westcote Deserted Medieval Village showing as parched grass in the dry summer of 1996*

This is ongoing and will continue through the year. Previous fieldwork has already mapped surviving ridge and furrow earthworks and the deserted medieval village at Westcote. David Sabin has carried out extensive geophysical surveys identifying prehistoric and Roman buildings.

A vast assemblage of prehistoric and Romano-British pottery has been recovered from field walking both in the

parish and from the Edgehill Project, and documentary research is drawing together a picture of Church, community and landscape in the Middle Ages.

All this will continue in tandem with recording the imagery and architecture of the parish church, village memorials, and well heads and springs together with collating and digitising vulnerable local records, photographs and genealogical information housed variously in the village.

**Please come to the launch on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall, 9.45am - 1.30pm**



*The project is being managed by David Freke (Archaeologist), John Hunt (Medieval Historian), John Hunter (Archaeologist) and Kevin Wyles (Archaeologist and Local Historian) using local volunteers. We would be happy to answer queries or describe the project more fully at the launch or at any of the planned activities.*