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**TOUR OF BRITAIN
POWERS THROUGH
TYSOE**



**The cyclists
attacking
Sunrising Hill.**

**What a
spectacle!**

**Photo credit:
Robert Mahoney**

CELESTIAL TREATS!



Stargazers across the globe experienced a real treat on Sunday 7 September - with a lunar eclipse, also known as the Blood Moon. The eclipse was partial in the UK, with the Earth's shadow only covering part of the Moon. While in Asia, the Middle East and some countries in Africa, it was a total lunar eclipse, making the whole moon appear orangey-red in colour, (image BBC website, credit ETA).



For us the eclipse started at 18:30 BST and lasted until 19:52. It was only visible after the Moon rose which depended on your location. A partial eclipse continued until 20:56 and then a faint penumbral eclipse lasted until 21:55. Malcolm Hepple, from Long Itchington Astrological Society, took this shot of the partial lunar eclipse.

We'd already been treated to a brilliant Harvest Moon, the name for the full moon closest to the autumn equinox (September/October). Its name comes from the extra moonlight it provides, which historically allowed farmers to extend their working hours into the night to gather their crops before winter. This effect is due to the angle of the moon's orbit relative to the horizon, causing it to rise at nearly the same time each night for several consecutive evenings around the equinox.

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WHAT THE OCTOBER ISSUE HAS IN STORE!



In this issue our top story is the exciting Tour of Britain, featured on pages 4 to 6. There's a focus on hobbies and pastimes; discover how Tysoe's artisans take pride in showcasing and sharing their crafts and skills (pages 8 and 9). For Lesley Reed, joining Shipston-on-Stour u3a has opened doors to learning and new friendships (page 11). Some people, like Carroll Lymbery, have successfully turned their interests into a career. Read her story about identifying antique treasures at auction on pages 12 and 13.

Early Autumn Arrives

Autumn has arrived early with leaves changing colours and beginning to fall (see page 28). Branches are heavy with an abundant harvest of apples and wild fruits. To help you make the most of this seasonal bounty, you'll find a reliable recipe for Crab Apple Jelly on page 17.

Keeping our wheels turning

As you know each issue of the Tysoe Record is hand-delivered by our dedicated team of fifteen distributors. It is with huge gratitude that we thank Graham Hicks who has finally decided to put his feet up, having posted copies through village letterboxes for the past fifteen years. Joy Hancox has kindly volunteered to take over his route.

Welcome to Rob

The October Record is popping off the page, thanks in part to some great photography. We are pleased to welcome Rob Mahoney as our newest staff photographer. Readers may recall his images of owls; garden birds and the cricket coverage featured in previous issues. This month it's his Tour of Britain photographs which grace our front cover.

Welcome Packs for Newcomers

On the subject of welcoming, we encourage everyone to let us know about any new residents in Tysoe. We will deliver a Welcome Pack to them, which contains the latest issue of the Record, a letter from the Parish Council, and various flyers for clubs and societies. You can inform our distributors or send an email to tysoerecord@gmail.com.

Happy reading! The Editor

CAUGHT ON CAMERA



After the wait and the advance motorcyclists have gone past, the peloton finally arrives!

Pictured below: The cyclists going past Tysoe Children's Group.



<The leading pack



The main pack disappearing!>



Tysoe School
turns out
to watch>



Photo credits from top:
Nick Hull, Tysoe Children's Group, John Hunter, Tysoe School, Rob Mahoney

THE TOUR OF BRITAIN POWERS THROUGH TYSOE

When the Tour of Britain came sweeping through Tysoe this summer, our quiet village was transformed into a stage for one of cycling's most prestigious races. Residents lined the roads, bunting flew from windows, and for a few brief but unforgettable minutes, the world's top riders powered past the windmill, through the village centre, and up the gruelling slopes of Sun Rising Hill.

A Race with Pedigree

The Tour of Britain has a long and storied history dating back to the 1950s. The event has roots in post-World War II racing and has gone through several name changes and iterations, including the Milk Race and Kellogg's Tour. Today, it attracts many of the biggest names in professional cycling, often including Tour de France stage winners and Olympic medallists. For riders, it is one of the most important multi-stage races on the British calendar; for fans, it is a rare chance to see world-class cycling on their doorstep.

Climbing Through Warwickshire

This year's race covered six stages over 886 km, starting in East Suffolk and finishing in Cardiff. Tysoe featured on Stage 4 (Atherstone to Burton Dassett, 186.9 km) – the longest stage of the Tour that went through all five districts and boroughs of Warwickshire.

The Warwickshire countryside, with its combination of rolling farmland and steep climbs, provided a stern test for the peloton. Stage 4 included no fewer than six categorised climbs, taking in some of the best-known ascents in the county with a punishing finale with three steep laps up to the top of Burton Dassett Country Park. Along the way, they also encountered Tysoe's own Sun Rising Hill - a short but fierce climb with a mean 10% gradient, although the final 400m hovers around 13%, even touching 18% towards the crest!

A Village Comes Alive

For Tysoe, race day was as much about community as cycling. Roads were closed from early morning and residents turned out in force to cheer the riders. Children waved flags, families set up picnic chairs, and the chatter of excitement echoed down Main Street. The sight of the brightly coloured peloton rushing through, followed and interspersed by the convoy of team cars and motorbikes, brought a touch of international glamour to our rural corner of Warwickshire.

(continued)

A Nail-Biting Finale

Burton Dassett Hills Country Park saw Romain Grégoire surge past Julian Alaphilippe for the uphill win and took over the leader's jersey - a position he would hold to secure overall victory in Cardiff. The final stage in Cardiff also marked the emotional retirement of Welsh legend Geraint



Romain Grégoire (Groupana-FDJ) wins stage 4
(Image credit: Alex Livesey/Getty Images)

Thomas (2018 Tour de France winner), who bowed out of professional cycling on his home roads. For Tysoe, having the world's top riders race through our village was nothing short of remarkable.

Warwickshire: A Cyclist's Haven

It's no surprise that organisers chose to bring the Tour back to our county. Warwickshire offers everything a cyclist could wish for: smooth tarmac (once the Council had filled in the potholes!), rolling farmland, challenging climbs, and sweeping descents. From leisurely spins past golden fields to thigh-burning ascents like Edge Hill, Sun Rising, and Burton Dassett, the countryside around Tysoe is a natural cycling arena – and we locals wouldn't have it any other way. With groups like Wellesbourne Wheelers and Shipston Cycling Club on our doorstep, cycling continues to thrive.

Race Stats (Stage and Overall)

- Total Race Distance: 886 km / 550 miles (East Suffolk → Cardiff)
- Stages: 6
- Stage 4 Distance: 195.37km / 121 miles (Atherstone → Burton Dassett)
- Number of Riders: 114 from 19 professional teams
- Average Speed: c. 40–41 km/h / 25 mph
- Climbs on Stage 4: 6 categorised, including Burton Dassett, Sun Rising, and Edge Hill

Emma Tompkins and Peter Bridgewater



On Sunday, 31 August, the Tysoe Sports Field and Pavilion hosted the village's Afternoon Tea in support of Breast Cancer Now. Despite the occasional torrential downpour and a smaller turnout than last year, the community spirit shone through and over £1,000 was raised for this vital cause.

The afternoon was made extra special by the incredible number and variety of cakes, all generously baked and donated by volunteers. Alongside the cakes, guests enjoyed freshly made scones, tasty sausage rolls, sandwiches, and plenty of tea and coffee. A lively tombola and raffle added to the fun, plus live music from local favourite Pete Watkins, and left-over treats were sold afterwards as packed lunches to raise extra funds.

The fundraising continues with an online raffle to win three beautiful illustration prints of original artwork by Josh Welsby. Tickets are available via the event's Facebook page or by QR code.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the organisers, bakers, helpers, and everyone who braved the weather to support such an important charity.

This QR code directs you straight through to the raffle post if you'd like to use it.



Lauren Holly



Showcasing Tysoe's Talented Makers

The recent Made in Tysoe event, held on Saturday, 6th September, was a wonderful occasion that brought together many of the village's talented makers. The Village Hall provided the perfect setting for this vibrant display of creativity and skill.

Artists: Melanie, Christine, Sue, Nora and Shirley. Jewellery Maker: Annabel. Clever Felter: Sally. Soft Toy Maker and Seamstress: June. Jennie our own 'knitting-Jennie', our resident potter Penny and Jacqui our florist and workshop provider. Beekeeper, Lucy, together with Ice Cream Maker, Rebecca, brought added sweetness to the event.

A Community Gathering

Visitors enjoyed generous servings of cake, drank tea, and caught up with neighbours, all while admiring and buying the wonderful creations on display. The lively atmosphere reflected the spirit and camaraderie of Tysoe's community.

Supporting Tysoe Children's Group

The event was not only a celebration of local talent but also served a worthy cause. Thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of those attending, a fantastic £326 was raised for Tysoe Children's Group. These funds will contribute towards the purchase of additional outdoor play equipment, benefiting the village's young people.



WHY NOT HAVE A GO?



Hopefully, like me, you were inspired by the creativity of the stall-holders at 'Made in Tysoe'? Although you may think that you don't have any talent, it's always good to take some time out for yourself, so why not attend a workshop, have fun, and you just might surprise yourself!



Tysoe's artisans enjoy sharing their talents and encouraging others to try it out – Penny Varley regularly runs workshops for up to 4 adults in her pottery studio and recently PennyAnn Wells had a great time trying her hand at throwing some pots (see photos above). Visit: pennyvarley-ceramics.co.uk for her workshop details.

Celebrated artist Nigel Fletcher holds 'Beginners Oil Painting Classes' every Friday at Sibford Village Hall and at Shutford Village Hall on the first Saturday of every month. If you are interested e-mail: nvfletcher@btinternet.com

Jacqui Franklin is hosting a series of workshops in her lovely 'Cosy Space' above the Post Office (more details overleaf) including: Knitting for Beginners - knitting guru Jennie Rake will teach you how to get started (fancy making your own new winter scarf?); while talented local Jewellery maker Annabel Kay is running two Silver Clay workshops; And Jacqui herself is holding two flower arranging courses - for vases or eco table arrangements - and nearer Christmas is leading a wreath-making course. Visit the hopeandgloryflowercompany.co.uk to book your place or see Jacqui at the Post Office.



Helen, Ed Assistant





Are you no longer in full-time work or retired?

Join Shipston on Stour u3a to meet new people and enjoy exploring a wide variety of interests, including arts, nature, history, physical activities, music, languages and social events.

Join 350 members from all over the Shipston on Stour area

secretary@sos.au3acommittee.org

<https://sosa.u3asite.uk>



@ Hope & Glory Flower Company

Over the coming months the Cosy Space will host a wide range of hands-on art and crafts & floristry workshops for you to enjoy - including:



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@ Hope & Glory Flower Company



@ Hope & Glory Flower Company



@ Hope & Glory Flower Company

Welcome to a little bit of heaven

Visit www.hopeandgloryflowercompany.co.uk or see us at the Post Office

Shipston-On-Stour Area u3a A Friendly and Stimulating Local Community

My experience of joining Shipston-on-Stour Area u3a. After moving to Shipston in 2023 to be nearer to our Children and Grandchildren, I was still concerned that I would be lonely as I had left behind other family and close friends. I discovered the u3a website on the internet, I had not heard of them but was delighted to see that there were many groups available to join. Having an interest in Genealogy I decided to join the Family History Group first.

It can be a bit daunting going along to a new group of people on your own, but I went along and needn't have worried. They were all very friendly and I was made to feel very welcome.

I have since joined three more groups, one of which was a Walking Group. I had asked my husband to come with me on the first walk and, although he had said that joining groups wasn't for him, got hooked himself. He now belongs to three groups and started and runs his own group.

For us, the u3a has meant becoming part of a community, keeping our minds and bodies active, learning new things, but best of all making new friends along the way.

Lesley Reed



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 21st October at St Mary's Tysoe
from 9.30am

With Stay and Play for preschool children,
carers and parents.

MEET CARROLL LYMBERY - ANTIQUES TREASURE HUNTER

Given 'Trash or Treasure?' is coming up on Saturday 11th October, the Record caught up with Carroll Lymbery, who has pursued a career buying and selling antiques, to help set the scene.

Some people have a knack of dressing a room, combining objects and decoration that look simply fabulous. Carroll is one of those, for example it takes an 'eye' to see how a collection of hand mirrors could become an arresting feature in a room. Carroll said the oval ones came from hat shops in the 1940s or 1950s, so ladies could view the backs of the hats they were trying on, their image reflected in the big mirror.

She's spent a lifetime spotting 'treasures' at auction, at French brocantes and the Paris Flea Market which she went on to sell at her own shop, at trade fairs like 'Antiques for Everyone' and other outlets. She loves antiques and collecting so much that she refuses to retire. You can still find her at Station Mill Antiques Centre, Chipping Norton, for details visit: www.stationmill.com.



TRASH OR TREASURE?

With an introductory talk from our antiques expert Steven Bruce

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11TH OCTOBER - DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

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OR WI COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Knowing or discovering the story behind an object is part of the attraction. Carroll spotted this pig being unloaded from a van at a trade fair. It was love at first sight, not least because she thought it might be an original Liberty pig, designed by Omersa in the 1920s. She sent her husband to investigate only to hear that piggy had already been sold. Happily, she was presented with 'Rosie Bacon', as the family called her, that Christmas!



English oak furniture is a real favourite. Carroll can read the clues, like the strap hinges on a bible box, with its handles attached by split pins (before screws), together with the rich patina of age, date it to c.1750. No doubt it was once a treasured family heirloom.



There are more clues to find on porcelain, like this early Worcester teacup and saucer. In this case, a blue crescent makers' mark dates this piece back to the 'First' or 'Wall' period (1751-1783), marking it out as quite rare.



There are still bargains to be had! Carroll bid for and won these colourful parrots at the Brailes Auction the other day. While not antique, they would certainly add a splash of exotic colour to a room.



This talent for spotting treasure has given her a fascinating career. She never stops learning! Her extraordinary talent has been recognised by Soho Farmhouse, a regular customer for her interior décor ideas.

To find out how to tell *trash from treasure*, be sure to book your ticket for the event on 11th October. **ALL WELCOME! (Not just WI members).**

The Editor

HARVEST FESTIVAL

11.00AM
SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

FOLLOWED BY BRING AND
SHARE LUNCH



HOLLY TREE FAYRE

*Saturday 13th December
10am - 1pm
St Mary's Church*



Save the date!

- * Great gifts * Fabulous Raffle
- * Musical Entertainment
- * Coffee, tea, pork baps
- * Free children's activities

Painting by Nora Bajcsi

OCTOBER 2025 CHURCH SERVICES

	Sutton	Tysoe	Brailes	Oxhill	Whatcote
5th October: 16th after Trinity	6:30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	11am Harvest Festival	9:30am Holy Communion	3:30pm Harvest Festival
12th October: 17th after Trinity	9:30am Holy Communion	11am Harvest Festival	11am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship	
19th October: 18th after Trinity	9:30am Family Service	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evening Service	
26th October: 19th after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion	

NOTES FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH - OCTOBER 2025



By the middle of September summer seemed to have departed and autumn had arrived with a bang. After the long dry period, straw-coloured fields were turning green again, as were our gardens. Hopefully farmers will soon be able to plant their winter crops, if there is sufficient moisture to encourage germination. Although nowadays farmers are planting and harvesting all year round, we will maintain our tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival on the second Sunday in October. This is our opportunity to give thanks for God's generous gifts of physical and spiritual nourishment which we enjoy thanks in large part to the hard work of farmers near and far; we pray for them in these times which continue to be challenging.

This year we have seen the usual yellow fields of oil seed rape and also the purple fields of flax adding to the varieties of colour in the fields which feast our eyes. These have replaced some of the more traditional food crops and are a source of vital revenue for many farmers.

Then there is the pressure to produce food as cheaply as possible because many people are struggling financially. Shipston Foodbank is facing increased demand with reduced donations. Each month they are having to use their reserves to buy essential food for those in need. Your donations at the Harvest Celebration will be most welcome. If you are also able to include one extra item in your weekly shop and donate it to the Foodbank, that would be a great help.

Finally, returning to the celebratory theme, we will be having a "bring and share" lunch following the service on 12th. All are welcome, there is a sign up sheet in church to give us some idea of numbers, and we hope to see you then.

God bless you,

George Heighton

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

APPLE DAY

AT THE ORCHARD



FUN
for all the
family!

SATURDAY
11TH
OCTOBER

1 PM - 4 PM

behind the
allotments



A COMMUNITY
APPLE-JUICING
EVENT!

Bring clean
containers to
take-away
juice

REFRESHMENTS

BYO cleaned
apples





CRAB APPLE FEST!



This year's weather has proved to be excellent for wild fruit of all sorts with crab apple trees being particularly bountiful. Despite being an erratic jam maker, I DO often make crab apple jelly, which my friends seem to enjoy, as it's versatile enough to eat with meats, cheeses and even to just spread on toast.

Crab Apple Jelly Recipe

I find the following method to be consistently delicious and reliable:

Wash and rinse 12 x 250 ml jars.

Pick 4kg of any sort of crab apple –small or large

Wash the fruit, cut in half and put in a large stainless-steel saucepan

Add zest and juice of a large lemon and enough water to just cover the fruit.

Bring to the boil and simmer for c 25-30 mins until the fruit is soft (I mash it with a potato masher to make it pulp)

Cool a little, then ladle into 2 muslin jelly bags and suspend with large bowls underneath (I use a clothes horse to hang the bags on). Let them drip overnight (do not squeeze or the juice will go cloudy)

Measure the juice - I usually get about 1750 ml

Add caster sugar – at the ratio of 300g to 400 ml juice (but use a little less sugar if you prefer the jelly to be sharper).

For 1750 ml juice I used 1.3kg sugar

Add the Juice of 2 lemons

Sterilise the jars and lids, by placing in an oven at 160C fan for 5 mins

Put 3 small saucers into the freezer, in readiness for testing the setting point of the jelly

Stir the sugar and juice mixture and bring to the boil over a medium heat. Keep stirring until all the sugar has dissolved and skim off any scum with a spoon. (Tip: if any scum remains at the end, it should disappear by stirring in a tiny piece of butter)

Boil hard for 10 mins then start testing for a 'set' by putting a teaspoon of liquid onto one of the saucers from the freezer. After a minute push the liquid with a finger. If it wrinkles it is ready, IF NOT, keep boiling and rechecking every 5 minutes

Cool a little before filling jars using a funnel and ladle which have been pre-sterilised with boiling water

Cover with wax discs and screw on lids Allow to cool before labelling or labels fall off.



I hope you enjoy!

Deborah J Baker

Tysoe CofE Primary School		✕
Ranked 22 out of the Telegraph's top schools		
Overall rating	Score	ⓘ
Very good	39/40	
Average class size	Average KS2 score	ⓘ
22.3	111.3	
This school has a higher percentage of children meeting KS2 standard than the national average ⓘ		
<p>● This school 88% ● National average 61% ● Local average 60%</p> <p>Lowest 0 Highest 120</p>		
% Overcapacity	Absence rate	ⓘ ⓘ
0%	8.2%	
No. of pupils	Local authority	
120	Warwickshire	

**TYSOE CE
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



High Ranking!

The Tysoe Record wishes to congratulate all the staff and the school governors for this excellent result in the Telegraph's schools league table. To come 22nd out of a total of 1,542 schools within the postcode catchment area is quite some achievement!

Good primary education is an important first step for your child.

The Editor

Source: The Telegraph—www.telegraph.co.uk/education-and-careers/

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The proposal: To establish a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) at Tysoe Church of England Primary School for children with communication and interaction (C&I) needs. In an SRP, pupils with (C&I) needs can benefit from specialist provision within a mainstream school environment. Additional staff will be employed, trained practitioners in supporting children with C&I needs. The SRP will be a 10-place provision. Admissions will be authorised via the Warwickshire County Council High Needs Provision Panel. The establishment of the SRP will not impact on the school's current total mainstream capacity of 140 across Reception to Year 6.

Consultation dates: 10th September – 8th October 2025: A 4-week consultation with parents and other interested stakeholders about the proposal. For full details, visit: www.tysoe.warwickshire.sch.uk



Tysoe C of E Primary School

OPEN DAYS

Join us to learn more about our school

Monday 6th October 1:30pm

Saturday 18th October 9:30am

Thursday 23rd October 9:30am

What you can expect at Tysoe...

Outdoor Play and Learning

OPAL Platinum Award

Excellent behaviour

A happy and inclusive school

Dedicated and supportive staff

Contact Information

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All visits welcomed. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

www.tysoe.warwickshire.sch.uk



Get spooky this Halloween!

You can buy this 'Trick or Treat' card from Nora Bajcsi at £1.50 on Facebook to display in your window. There's another on page 29. If you are planning a party, then why not try these creative and colourful Halloween fruit snacks?

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BINGO WITH CHEESE & WINE



Our September meeting was one of our W.I.S.E evenings: 'Women's Institute Social Event' where we entertain ourselves. Following the success of our last Bingo with cheese and wine, we were 'eyes down' for an evening of fun.

Our caller was Charlotte Temple-Brown whose clear tones enabled all to hear and feel the excitement mount, as we headed toward a Full House. We had three games before indulging in another glass of wine and a wonderful selection of cheeses, sniffed out by Liz Percival. Three more games were fitted in before our session came to an end.



This year marks the 110th anniversary of the Women's Institute. It started in 1915 and Tysoe W.I. is the oldest W.I. in Warwickshire, founded two years later in April 2017. We are thinking ahead and planning our own 110th celebrations for 2027.

October's speaker is Ginny Davis with the intriguingly titled talk '*What lies beneath the surface.*' Guests and new members welcome.

National Trust

Sculpture in the Garden

at Upton House 4 - 19 October

This October, we're bringing Upton's artistic spirit outdoors. The Oxford Sculpture Group will be showcasing their contemporary work for sale throughout the gardens and in the Squash Court Gallery.

nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse

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OCTOBER DIARY DATES

For details of Tysoe Clubs and Societies see the Phone Book on pages 42/43.

BINS	 Food waste <small>(food waste caddy)</small>	 Recycling <small>(blue-lidded bin)</small>	 Refuse <small>(grey bin)</small>	 Garden waste <small>(green bin)</small>
03/10/2025	✓			
10/10/2025	✓	✓		✓
17/10/2025	✓		✓	
24/10/2025	✓	✓		✓
31/10/2025	✓			

What	Where	When
Coffee Morning (donations plate)	St Mary's Church	Tuesday 21 Oct 9am - 12noon
Craft & Laugh	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Every Wednesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Fitness & dance exercise class	Village Hall	Every Thursday 10.30am - 11.30am
Lunch Club	Village Hall	Friday 3 Oct 1.00pm
Mobile Library	Outside Village Hall	Tuesday 21 Oct 2.00pm - 2.45pm
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Monday 13 Oct 7.00pm
Pickleball	Village Hall	Every Thursday 7.15pm - 9.15pm
Community Hub Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Every Friday 10am - 12noon
Tysoe Tots	Tysoe Primary School	Every Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am
Tysoe WI	Village Hall	Wednesday 1 Oct 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Clocks go back one hour	Don't forget to change them!	October 26 extra hour in bed!

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

SCULPTURE AT HIDCOTE



A major new National Trust exhibition brings more than 200 contemporary sculptures to the heart of Hidcote's world-famous garden and Manor House. On until 2nd November.



Photo credits: Roland Cherry



I work part-time in the plant centre at Hidcote where I get to have fun creating plant displays. We are the biggest plant centre in the Trust and at peak times sell hundreds of plants every week. I love chatting to visitors, who come from all over the world. It's a pretty special place to work. I've worked there for 12 years and volunteered for five years before that. Julie Smart

COMING UP AT THE HALL



Films, live music, NT Live & the Food Festival - busy busy!



Doug McLeod (David Tennant) and his wife Abi (Rosamund Pike) unite following a tense separation to travel to the Scottish Highlands for Doug's father Gordie's (Billy Connolly) 75th birthday.

From those that have seen this film previously - it's an absolute **MUST SEE SCREENING!**



Next up from National Theatre Live is the Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike (Gone Girl, Saltburn) as Jessica in the much-anticipated next play from the team behind Prima Facie. Jessica Parks is a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright?

5th October 2025



Returning from his sell-out visit to the hall in 2024, come and enjoy a lively cabaret-style evening, with fine wines, snacks and a great sing-along to Bubl 's greatest hits, including It's a Beautiful Day, Feeling Good, Love You Anymore and so many more!

Dress to impress and come fill the dance floor!

1st November



Confirmed to be serving you wonderful foodie treats from the hall stands will be Eastwood Pies, White Hyacinth Weddings, The Lost Farm, The Jam Lady, Reyouisable, Team Tea, Hook Norton Brewery, Four Counties Beekeeping, The Little Orchard Company, AGM Venison, Simply Canine and Granary Oils.

With your very own hall committee serving you drinks and snacks from the kitchen!

Sat 8th November

Full details at www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk

Tickets online and also at Tysoe Post Office

THE MUM HUB: A SPACE JUST FOR YOU

Being a mum can be joyful, overwhelming, and everything in between. That's why we created The Mum Hub. A welcoming space designed to support mothers' health and wellbeing, with a focus firmly on you.

Unlike traditional baby and toddler groups, The Mum Hub offers a twist: while little ones are of course welcome, the spotlight is on the parents. Each session is a chance to pause, breathe, and reconnect with yourself, away from the never-ending to-do lists. Think of it as an hour carved out just for you - complete with nourishing food, practical advice, and genuine connection.

Every week, an expert leads a relaxed discussion on an aspect of women's health. From boosting energy with good nutrition, to navigating sleep challenges, to recovery after a C-section, to managing stress through meditation. Our topics are varied, practical, and grounded in real-life experiences. The aim is to leave you with tools you can use straight away, while feeling supported and understood.

Most importantly, The Mum Hub is a judgement-free zone. Whether you're thriving, struggling, or somewhere in the middle, you'll find a community of women ready to listen, share, and lift each other up.

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Our Summer Prize Bingo was a great evening. A massive thank you to our wonderful Bingo Caller Josh and thanks to everyone who joined us. What a laugh!



Thank you also to the team who ensured we had a floor ahead of the event. Watch this space, the floor will be finished soon along with other exciting updates to your Social Club.

Our next Bingo is Christmas Bingo in December look out for posters and event details nearer the time. Lauren, TSC Secretary

Friday 24th October from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon Kineton Village Hall.

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MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE – AN EARLY AUTUMN?

For the Met Office, autumn began on 1st September. Meteorologists use this fixed date to ensure consistency from year to year. Astronomical autumn is determined by the Earth's orbit around the Sun and begins with the autumn equinox, on 22nd September this year. Whichever criterion you use, if you look at the trees and hedgerows autumn appears to have started rather early this year.

The website Nature's Calendar, (see: <https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>), encourages citizen scientists to record the dates of 'first occurrences' (e.g. bluebell flowering) each year. Early indications suggest that 2025 may produce the earliest average date for the ripening of blackberries on record. Several tree species have been displaying yellowing leaves during August and, indeed, dropping leaves, rather than the normal later transition to autumn colours as the daylength shortens. This is likely to be a response to the extreme heat and drought this summer, and is termed a 'false autumn', by some. Some trees will have been enormously stressed this summer and, if such conditions are to occur more regularly, may eventually die. With regard to the coming winter, there is concern that the early ripening of hedgerow fruits and nuts will lead to a shortage later on, when birds and other animals are looking for food.



In contrast, the hot, dry summer seems to have benefitted fruit growers and, for example, a statement released by British Apples and Pears, the organisation representing commercial growers, stated that *'In general, the 2025 apple season crop is looking stunning. The skin finish is excellent, with much of the russet seen last year not so prevalent this year. The warm, sunny weather over recent weeks is generating a delicious, sweet flavour profile'*. It appears that crops of plums and cherries have also been excellent.



Rosemary Collier

THE MAKING OF TYSOE: GRAVE TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD (15) HALLOWEEN



The source of “Halloween” is the medieval celebration of All Hallows’ Eve or All Saints’ Eve on the 31st October, the day before All Saints’ Day on 1st November. It seems to have been celebrated by the Celtic church since pre-Norman times. By the end of the 12th century it had become one of the holy days of obligation, requiring attendance at church. Prayers were offered for the souls of the dead in purgatory – a sort of ante-room to heaven where the soul’s sojourn could be shortened by prayers, and acts of respect and sacrifice, such as lighting candles and charitable giving. When the reformation discredited purgatory, for non-catholics at least, this attention to the dead took on a more sinister turn. The condemnation of “popery” and “idolatry” literally demonised the approach to the afterlife for some, and Halloween began to take on the shape it has now, horror, ghosts and macabre humour. The devil as a malevolent presence possessing people and using them to do evil deeds supercharged the myth of witches in the post reformation era, with unfortunate individuals persecuted for a variety of reasons.

The 15th-century Danse Macabre wall paintings in Stratford’s Guild Chapel, and the Doom paintings there and in many parish churches, show that medieval communities were concerned with death and the possible futures awaiting souls of the dead. Images of skulls and bones on headstones emphasise the physical aspects of death but the spiritual downside is often symbolised by bats – disturbing creatures of the dark. They are almost always accompanied by winged cherubic heads, and sometimes by angels, to counteract their sinister implications. The celebration of all saints and the remembrance of loved ones has in our modern era become an occasion for tricks, fun and commerce.



David Freke

Captions: Above an angel sounding the last trump (no pun intended) on a Warmington headstone. Top - Halloween illustration by Nora Bajcsi.



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UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF SUN RISING



The Summer has been an action-packed one at Sun Rising, with some well-known local faces giving up their time to support our events.

In July, Anton Lesser treated a packed audience to an evening of stories and anecdotes about his life on the stage and behind the camera (see above). Prompted by questions from the audience, interspersed with readings, with delicious tapas and good wine, there was even a beautiful sunset which lit up the surroundings of the Longhouse.

Our Summer watercolour workshop gave visiting artists plenty of inspiration, from dramatic rain clouds to glorious sunshine and everything in between. Local artist Audrey Sibert was on hand to provide guidance and tuition, ensuring everyone had a truly enjoyable day.



Our AGM in September featured another familiar local face; Rosemary Collier OBE gave a fascinating talk entitled "Making Space for Nature", which was thought-provoking and well received. It gave us an insight into the fantastic work that many local groups do and how we can all contribute to make a meaningful difference for wildlife. It also reminded us how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful part of the country.

Looking ahead, the next event for your calendars is our highly anticipated Art Auction and Curry Supper on Saturday 25th October. This will take place in Tysoe Village Hall and tickets must be bought in advance. At the last count, there were almost 40 lots up for grabs, so please join us for an evening of fine art and fine food! Look out for the posters on local noticeboards or please do contact us via friends@sunrising.co.uk to book your place.



A reminder too that all are welcome to join us to mark the Armistice on 11 November 10.30-11.30 when we will gather at the Cairn at Sun Rising for a period of reflection.

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At September 8th's meeting, Councillors were told of a resident travelling back from Banbury after dark recently, who met an on-coming car close to Tysoe with its lights on full beam. As it came closer, an arm came out of a window and threw a large rock, which hit a window in the car and covered the driver in shards of glass. Fortunately, the driver was wearing glasses, and any injuries sustained were superficial. This could have been much worse, even fatal. The Police were notified. The driver was informed that there were five other incidents the same that night in the vicinity of Tysoe, and more than 100 recently closer to Banbury. **PLEASE BE AWARE AND TAKE CARE!**

As Autumn arrives, Councillors are looking at the 2026/27 budget, and some projects/work for Tysoe. Further information will be posted about these as we get to the decision making stage, as we would like to hear your views before moving forward with them. Keep watching this space!

Charmaine, Parish Clerk & RFO
Parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk

Apologies for printing the wrong time for the Parish Council meetings in previous issues. Do please let us know if you spot any inaccuracies on our diary pages. We try our best to ensure the information is correct but, as a team of volunteers, we don't always get it right.

The Editor.

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REVIEW OF SUMMER 25 SEASON



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Our “pay and play scheme” has been very well received. Bookings and payment can be made online. It's wonderful to see new faces enjoying their tennis. Some have now joined the club as a result of trying the game first!



Our partnership with Rosie Clark coaching for adults and juniors, along with ‘Cardio Tennis’ and ‘Rusty Racquets’ is proving a great success. Both initiatives have helped our teams’ performances in the Summer leagues, with new members joining our summer squads.

The Men's Team was promoted last year, and faced a bigger challenge in Division 4, (South Warwickshire and Stratford league which includes Leamington), with a pool of just 9 players to pick from. The team improved throughout the season and nearly caught Claverdon which would have avoided relegation to Division 5, but is stronger from having played at a higher level.

The Ladies had two teams in the Evesham Ladies League: the A team in the dizzy heights of Division 2, with the B team in Division 6. Despite their best efforts both teams will drop to Divisions below for next summer.

The stars of the show were the Mixed Team, which played in the Banbury Tennis League -Division 4. With some new faces to strengthen the squad, a great run in the last few games saw the team joint top with Harbury which has secured promotion to Division 3 next year.

We have enjoyed a scorching summer and some great tennis, culminating in our Annual Club Tournament and Foodfest, won by Adrian and Jasmine Fawcus - keeping it in the family!!



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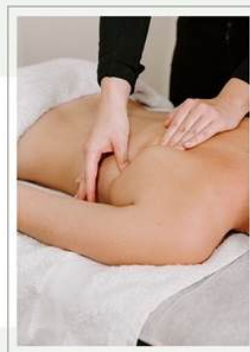
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