

May 2023

Tysoe Dementia Friendly Cafe

The Tysoe cafe remains open each week of the year apart from a two week Christmas break and in addition to Heather and Paul is staffed by a lovely volunteer workforce of seven , six of whom are from within Tysoe with one lady from Oxhill.

Our volunteers have all been with us pretty much from the start and are therefore quite experienced now - We are very fortunate to have them all.

The cafe numbers still fluctuate from week to week, there can be 12 people one week and 20 the next.

Over the last three months we have experienced a certain number of regulars either being taken into care or passing away. The carers with loved ones in care still come along to the cafe for support from us and this is an important function of the cafe - Carer support being the prime consideration here.

We still have too few attendees from within the village and we know that there are more people living with dementia within Tysoe who would benefit from the weekly contact.

We have tried and will still try to work more closely with the surgery, but they do seem reticent to interact with us on a regular basis. This is probably because of other pressing issues and pressures of course. However we do know from personal experience elsewhere that closer partnerships between the GP surgery and community can pay dividends in early dementia detection, diagnosis and mutual referral for ongoing support.

We are grateful to Jackie from the Post Office who will quite often raise concerns to us in a diplomatic manner regarding the wellbeing of local residents who visit the shop. Following which we endeavour to make contact with the family members to offer our support.

We are also grateful to the Parish Council for the recent kind monetary contribution following Jazz59 playing at the Coronation celebrations. Thank you 😊

Our fundraising continues throughout the year and we will be hosting a "Cream Tea with gentle jazz" in our garden on Sunday 2nd July as well as a concert in the village Hall to be held on Saturday 21st October, together with the now annual event of our craft fair and coffee morning held in the village hall during December.

Thank you for your support - Tysoe has a splendid community spirit of which we are proud to be a part of.

Paul and Heather Dowler.

  
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## **Tysoe Annual Parish Council Meeting 15th May 2023**

### **County Councillor Annual Report**

2022/23 has also been a challenging year for Warwickshire County Council and the residents of our County. Sudden unexpected expenditures created by the cost of living and the on-going Covid-19 crisis created real challenges for people experiencing financial hardship. Therefore, WCC received many calls asking for assistance. The Council were able to help through the WCC's Household Support Fund who support the most vulnerable residents. £421 million was also made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need to help with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living. The objective of the Household Support Fund is to provide support to vulnerable households in most need of support to help with expenditures, specifically food, energy and water bills. This phase of the grant ran from 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023. Warwickshire has been allocated £3.47million, which is being distributed through the existing Local Welfare Scheme.

However, the largest spend for WCC is Adult Social Care @£200m per year. Furthermore, WCC paid £2.8m to increase capacity in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

One of the main challenges for the Council has been the displacement of refugees. Warwickshire has a proud history of support for refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, and most recently, Ukraine. Several Afghan refugees have been helped by WCC with an Employment Package part of the Fair Chance Employer Program. WCC were able to assist with GP registration, school places, benefit claims, housing, and childcare

In summary, Warwickshire County Council rose to the occasion during 2022/23, they were able to assist in supporting the neediest of our residents in these very unsettling times. Even though the number of unexpected problems has created an extra financial burden on Warwickshire County Council, they were nevertheless able to set the Council Tax at 3.94% which is less than the Government have allowed Councils. WCC were not prepared to take more Tax than was needed from our hard-pressed residents. That being, the increase in the Council Tax will generate an extra £3.849m to provide funding to help with the cost-of-living crisis.

I have also visited Tysoe on several occasions during 2022/2023 regarding Highways issues.

Chris Mills  
Kineton and Red Horse



Tysoe CE Primary School  
Parish Council Report May 2023



2022 – 2023 has been another successful year for both the children and staff at Tysoe.

Pupil numbers have continued to increase through in-year admissions, however numbers next year are expected to be lower. The school remains in a stable financial position and continues to thrive as part of Fosse MAT Trust, which has now expanded to include two more local Church of England primary schools.

We have welcomed two new teaching staff members and our school dog, Rex. We have been delighted to reintroduce more trips and visits to enhance the children's learning over the last year. We have also been pleased to welcome parents, carers and family back into school for church services, theme days, World Book Day, our first annual Science Fair and our family afternoon tea to celebrate the Coronation. As always, the staff have maintained high expectations for our children and their learning and we expect to see the children achieve good levels of attainment and progress again this year.

The Christian Foundation Group continues to meet and the pupil led Collective Worship Group now regularly lead church services and worship. Our KS2 choir performed hymns at the Christmas Service and also attended the Dementia Café at the Village Hall before Christmas, which was very well received. Our KS1 choir performed at the Easter Service. It has been lovely to return to face-to-face worship and to see so many parents, carers and family members joining us.

The Federated Governing Body of Tysoe and Wellesbourne Primary Schools was dissolved in January 2023 to form two separate Local Governing Committees (LGC), one for each school. While the long-standing relationship of collaboration between Tysoe and Wellesbourne Schools continues, each school will benefit from a more local LGC. Fosse Multi Academy Trust continues to grow; enabling further collaboration and strong partnerships across our four schools.

This year has seen the Friends of Tysoe School re-established with several new committee members. The Friends have already run two successful fundraising events and are busy planning their annual Summer Fair for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. All funds raised will be put towards updating the school library collection.

We are pleased to be working alongside Tysoe Parish Council on improving road safety around the school for the benefit of our school family and the wider community. The Parish Council kindly donated two 'plastic policemen' to remind drivers to be cautious when driving and parking around school. We look forward to continuing this work together.

We have been working hard to nurture and celebrate the many different talents of our children. It has been another successful year watching them grow and learn.

Paige Allister  
Headteacher