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Photograph of the tractor cavalcade taken by Sarah Dillon.

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... Why not join the Tysoe Wombles next outing?



TYSOE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Tysoe Parish Council has prepared and approved an emergency action plan for the village.

The objectives of this plan are:

- To establish a community emergency co-ordinators' team that will coordinate the community response and liaise with the emergency services / local authorities as appropriate.
- To identify actions required to minimise the harm from identified hazards or threats.
- To establish a means of identifying vulnerable people in the community with a view to supporting them in an emergency.
- To identify resources in the community that would be available to minimise the severity of the emergency.
- To establish key contact details for the emergency services and local authorities, the Local Community Emergency Co-ordinators and key community resources.

In preparing the plan, the Parish Council has purchased several items to assist the village. These include a comprehensive first aid kit, sand, sandbags, flood sacks and some essential tools.

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A TOUCH OF SUN TO THE HEAD!

All this hot weather has reminded me of the song from a hot summer wayback when, sung by John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. You know the one, 'Summer Nights' from Grease. Looking at the lyrics, I thought they could do with bringing up to date. After all, it was written 50 years ago! (*How time flies.*)



Summer loving had me a blast
Summer loving happened so fast
I met a girl crazy for me
Met a boy cute as can be

Summer days drifting away
To-ah! Oh, the summer nights
Well-a, well-a, well-a, huh

Tell me more, tell me more
Did you get very far?
Tell me more, tell me more
Does he have an electric car?

Uh huh (doo doo)
Uh huh (doo doo)
Uh huh (doo doo doo doo doo)

She walked by me, on her mobile
He jogged by me, wearing head-
phones
I tripped over her, she nearly fell
He picked himself up, and didn't
look well

Summer sun, something's begun
But ah! Oh, the summer nights
Well-a, well-a, well-a, huh

Tell me more, tell me more
Was it love at first sight?
Tell me more, tell me more
Did she put a fight?

Dow, doobie do, doobie do
Doobie, doobie, doobie
Dow, doobie do, doobie do
Doobie, doobie, doobie, dow

I found her on TikTok
Messaged him into the night
Watched the same clips
Kept texting 'til light
Summer fling, don't mean a thing
But ah! Oh, the summer nights
Whoa, whoa, whoa

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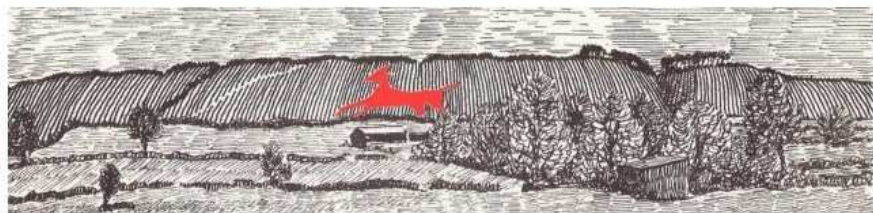
The Editor

Feel free to add some more verses and/or send us your own version of a summer song! Email tysoerecord@gmail.com or drop us a hard copy - details opposite.

RED HORSE – Myth, History and Landscape

Saturday 19 July 9.00-13.00

Tysoe Village Hall



What do you know about the famous Red Horse of Tysoe?

Tysoe Heritage Research Group (THRG) is planning an exhibition and a series of talks to reveal the full story on

Saturday 19th July.

Free Entry

- 9.00am doors open
- 9.45-11.00 } a series of 8 short talks about the history and context of the Red Horse in Tysoe
- 11.30-12.50 }
- 11.00-11.30 tea, coffee and cake available from Tysoe WI

In reality the horse could have been created for any number of reasons. What was going on that led to the Red Horse being created? And where was it located?

Prize winners of the Short Story competition to be announced at 12.45pm

Raffle of Nigel Fletcher Red Horse painting



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RED HORSE VALE



THE RED HORSE – SHORT STORY COMPETITION

There has been a good response to our competition. We were thrilled to receive seven junior entries and eight in the adult section, not so much quantity but quality, with some cracking good stories!

Junior Section

Our entries were from writers as young as 4 years (Esme and Mila) up to 8 years, (Elina and Robyn), with Betsy, Elswyth, Aurelia falling in-between. They have all shown great imagination, displaying amazing flights of fancy.

A red horse runs through all of them, as they seek to tell the story behind the carving on the hillside, even though it is no longer visible.

Robyn describes how: “The villagers were so amazed by the talking horse and her bravery that they carved a picture of Chillli into the ground.” You’ll have to read the story to discover why Chillli was so brave.

Chestnut, the horse, dies in **Elswyth’s** story, but her owner “carved a big silhouette of a horse out of the earth for Chestnut to see when she looked down from heaven.”

There is mystery in **Elina’s**: “Secretly each night the pictures of the red and white horse (carved into the hillsides) came alive again and they would go in search of one another in vain.”

In **Betsy’s** story, “Ms Allister from Tysoe School loved it (the colour red) so much that she told the school to copy the colour for their uniforms.”

Aurelia has a theory why we can’t see the horse anymore: “People have been searching for the red horse for many, many years. Nobody will find him because he lives above the clouds.”

But why was the Tysoe horse red? **Esme** has a simple explanation: “It loved to eat carrots, that’s why it was red!”

Mila has a different take on our hillside carving, she maintains it isn’t a horse, but a unicorn which had her magic horn bitten off by a lion.

You will be able to read the stories our website: www.tysoerecord.org, once they are uploaded from 1st July.

Adult Section

There are some magnificent tales in the adult section, enough to make the Tysoe horse prick up its ears! Here are a few tantalising extracts:

From: **'The New 'Tail' of the Lost Red Horse'** by Gill Mouat

"Kev (Cocker Spaniel) took off after it in full chase, soon going out of sight amongst the trees and undergrowth fully in pursuit of the squirrel. I could hear him rummaging, scuffing and digging somewhere below the path, he barked once and then I thought I heard another sound like the faint whiny of a horse or was it an owl perhaps?"

From **'The Horse – a ghost story?'** by David Roache

"But, rising above the other sounds there was now the beat of hooves, at a gallop, following me along the path. Pulling Jack off the track, we crouched behind a fallen trunk, too scared even to look to see who could be riding at such pace in the pitch dark. Out of the gloom came the terrible sight of a large bay riderless horse at full-tilt, bridle flying behind it, still saddled and with foam coming from its gaping mouth and nostrils and streaked with blood."

From **'As Old as the Hills'** by Shirley Cherry

"So it is that tales of heroism and of equine valour have been passed down through the ages. How Tiw, my master, came to be known as an Anglo-Saxon god of war and gave his name to the village which nestles just below the escarpment. While I, Rufus, the Red Horse incarnate, became a talisman for Tysoe, keeping watch over the inhabitants of this special place where magic and good fortune still hold sway to this very day. . ."

From **'The Red Horse - A Squire's Tale'** by Deborah Baker

"The colt was born in Seville in Andalusia in 1450 He was an Andalusian. Bred by the Carthusian monks, (as one of the few who could read and write), who jealously guarded the pedigrees of those they bred. He was unusually a dark chestnut. Red, the colour of strength and courage. The colour also of blood, danger and sacrifice. He was a destrier, a war horse, to be ridden by only the most wealthy and powerful of knights, as he would cost a small fortune."

From **'Eofor the Red's Final Ride'** by Kerstin Macdonald

"Eofor was the last. He dropped to one knee by the ridge, where the earth split with seams of iron-rich clay. The wind keened across the land, catching in the hollows of the hills. His breath came ragged. His fingers trembled on the hilt as he muttered a prayer to Tiw, hoping for one last trick up the god's sleeve — a miracle victory. Then came the thunder of hooves."

From **'The Great Red Horse of Tiw's Hill'** by Neil Douthwaite

"The great horse watched over the relentless toils of the people. For the years and the centuries as they worked their land, gathered their crops, thatched their houses and gathered their firewood. He knew their fear of famine, when rains and hails and snows threatened all that they had worked for, and when their harvest fell to the scythe he felt their relief, and watched them collect the precious sheaves and stooks."

From **'The Fog Horse'** by Aiden Ralph

"A sound cut through the grey quiet. Not a bird cry, nor the bleat of a lost lamb. This was deeper, rougher. A horse, sounding like its lungs were tearing. Henry stopped, listening hard. It came again, a panicked, desperate sound from somewhere out in the dense white. He edged towards it, boots sinking in the damp earth."

From **'Red'** by Joanne England

"One..... two..... three..... on the fourth chime, he climbed his way out of the window, gently lowering himself to the damp grass below. He had packed his torch, but he knew he wouldn't see much, the fog was dense and covered the Vale like an immense white blanket.

Why tonight? Why couldn't it be a bright beautiful moonlit night as so many had been before? It was 'the test,' in his heart he knew tonight was 'the' night."

Next steps

The winners will be announced at the end of the Red Horse Seminar on Saturday 19th July. With grateful thanks to our judges: Helen Keayes (Tysoe Record), Rev Susan Bowden-Pickstock (THRG), Janette Wolf (journalist and speech writer), Nicki Campbell (former Primary School Teacher and grammar expert).

The Editor

**CELEBRATIONS AT
YOUR VILLAGE HALL**



For the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe, the Parish Council, Village Hall, Tysoe WI and the CCOTS Choir held a celebration at the Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 10th May 2025.

A packed (yes, another sell-out event) audience enjoyed a lovely fish and chip supper, sang along to a wonderful collection of contemporary songs expertly sung by Anna Harcourt and the CCOTS choir, devoured many of Rebecca Ridgway's ice-creams and watched the 1971 Dad's Army film - silly but with much laughter. The WI did us proud, dressed in their 40's finery and many gentlemen proudly (and rightly) wore service medals and dress uniforms.

We took time to wish Bob Ashby (98 years young on the 11th May 2025) a rousing Happy Birthday. Bob is one of the few remaining veterans of WW2. As you can see he rather enjoyed the event!

We heard fitting words from David Roache from the Parish Council and Major David Sewell, who both spoke of the strength of the nation during such testing times.

To round things off, Tysoe's very own Anton Lesser made an appearance via a short video newsreel.
Ben Viollet





TYSOE PARISH COUNCIL **PARISH ASSEMBLY**



The annual Parish Assembly took place in the Village Hall on 17th May. The Parish Council has a legal obligation to hold an “assembly” once a year when all village organisations have the opportunity to tell residents what they have been doing over the last 12 months and what they plan for the next year. We tried a new format this year with 14 organisations taking tables to better demonstrate what they do. It is always amazing to see just how vibrant life is in Tysoe with so many groups providing entertainment, exercise or enlightenment. Tea, coffee and cake was provided by the Village Hall but even that wasn’t enough to entice the sort of numbers that our village institutions deserve.

I think the term “Parish Assembly” can be a bit off-putting. This is not a dull meeting with reports read out, it is a lively gathering of all that makes Tysoe special.

I encourage all residents, young and old, to come along next year to see what is on offer in this remarkable village – support those who **Make Tysoe Special.**
David Roache, Tysoe Parish Council



Thank you for your generous donation to The Farming Community Network. We really appreciate your support, helping us to continue supporting farmers and their families through difficult times and periods of change.

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LAURA'S CHARITY TRACTOR RUN 2025

Charity Donations



LAURA'S TRACTOR RUN - AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT!

Laura posted this on the event's Facebook page on Monday 19th May, the day after the Tractor Run took place. It contains her heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful support she's received.

"I'm struggling to find the right words without a tear in my eye. What an amazing community we have around us. Every single one of you deserves a huge pat on the back. Without our incredible team and our kind, generous supporters, we wouldn't be able to achieve such a wonderful day.

You've not only made one girl and her little orange tractor's dreams come true—the dream to help others and make a difference in people's lives—but you've also helped us smash previous years' totals by raising a phenomenal £12,285.59! 🎉

This amazing amount will be split between:



Shipston Home Nursing



My Name's Doddie Foundation



Cancer Research UK store, Banbury



The Farming Community Network



And, because we raised such an incredible total, we're also making a donation to a small local charity - 'Talk Dementia and the Community Hub'!

We were absolutely blown away to welcome over 130 tractors yesterday—it was a sight to behold and such a powerful show of support.

I'm overwhelmed beyond belief, and I know I speak for others too. We all came together yesterday to support our loved ones—those with us, and those sadly no longer here. I honestly cannot thank you enough for making it such a special and successful day.

A massive thank you goes to our wonderful team who work so hard behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly. The effort that goes into it each year is unbelievable—but it's all worth it when we see those smiles at the end of the day, knowing we've done something truly amazing together!

Well done to everyone who came along! Photos will continue to be posted over the next few days & weeks, so keep an eye out for you and your tractor."

Support your sports pavilion
 All proceeds go to maintaining and improving this important village facility



**2025 Tysoe
 Windmill run**
 10k/ 5k

SATURDAY 7th JUNE
 10.00am start • Tysoe Sports Field, CV35 0SR



Runners from far and wide lined up for the annual Windmill run. The weather proved ideal for runners - cool and dry, which allowed for plenty of personal best times. Over 200 runners took part and took home handmade medals and prizes.



Our amazing team of marshals were clearly seen in their smart new hi-viz jackets, waving, cheering and directing the runners of all ages, including a large contingent from Tysoe primary school.

The course winds its way over local farmland, so thanks to Lord Northampton, the Jervis, Jarvis, Ridgway and Butcher families for their continuing support with appreciation for Jon who gets the course in tip top shape! Tysoe Windmill received generous contributions from Tysoe PC, Tysoe Flower Show and Tysoe Utilities.





On the runners' return they were able to partake in refreshments and delicious cakes provided by Tysoe Children's Group who were able to swell their fundraising or enjoy an ice from Ridgway ice cream while discussing their performances.

The fastest under 14 runners (5k) were Andrew Rutledge 20:40 and Georgie Tweedie 24:57, while the 10K winners were: Harry Purewal, Kenilworth Runners 40:38 and Hollie Williams 47:37.



Penny Varley presenting their medals which she made.

Over £2000 was raised for the upkeep and modernisation of the pavilion. Huge thanks to everyone for their support.

See you next year, Saturday June 6th!

Photo credits: Lesley Latham for the photos at the windmill and Ben Viollet for the winners at the finish line.



NEWS UPDATE

WOW! What a fantastic turnout for Saturday's Windmill run. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who generously volunteered their time to serve refreshments, and to all those who kindly dedicated their efforts to bake a wonderful and delicious array of baked goods. We are very pleased to announce that with your

support, we have raised an amazing £413.60!

All money raised goes directly back into providing resources for the children in our care. A huge thank you to everyone involved.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our Bag2School collection is scheduled for Monday 7th July

9.00am. We welcome bags containing unwanted clothing, bags, shoes, curtains, etc (see list below). Please ensure bags remain dry if dropping off outside our hours, kindly check the weather forecast.

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> Items accepted include:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (secured together with ties, or elastic bands)
- Handbags Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (including bed sheets pillowcases, and duvet covers)



We're hiring!

Nursery practitioners
Full or part-time, Rota basis 7.45am - 6pm

Early years practitioner level 2/3 apprentice

Office assistant - Part-time

Join our lovely team at our village based nursery in Tysoe, Warks.
Competitive pay

Apply via
tysoechildrensgroup.co.uk/careers/

DO NOT accept: duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, School uniforms, corporate clothing and workwear, carpets, rugs and mats.

TYSOE SCHOOL'S GLOWING SIAMS REPORT



We are delighted to share a summary of the outcomes from our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. We were visited by a SIAMS inspector on March 27th, who toured the school, spoke with groups of children, looked at books, met with staff and governors, analysed documents, observed the children at play, attended collective worship and spoke to a group of parents and carers.

The feedback we received in school from the inspector was overwhelmingly positive and Tysoe has been judged as living up to its foundation as a Church school and enabling children and adults to flourish with several strengths, including a dynamic staff team who exemplify the Christian vision, resulting in a very caring and inclusive school community. The strong partnerships with the local church, Trust and diocese to enrich the spiritual development of children and adults were highlighted.

The inspector noted the exceptional holistic support, rooted in the Christian vision, enabling all to live well and grow together in a warm, welcoming, dignifying and equitable culture. The children share an active culture of justice and responsibility, which enables them to make wise ethical choices and to be positive agents of change. The school has a challenging and rigorous religious education and worldviews curriculum that is innovative and enables children to thrive.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and governors at Tysoe. They make a fantastic team, and we are grateful for the care they put in to ensuring we create an inclusive, nurturing, and loving community. They are dedicated professionals who strive to continually improve and provide the very best for our children.

Paige Allister
Head Teacher

Friends of Tysoe Primary School

Saturday 5th July

SUMMER FETE

● Tysoe Primary School ● 12pm to 3pm



After a 10-year absence St Mary`s Church fete was held again in the beautiful garden of Tysoe Manor, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Marks, Jonathan and Medina. The event was carefully planned to dovetail with the Windmill Run, held on the same day. This year we were very grateful to have the help and support from members of the Church Restoration Committee whose invaluable help made a huge difference.

A splendid afternoon was enjoyed by all, Raffle, Wine or water, Guess the name of the Teddy, children`s Games, the Merribells and of course Teas and cakes. We were so pleased to have the Rainbows and Brownies with us who provided lovely face painting and archery skills and Rosemary Collier providing a local environmental information stand. Colin Hiron brought the ever popular skittles, Matt and Anna and the children provided the very popular children`s races and of course Rebecca`s ice creams were the icing on the cake!

A wonderful £1400 was raised for the Church. It would not have happened firstly without support from all the people who attended and secondly from all the Team who set up the stalls and gazebos, transported tables, chairs etc, from the Church to The Manor and back, sign erectors, carpark stewards, cake providers, raffle prizes donators etc.....all too numerous to mention. THANK YOU ALL for making it all such a success. We look forward to seeing you there again next year.

Gill Roache



Linda Johnson, Chris Cowcher
and Eileen Mann

At our May meeting we were delighted to invite Chris Cowcher, the CEO of Warwickshire Rural Communities Council, to receive a cheque dedicated to helping the Community Food Fleet.

Only the Committee knew the full amount so it came as a brilliant surprise to Chris and all assembled when it was revealed to be £1,120! Well done to all in our affiliated 'Craft and Laugh' group and to our raffle ticket sellers and buyers for such a sterling charitable effort.

At June's meeting we were happy to welcome three new members to Tysoe W.I. They joined on an evening when we re-visited a popular social event from the Tysoe W.I. archives. Back in 1917 a Beetle Drive was the height of entertainment. Now in 2025 it was no different but paired with glasses of Prosecco and a tasting plate of four different puddings: chocolate mousse, lemon posset, meringue with cream and strawberries, plus a summer fruit cheesecake, for each member. Needless to say the evening went by far too quickly.



A male guest at the event was a teddy bear, resplendent in his pyjamas that we have donated along with his chair and blanket for the "Name the Teddy" stall at the Church Fete. We hope he does well in raising money for this cause.

Eileen Mann, W.I. President

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Friday 25th July from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon Kineton Village Hall.

Carers4Carers
Finding support through supporting each other

This month, we're excited to offer a short session of gentle, chair-based exercise (TBC). Come along to our carer support meeting for refreshments, chat and mutual support. Bring your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you there! For further details or help with transport, contact Gillian on 07947 893504, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com. www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk

Tysoe Stray Cat Patrol Fundraiser Coffee Morning & Sale

in the Happy Hereford's Barn,
Back Lane, Tysoe



- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and biscuits
- Cake Sale
- Tabletop Items
- Clothing
- Children's tabletop
- Guess The Name of the Cat
- Lucky Dip



Saturday 28 June 2025

10-1pm



We currently have 10 kittens in our care. Anyone interested in adopting a kitten can leave their details for Cats Protection. All kittens will be chipped, neutered, and treated for fleas and worms before rehoming.

Adoption fee is £115

Tysoe Stray Cats Veterinary bills are now close to £1000 due to two emergency 'out of hours' appointments in the last few days. Anything you can give would be welcomed. Go to: <https://gofund.me/06548fa9>. Please come along to our coffee morning at the Happy Herefords Barn. Huge thanks to Mon and Jen for letting us use the barn. Beki Benjamin

REMEMBERING ISABEL

Well known villager Isabel Gibbs passed away on 26th May, aged 66 years. Isabel was born and raised in Tysoe; the daughter of Alwyn and Edith Canning of Mill Farm, Back Lane. Isabel married Michael in 1980, and daughter Rachael was born three years later.

Isabel was born partially sighted, but her determination and generosity of spirit saw her involved in many village activities over the years, until her Parkinson's Disease became more advanced. She was Tawny Owl in Tysoe Brownies, and a volunteer at Tysoe School listening to children read and spell during the 1980s/90s. She was a longstanding member of Tysoe Methodist Church. Starting out attending Sunday School and singing solos in services, she became a regular worshipper, Sunday School teacher and helper at numerous events and coffee mornings. She was a past member of Bowls Club, was an avid puzzler and Scrabble player and attended Farm Women's Club when she could. Isabel was also a passionate fundraiser; initially for Warwickshire Association for the Blind for which she was awarded Honorary Life Membership, and then for Parkinson's UK. Isabel and Rachael also enjoyed two trips to Switzerland with Martin's of Tysoe.

Since Isabel's passing, we have been comforted by the enormous support shown, through the many cards, calls and offers of help. We were deeply touched by the tremendous turnout of around 200 people on 10th June for a beautiful service to celebrate Isabel's life, and by the generous donations made in memory of Isabel to benefit Parkinson's UK.

Isabel will be dearly missed. But, as Rachael's tribute during the service highlighted, Isabel's kindness, strength and resilience in the face of many challenges was an inspiration to all who knew her. This, and many treasured memories, will sustain us over the coming months and years.

With sincere thanks, Michael Gibbs and Rachael Neal (nee Gibbs)



Tysoe Brownies, 1993



Isabel and Rachael in Switzerland, 2005



Michael and Isabel at Rachael's wedding, 2013



**WEDDING
BELLS
WERE
RINGING!**



For the marriage of
Lucinda Sewell to
Richard Wingfield Digby on
Saturday 14th June at St
Mary's. What a wonderful
wedding and glorious day!



Your Churches Need You

We are looking for a new Secretary for our joint PCC (Parochial Church Council) for the parish of Tysoe with Oxhill & Whatcote

The ideal person would be required to take minutes of the meetings, (about 5 each year) and be the contact person for correspondence from The Diocese of Coventry

Support and assistance will be given for the first year. For more information contact Rev George Heigh-ton: revgeorgeh@ outlook.com



**CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
COFFEE MORNING**

Tuesday 15th July at St Mary's Church, Tysoe

with **Stay and Play** for preschool children, carers and parents

NOTES FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH



The most important event in the church calendar for July is the school leavers' service on Wednesday 16th July. The oldest children will be moving on to their secondary schools and although it is sad to see them go, it is part of life and we send them with our blessing. It marks a new stage of growth for them as not only do their educational horizons expand but they continue to grow physically and mentally, in what they learn and what they experience. The pupils in the year below them will take on the responsibility of being the "senior" pupils in the school, so the next school year will also be a time of change for them.

So, with no major festivals coming up, we call this quiet season in the church "Ordinary Time" and we use it as a space for in-depth reflection on Jesus's teaching and ministry. The liturgical colour changes to green, and an alternative name for this period is 'the season of growing'. This seems particularly appropriate in the context of our school pupils. They are part of our Christian community and we have a responsibility to support their growth in faith. We hope they will continue to feel part of the church family in this place.

Although it is a quiet season in our churches, the 'season of growing' is possibly the busiest time for our farmers and we see them in their tractors working late into the night. During this month of growth, we especially pray for farmers, and for all, young or old, who will be looking for a new opportunity, perhaps experiencing a new challenge at this time.

I hope you will continue to be part of the journey, the path of faith that we are all on, within the life of the church at the heart of the community.

God Bless,

George

George Heighton

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See our Facebook Page "Our churches; Tysoe with Oxhill & Whatcote"

JULY DIARY DATES

For contact details for the Tysoe Clubs and Societies - see 'Tysoe Phone Book' on pages 42 & 43

BINS				
	Food waste (food waste caddy)	Recycling (blue-lidded bin)	Refuse (grey bin)	Garden waste (green bin)
04/07/2025	✓	✓	✓	✓
11/07/2025	✓			
18/07/2025	✓	✓		✓
25/07/2025	✓		✓	

What	Where	When
Coffee Morning (donations plate)	St Mary's Church	Tuesday 15 July 9am - 12noon
Craft & Laugh	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Wednesday 9 July & 23 July 13:00 - 15:00
Community Hub Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Every Friday 10am-12noon
Fitness & dance exercise class	Village Hall	Every Thursday 10:30am -11:30am
Lunch Club	Village Hall	Friday 4 July 1pm
Mobile Library	Outside Village Hall	Tuesday 1 July 2pm Tuesday 29 July 2pm
NGS Tysoe	10 gardens open and stalls in Village Hall	Saturday 5 July & Sunday 6 July 2-6pm
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Monday 14 July 7.30pm
Pickle Ball	Village Hall	Every Thursday 7.15 - 9.15pm
THRG - Red Horse Seminar	Village Hall	Saturday 19th July 9am-1pm
Tysoe Tots	Tysoe Primary School	Every Wednesday 9:30am - 11:30am
Tysoe WI	Village Hall	Wednesday 2 July 7.30pm - 9pm

www.tysoerecord.org 'What's On' for a full listing of events!

TYSOE SOCIAL CLUB

Upcoming Events

JUNE 21	Music Quiz £10 per team
JUNE 28	Live Music - DABB4+1
JULY 05	Live Music - Jolly Rogers
JULY 19	Live Music - Tres Hombres
AUGUST 02	Live Music - Pete Watkins
AUGUST 29	Karaoke with Ian
SEPTEMBER 06	Live Music - The Coopers

EVERYONE WELCOME. FREE ENTRY TO ALL EVENTS.

PIZZA NIGHT EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

KINETON AMATEUR
DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS:



SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT



SAT
12
JULY

2-COURSE MEAL &
2 ONE-ACT PLAYS &
BAR ALL EVENING

KINETON
VILLAGE
HALL
DOORS
AT 7PM
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MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE - VISIT TO LUNDY

I've been fortunate to spend a few days on the island of Lundy recently. It's a beautiful place and arrivals, departures, accommodation, food, waste disposal etc. are expertly managed by the Landmark Trust. As you would expect, there is a focus on wildlife, which is monitored in detail by several organisations, including the Lundy Field Society. There were some interesting contrasts and similarities with the wildlife around Tysoe that I'll explain.



Firstly, the contrasts; obviously Lundy is in the middle of the Bristol Channel and is therefore home to species that like to be close to the sea. We were lucky to see hundreds of Puffins, Guillemots and Razorbills, zoned on the vertical cliffs, but also flying to and from the sea. Puffins nest in burrows, where there is a certain depth of soil, whilst the other species prefer the rocks. The highlight for me was the Manx Shearwaters – with over 20,000 on the island. I only heard them, screeching to each other as they flew back to their burrows in the dark, to avoid predators. A surreal experience as they flew past our house. Since rats have been eradicated from Lundy, all these species of bird have fared much better.

As for the similarities, it was great to see some very friendly House Sparrows keeping their eyes out for scraps in the pub garden. There are only a few hundred of them, probably due to a lack of appropriate habitat; the population in Tysoe must be larger. Then there were some noisy families of Starlings, with their recently fledged young, a reminder of the large family that visits our own bird feeders every day. Finally, there was a very bold family of Robins hanging around by the back door – again just a very small number of them on the island in the one really sheltered area.

Rosemary Collier



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The good news is that the apple and cherry trees are doing well with lots of blossom, and the cherries have had their net sleeves fitted, so hopefully these will bear a good crop later in the year. This is, of course, reliant on good weather conditions which includes plenty of rain!

The orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe. For more information about membership please email: mirandawot2grow@gmail.com. Allie Aves

Contacts: Miranda Forrester (680265); Paul Sayer (680451); Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

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Welcome to the Tysoe Wombles

Sunday 8th June saw the parish invaded by individuals in hi-vis jackets armed with litter pickers. About 25 volunteers congregated at the village hall before dispersing to participate in the first co-ordinated Tysoe Wombles village litter-pick. The aim of the day was to try and clear up rubbish discarded on verges leading in and out of the village by thoughtless individuals who have little respect for the beauty of our parish. Several bags of litter were picked up, mainly drinks cans and sweet wrappers, with bigger items including a discarded pram, a child's scooter, builder's rubble and old rubber car mats. Volunteers were also disappointed at the number of discarded dog poo bags. Hopefully this event will encourage others to join the Tysoe Wombles, and the publicity involved might encourage more people to take all self-generated litter home. David Sewell



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Tysoe Wombles please contact Sophy Lynch on sophyfl@gmail.com or 07989 799272.

THE MAKING OF TYSOE: GRAVE TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD (12) CHEST TOMBS



A walk through the churchyard takes in some impressive chest tombs, prominently located near the paths, impossible to miss. These were erected, at some expense, to preserve the memory of those buried beneath them (not in them).

Chest tombs in churchyards took their cue from elite tombs inside churches, where they could be elaborate constructions. Churchyard chest tombs had to be more robust, but some medieval effigies now relocated inside churches once existed outside, probably atop lost chests. Apart from the erosion which many exhibit they often incorporate drain holes to prevent rainwater collecting in the hollows of the carving. There is a splendid example in Brailes church.

In Tysoe our earliest surviving dated chest tomb is the plain box to William Townsend (d. 1719), by the path outside the porch. As well as the Townsends, the Hewens, Middletons and Gardners have long histories in the village and have left some impressive chest tombs south and west of the tower. However, they are literally overtopped near the west gate by the dramatic Greek-style Portland Stone casket tomb, surmounted by a large urn. Even the mason who made the monument felt the need to display his name – Mander of Banbury. It commemorates Simon Nicholls (d. 1855), who emphasised his status with the title “Gent”. His family is dignified with this title in the local directories. He lived at the relatively modest Edgehill House near the Castle Inn at Edgehill. The extended Nicholls family has lived in Tysoe for centuries, and Simon is among the lesser tenants named in the Inclosure Award of 1798. Simon’s later status may have been derived from the acquisition of land, because by the mid-19th century he owned about 200 acres of farmland, with tenants at the Grade II listed Edgehill Farmhouse. The addition of his place of residence and the “Gent” on his tomb, together with its ostentation and prominent location might suggest the slight insecurity, but pride, of the nouveau riche?

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The Village Hall will be open for the essential tea and cake that accompanies any garden visit. Also in the hall will be several stallholders exhibiting garden related products and works of art (see below). Tickets can be bought for cash at any of the gardens or using a card reader at the Village Hall or Garden Cottage. One £7 ticket gets you into all 10 gardens!

Sue Sanderson



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Annual Report for Tysoe United Adults and Tysoe United Juniors

2024-25 has been another busy year of football for both the adult team and 8 Junior teams.

The adult team has had a very good season playing in the Banbury Lord Jersey League in division 1 and finished 3rd out of 10 teams, which is outstanding after finishing 4th last season in division 2. The adult team also had a good cup run but lost to Kings Sutton from the premiere division in the quarter final.

Tysoe adults continue to attract new players, plus players from Tysoe Juniors are also becoming regular players within the team. This season we had over 40 players registered with the club.

The Juniors have had another good season with 8 teams this season with 2 u8, 2 u10, u11, u12, u13, & u14.

To make it easier for pitch allocation and matches, all the junior teams now play their games in the Ambassador Evesham Football League on a Saturday morning with games at either 9.30am or 11am, so some Saturdays with can have 5 home games. It does mean a lot of travelling to Tewkesbury and Pershore, but it helps the coaches and parents to know when all the fixtures are from September through to April.

This year we had 120 registered players to play in the above leagues.

The Juniors continues to grow and this season we had 8 Team Managers, 27 coaches 21 FA Trained Team First Aiders and 31 parent helpers all of which have had a FA DBS check, all attended a FA Safeguarding course, and some have attended a FA First Aid Course.

We are also pleased to see that 3 parents, (all of whom had FA DBS checks, attended a FA Safeguarding course and a FA First Aid Course) offered to train a new group of younger players aged from 5-7. They started in March at the football field on Saturdays morning from 9.30am. They have already had lots of interest with more than 15 children joining this group.

With changes in football around Concussion, a lot of our officials have carried out the FA Concussion Guidelines course. Plus, with the highlight of more cardiac arrest within sports, a lot of our coaches have also completed the FA Sudden Cardiac Arrest course and it is good to know that we have on site an emergency defibrillator at the pavilion.

This season a new law came into the game meaning all age groups of u11 and below are now not allowed to head the ball, so players and coaches had to change the way they play or coach football.

Also, u7 – u9 had to learn the new rule of a kick in which replaced the throw in.

On Saturday 17th June the Juniors celebrated their end of season annual football presentation with teams playing matches, a BBQ, and all players being given a medal from the club, plus each age group will award individual trophies to players for their achievements throughout the season.

On the weekend of Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June Tysoe Adults and Tysoe Juniors held their annual Junior football tournament with approx. 60 teams took part over the weekend.

Last season Tysoe Adults gained accreditation from the FA, and I am glad to say that from this January, Tysoe Juniors are now an accredited football club which is good for both clubs. Tysoe adults and Tysoe Juniors would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and Thomas Fox for maintaining the playing field which allows us to play football to a high standard.

From the Parish Assembly Report by Steve Allen



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Contact Information
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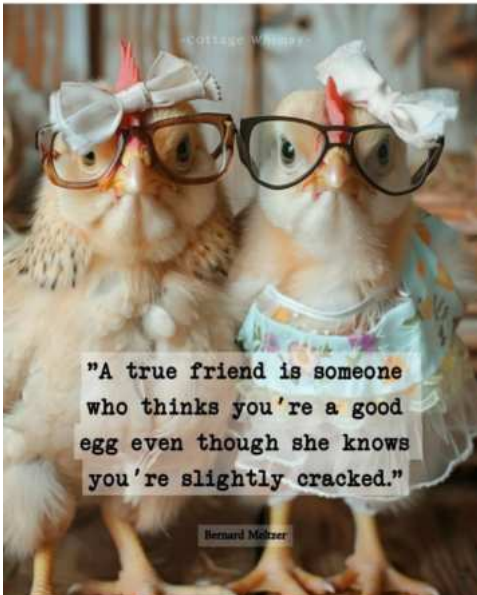
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