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Little Red Riding Hood - illustration by Fox Art

The Pantomime season is almost upon us, see page 27 for details.

NOVEMBER ISSUE - OUR TYSOE COMMUNITY



After filming our Post Master Jacqui Franklin, see page 8, the film crew remarked upon how impressed they were with the wonderful sense of community in Tysoe,

Many of the articles in this November issue are a good illustration of the community spirit which makes Tysoe such a special place to live: the fund raising coffee morning for Macmillan; the sale of Christmas cards to support 'talkdementia'; the donations made at Harvest Festival to the Shipston Food Bank; the Apple Day at the Community Orchard when locally grown fruit was juiced; the litter picking regularly undertaken by volunteer 'Wombles'; the WI's on-going support for local charities; the annual Holly Tree Fayre which supports 'Riding for the Disabled'; a new project by Lauren Holly and Jenny Brown to provide a full roast dinner to anyone who might otherwise be alone on Christmas day; and last but not least the fascinating fundraising evening on Sunday 23 November to raise awareness of the need to protect our local Curlews which are in grave danger of extinction in this area.

All these initiatives show what a caring community there is in Tysoe. *How lucky are we!*

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SLEEPING ON OUR WATCH!

As humans and consumers, we can empathise when we can see a company failing. One of my favourite films 'Kinky Boots' is about a shoe company in Northampton struggling to keep afloat as the market for men's shoes is swamped by cheap imports. It shows the determination of the young manager to keep his workforce by finding a 'new', untapped niche market to sell to. Watch the movie to see the outcome!

But what if the subject were a species that had no voice of its own? What if their living environment was changing so much that the odds for their survival were stacked against them? Who is going to champion their cause?

Sadly, this is the case for the Tysoe Curlews. They have been nesting here for decades, if not hundreds of years, but now the few remaining pairs are struggling to fledge any young. The fact that Curlews are such long-lived birds is obscuring the difficulties they are in.

In his story 'The Great Horse of Tiw Hill', Neil Douthwaite wrote: "On his hillside the gorse encroached until maps surveyed a field of furze where once the stallion strode. And so he slept. He slept as the last Curlew nested in the thick grass of his mane and badgers snaffled the eggs. The whelps and trills of the bird were never to be heard across the Feldon fields again."

Are we about to witness the disappearance of this remarkable bird with its iconic call? Over at Cropredy, the Curlews which nest there have successfully bred, reared and fledged young this summer - see photo. How can we help our few remaining pairs? Do we even care or care enough to ensure their survival? Or like the Red Horse, are we content to sleep while they disappear on our watch?



A precious chick, photo Mark Hunter-



Help save the last Curlews of the Upper Thames and South Warwickshire, Sunday 23rd November at 7pm Tysoe Village Hall - see pages 4-5.

WHY CURLEWS MATTER

Curlews are an iconic bird species of the British landscape and their haunting call has inspired artists, poets and nature-lovers for generations. But Curlews are now a Red List species, meaning that they are under threat of extinction. The UK has over half of Europe's Curlews, yet we've lost half their breeding population in just 20 years! Curlews have been breeding, or attempting to breed, in Tysoe for decades. We cannot lose them now.



Two fledglings from this season
Photo © Mark Hunter

But there is still time! Curlews return to the same breeding sites each year. With your help, we can give them a fighting chance by protecting the habitats in which they breed and feed. As ground-nesting birds they are very vulnerable to predation.

Over the past five years local Curlew conservation groups working across the Upper Thames, including just two sites in south Warwickshire, have managed to protect 110 nests using temporary electric fencing, resulting in a 74% hatching success rate - a huge improvement compared to the average of 25% for unprotected nests. Thanks to these efforts, 61 young Curlews have successfully fledged, but that is only 55% successful fledglings. But we need to scale up our efforts if we're to see Curlews thrive in the Upper Thames and South Warwickshire by supporting the few breeding pairs which are left. **With your help we will.**



Photo © Alan Kendall

A Crowdfunder campaign is LIVE, raising funds to continue our work. It is run by Wild Oxfordshire together with the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and includes Tysoe's Curlews. It will last for six weeks - the same time it takes for these beautiful, freshly hatched, Curlew chicks to grow towards adulthood and take their first flight!

The initial response has been terrific but we still need to raise more. **Go to <https://bit.ly/4qcrYJ7> With your support, we will.**

Mike Pollard, Upper Thames Wader Group



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HELP US SAVE TYSOE'S CURLEWS!

Join us for a
fascinating fundraising evening.

*"I take my gladness in the sound of the
Curlew instead of the laughter of men."*

The Seafarer - c.10th century Anglo-Saxon poem.

Introduction: David Gray and Curlew Action video

Part One - Why are our Curlews under threat?

Jan Guilbride, Lead of BOS (Banbury Ornithological Society) Curlew Recovery Project, will explain the plight of the Curlews - why 7 out of 8 chicks never reach adulthood and what we are doing to help their survival.

Interval

Part Two - Passionate about Curlews

Meet Tysoe born wildlife cameraman, Ben Cherry. He has made films for Netflix, Disney and BBC's Wild Isles series. During Covid lockdown Ben worked with singer / songwriter David Gray and NGO Curlew Action to make *'The Story of Britain's Curlews'*.



David Gray and Ben

Join us for an evening all about Curlews and show us that you care. All proceeds to local Curlew conservation efforts.

Sunday 23rd November

Doors open at 7pm, for 7.15pm start at Tysoe Village Hall.

Tickets £5 each (includes entry to a *Curlew Surprise Draw*). Bar and raffle.

To book call 07900 221120 or scan the QR code below

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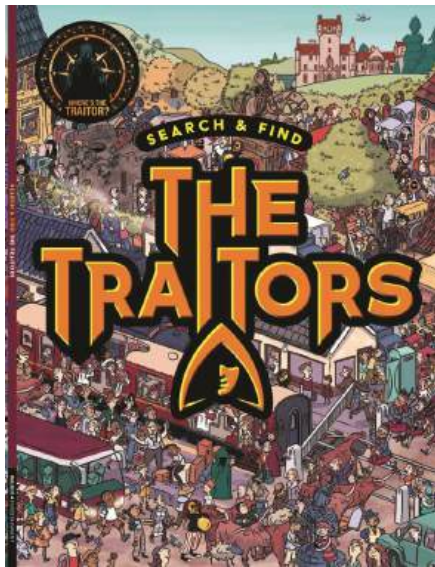


TRAITORS—SEARCH & FIND

I have been illustrating books for almost 20 years but the most challenging job came up last Easter when Walkers Books asked me to do a 'Search and Find' book based on The Traitors series. You will have heard of 'Where's Wally'; well there are lots of these sorts of books about now. I had never done such a mammoth piece of work before. I usu-



ally illustrate a few half-pages in your average size reading book. Now, all of a sudden I was spending days on end on each and every double page spread of this new book. There were ten spreads in total.



I was having to work on A2 paper in order to draw the levels of detail that was being asked for. Each rough pencil sketch would have to go to the Traitors Production company for approval. Inevitably there are changes like the licensors not liking a depiction of the Alma, a big battle in the Crimea, which I had put on a study wall (bayonets are nasty but pirate swords are OK). But I was allowed quite a lot of leeway and I had fun inserting highland cattle, Jacobean ghosts and entire pipe-

bands.

The whole job was incredibly fast, just 6 weeks. So I worked very early in the mornings before doing my day job. When it was finally finished I was dreaming I was still doing it in my sleep. I went for a celebratory visit to Walker's offices in Vauxhall and was marched round the desks like a hero! The senior art editor said it was the fastest search and find they had ever produced! They then asked me the terrifying question: would I do a sequel next year? I closed my eyes shut, thought of the late nights, early mornings and bloodshot eyes and then the pay cheque and said yes.



THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT!

DID YOU KNOW that Warwickshire claims to be one of the most haunted areas of the country?

BOO!

This may be true, as many Warwickshire villages are mentioned in the Domesday Book, so myths and legends inevitably exist, such as the lady in white who appears at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the old lady who haunts Ragley Spring in Alcester. Because of Ettington Park's scary neo-Gothic architecture, it was featured in the 1963 film "The Haunting" and, although now a superb 4* hotel, visitors and staff have been terrified for years by the spirit of Lady Emma who roams the corridors at night then melts into a solid wall.

Coombe Abbey, near Coventry, is said to be haunted by Abbot Geoffrey, who was brutally murdered in 1345. His restless spirit roams the grounds and is also responsible for items being flung around in the kitchens. In addition the footsteps of a young gypsy girl, Matilda, have often been heard crossing the cobbles near the stables. After being wronged by the Master of the House and her baby stillborn, she put a curse on the family that the first-born would die before middle-age. Strangely the Craven family who owned Coombe for 300 years did all die relatively young!

So, carve gruesome pumpkins this Halloween and light them to ward away evil spirits, but as this has come to mean that you are happy for "Trick or Treaters" to knock on your door, please make sure that you have plenty of chocolate and sweets ready to hand out.



Helen



Ettington Park Hotel featured in "The Hunting", 1963.



Coombe Abbey at night - but what is the mysterious figure at the front?

POST MASTER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Back in early October Jacqui Franklin, our Post Master, wrote this on the village Facebook page: "I have been keeping a secret, now it's time to share. Recently I was put



forward and have gone through a selection process to be 1 of 5 Post Masters in the country to be part of a media campaign to highlight the role we play in providing a service in our communities; as a small business owner it is a daily struggle to keep the doors open as many businesses are closing."

She continues: "This is focusing on the legacy Mom left behind; how unique we are in what we do, having a florist running alongside a Post Office, supporting the wonderful and active community we live in."



Upstairs in 'Cosyspace'

The film crew duly showed up and filmed various aspects of village life, focusing on the role of the Post Office within it. Jess, the Post Office dog was a star of the show.

Jacqui received this follow-up from the production team: "Thanks also to your many friends in the village of Tysoe. Everyone we met was friendly, welcoming and helpful. You really do live in a special place and it's clear that your community holds you in high esteem. Thanks again to you for rallying all the volunteers in such an efficient way. Please can you extend my thanks to all of them too?"

Well done to Jacqui, you're a Media Star. Tysoe clearly made a good impression too!

The film is going to be shared by the Post Office on YouTube and other social media, before Christmas and into the New Year. Jacqui will 'keep us posted' when she hears more.

The Editor



Dark, Daring and Deeply Human – Inter Alia Comes to Tysoe

How lucky we are to experience the very best of London theatre from the warmth and comfort of our own Village Hall - coffee or wine in hand - enjoying plays that challenge, move and stay with us long after the lights come up.

Inter Alia was a perfect example of why these screenings mean so much to our village.

The production was dark, daring and deeply human – confronting sexual violence, modern masculinity and motherhood with unflinching honesty. Rosamund Pike delivered a tour de force performance as Judge Jessica Parks, a woman whose professional integrity and maternal instincts collide when her own family becomes entangled in the very issues she once judged from afar. Watching her navigate that shifting ground - between authority and vulnerability - was utterly captivating and, frankly, exhausting!

As the curtain fell, the silence in the hall said it all - a deeply affecting drama that demands to be heard. I've already booked our next tickets for Mrs Warren's Profession – and I can't deny, I'm hoping it's a gentler watch than this one!

Emma Tompkins

A CHILDHOOD REMEMBERED - GROWING UP IN WW2



15 year old Bob in his school ATC uniform

The Tysoe Record asked Bob Ashby, one of our oldest residents, about his childhood experiences of World War 2.

“I was 12 at the start of the war and living in Bexhill on the Sussex coast. One of my school reports said *“This candidate is allowed to retake these subjects because of enemy action.”* Fortunately, I did much better second-time around! I can still hear the anti-aircraft guns firing overhead when we took cover in the air raid shelters. Air defences were moved to Bexhill from South London in 1941 and anti-aircraft guns were a familiar sight along South Cliff, on The Downs, Buxton Drive recreation ground and many other places in the area.

Once a few of us boys were taken to the beach, which was mined so usually off-limits, where we were taught to throw hand grenades in the event of an invasion. We also had lessons in firing a Sten gun set up on a tripod. Barbed wire was strung on the railings along the edge of the promenade. There were concrete anti-tank blocks and other defensives including 'supposedly' a deadly weapon just offshore set to explode if hit by an enemy ship.

In 1944, Bexhill was in what became known as ‘Doodlebug Alley,’ several hundred V1 flying bombs passing over the town directed at London. At least 48 were recorded in the 24 hours of 16 July alone. You could hear them overhead, a distinctive sound that one never forgets. Brave Typhoon pilots used to tip the V1s with the wings of their planes to upset the giroscopes and knock them off-target. Two planes were nicknamed ‘Gert’ and ‘Daisy’ after popular musical hall characters.

Hundreds of children were evacuated to Bexhill from the London area. I also remember 1000s of Canadian soldiers arriving and setting up camp prior to D-Day. Tragically most were killed in major battles in Normandy and northern Europe. Bexhill was a busy place and everyone had full or part-time duties. The Home Guard manned road-blocks at the approaches to the town and supplied patrols along the sea-front. I remember it all. I volunteered for the Royal Navy towards the end of the war and served in the Far East.”

Bob Ashby

TYSOE RECORD REMEMBRANCE



I was delighted to be nominated by David Sewell to administer the selling of poppies in the villages around Tysoe. I have inherited a team of dedicated villagers who do the knock-round in late October/ early November to collect money for the Royal British Legion.

The poppy season starts on 25 October with Remembrance Sunday on 9th November. I will be setting up a stall during the day, opposite Bart's on 25th October. If you don't have cash, we can read cards now.

It was a Canadian doctor, John McCrae who wrote his poem "Where the poppies grow". And it was then an American woman, Mona Michael who bought artificial flowers as a symbol of Remembrance.

A second woman, Anna Guerin, had set up the idea of poppy-wearing with American veterans before convincing Lord Haig, who had commanded the British Army in France, to do the same.

Indeed, once poppies began to be manufactured by wounded ex-soldiers, the centre-button read "The Haig Fund".

How interesting that those old soldiers were overwhelmingly proud to have served under Haig, "Our Duggie". It was only in later years when a fairly small group of writers and poets looked back in anger and the myth of lions led by donkeys took hold.

Historians now see the 14-18 War with a more balanced view. If you want to know which rank of soldier was the most likely to get cut down in battle (pound for pound) it was Brigadier. 200 generals were killed on the battlefield, moving about their troops and giving orders.

The point is, on the battlefield everyone shared the dangers in the finest tradition of the British Army. And it was just the same when I served in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. I am intensely proud to have served in a fine old regiment and done my bit in a tiny way. And we have always looked back to the experiences of our fathers and grandfathers as the greatest possible examples of service.

Alex Paterson



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to all those who have attended or donated to my Macmillan fundraising coffee morning at Stanhope House held on 25th September. I am overwhelmed that we raised £1,200 and I know that there are many additional donations which have been sent via the online Just Giving page, for which I don't yet have a total.

You are so generous; next year we aim to do even better and I very much hope we will continue to be able to support Macmillan - Tysoe is such a generous village and I am so grateful.

Alexandra Messervy

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ST MARY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Mary's Harvest Festival found the Church resplendent in beautiful flower and produce arrangements, not surprisingly apples making a huge contribution to the seasonal display. Rev George focussed attention on the



difficulties that farmers are facing with the dry summer in addition to rising costs and Inheritance uncertainties. He confirmed that the Church will continue to support Farming Community Network, a charity supporting the mental health of the farming community.

There were also many donations of food for the Shipston Food Bank. A well-attended service was followed by a Bring and Share Lunch enjoyed by 30 plus parishioners. And what a varied selection of tasty treats - from quiche to Coronation Chicken, Moroccan couscous salad to a spicy tomato salad, and toasty baked potatoes supplied by Rev George and Drina. In addition, the mouth-watering pudding selection saw us all going back for seconds.



Walking home our thoughts returned to the challenges facing the Farming Community in which we are privileged to live and pray for better weather conditions in the year ahead.

Gill Roache



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 18th November at St Mary's Tysoe
from 9.30am

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

Holly Tree Fayre
Saturday 13th December
10am – 1pm
St Mary's Church, Tysoe



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Free children's activities



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TYSOE, OXHILL & WHATCOTE CAROL & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm	United South Feldon Group Advent Sunday Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Tysoe
Sunday 7th December: at 3.30pm	Christingle Service at St. Lawrence's Church, Oxhill
Tuesday 16th December at 6.30pm	Carol Service at St. Peter's Church, Oxhill
Sunday 21st December at 6:30pm	Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Tysoe
Tuesday 23rd December at 6:30pm	Carol Service at St. Lawrence's Church, Oxhill
Wednesday 24th December – 3pm Christmas Eve	Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church, Tysoe
Wednesday 24th December – 11.30pm Christmas Eve	Midnight Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Tysoe
Thursday 24th December - 9.30am Christmas Day	United South Feldon Group Advent Sunday Carol Service at St. Lawrence's Church, Oxhill
Sunday 28th December at 11am	United South Feldon Group Holy Communion Service at St. Thomas à Becket's Church, Sutton under Brailes.

NOTES FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2025

Looking at the trees outside, Autumn is well on its way. For the church November marks the end of the year; the beginning of the new liturgical year, the first Sunday in Advent, falls on November 30 and we shall welcome it with an Advent Carol Service for all five churches at St Mary's, Tysoe.

November is nowadays recognised as a time for remembering and we begin this process on 2nd November with a service of remembering and comfort for those who have lost loved ones at 9:30am at St Lawrence's and 11am at St Mary's. There will be a form in each church for you to write the names of loved ones to be read out at the service, and there will also be an opportunity to light candles for them during the service. We will come together not only to think about those known to us personally who have died, but also to support those amongst us who have been affected by bereavement and grief.

On **Sunday 10th at 10:50am in Tysoe we gather at the War Memorial** (3:30pm in Oxhill in church) to begin our observance of Remembrance Sunday, which leads into the Remembrance Service in church. We think particularly of those who died in both world wars and in more recent conflicts. We recall the sacrifice they made and pray that peace may rule in the hearts of all as we face the challenges which lie ahead of us. It was hoped that the first World War would be "The War to End All Wars", but although, as I write, there has been a cease fire in Gaza, fighting still continues in Ukraine and many other areas of the world. We pray that the efforts to resolve these conflicts result in lasting peace.

The Royal British Legion still continues its work with those suffering long-term scars, both physical and mental, and with the families of those who fought and gave up their lives for our freedom. The organisation relies on our financial support and the support of our prayers not only on Remembrance Sunday but throughout the year.

"We will remember them."

God Bless

George Heighon

Email revgeorgeh@outlook.com Telephone 01295 680 201

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



APPLE DAY

AT THE ORCHARD



Despite the last minute change of day to 5th October for our annual Apple Day due to the bad weather, there was a good turnout and lots of happy children.



Loads and loads of apples were pressed and a group from Kineton came with bags of their own apples to press. At one point there seemed to be so many litres of apple juice it did not seem that it would all go; but it did, along with the groaning table of cakes and buns which nearly all went.



Thanks to everyone who came to help; it was a real team effort setting up and clearing up at the end of the day. Particular thanks to the Flower Show AKA Steve Allen, for the loan of the two gazebos and for putting them up and taking them down.

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)

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF TYSOE



I took the photos on an iphone flying my Skyranger fixed wing microlight late in the evening on the autumn equinox. The leaves were just turning and the colours were amazing.

Dominic Connolly



Keep the Date: Tysoe Wombles Litter Picking Event

Tysoe Wombles will be holding another community pick on

Sunday 16 November from 1-4pm.

Come and join in and help keep the village looking beautiful.

Volunteers will meet outside the Village Hall at 1pm. Bring your own gloves, high vis vests and litter picking grabbers if you have them. If not, we will have some spares on the day.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in St Mary's church from 2-4pm for litter picking volunteers or anyone else from the village who want to come and learn more about Tysoe Wombles.

Let's all keep Tysoe tidy !

For more information contact: Sophy Lynch, sophyfl@gmail.com, 07989 799272



Tysoe Tots is a weekly 'stay and play' group. It meets on Wednesday (term time only) from 09:30-11:30 at Tysoe Primary School.



The group warmly welcomes babies, toddlers (aged 0-4 years), their parents, grandparents or carers. Little ones have the opportunity to learn and grow through toys, play activities, crafts and fun, while adults can share experiences, chat and make friends over free tea, coffee, biscuits and fruit.

We try to regularly vary our activities. For the last couple of weeks, we have been recycling old cardboard boxes into different playthings.

Come and give it a try?

If you want to know more, contact: Sophy Lynch on 079897 99272 or email: sophyfl@gmail.com,

A trip to Tysoe's Community Orchard



Jennifer and Miranda from Wot2Grow were delighted to host the Reception Year of Tysoe C of E Primary School for a morning in the Orchard this month. The enthusiastic visitors were keen to learn about the life of the Orchard,



the wide variety of orchard fruits, the role of our bees (we have 3 bee hives), the unusual names the apples have and what happens to the produce.

Following a tasting of different apples, we enjoyed a walk through the orchard, wind fallen fruit squelching beneath our wellies, and picked some apples and pears from the trees to take home to eat.

A very enjoyable visit indeed. See you all next year.

Jennifer Cawood



Tysoe C of E Primary School

Reception places for September 2026

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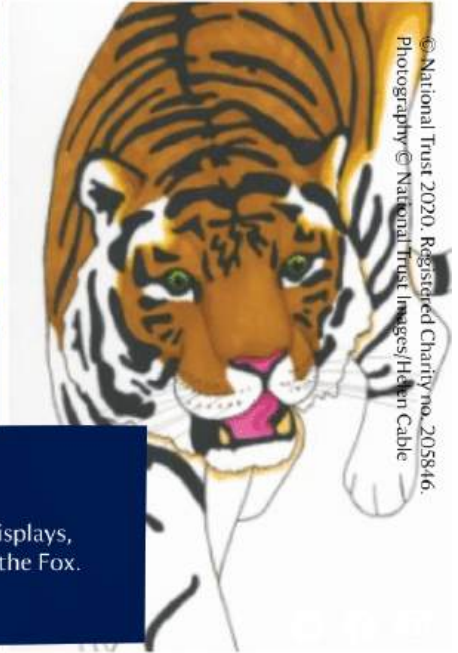
Aesop's Fables

Christmas at Upton House

15 Nov - 24 Dec and 27 Dec - 4 Jan

See the house decorated with enchanting displays,
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Was she murdered? Nobody has ever been sure. As the W.I. Jury we came to our decision...what was it? Ask a member! Guests and new members welcome.
Eileen Mann, President

Tysoe W.I. Are supporting two charities this year; Carers for Carers and the Shipston Food Bank. We are donating to the Food Bank on a regular basis and our first donation (as requested) was of 18 large boxes of soap powder. Another donation will be made in October of other items.

**Friday 28th November 10:30am to
12:00 noon Kineton Village Hall.**

Carers4Carers

Finding support through supporting each other

Christmas Crafting. No artistic skill needed, all materials provided. Just come and enjoy! Carers4Carers – supporting family carers in our community. Enjoy refreshments, friendly chat, and mutual support. Loved ones are welcome - they can join our Companionship Group during the meeting. For further details or help with transport, contact Gillian on 07947 893504, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com.



www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk



NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

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

BINS	 Food waste (food waste caddy)	 Recycling (blue-lidded bin)	 Refuse (grey bin)	 Garden waste (green bin)
07/11/2025	✓	✓	✓	✓
14/11/2025	✓			
21/11/2025	✓	✓		✓
28/11/2025	✓		✓	

What	Where	When
Coffee Morning (donations plate)	St Mary's Church	Tuesday 18 Nov 9am - 12noon
Craft & Laugh	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Wednesday 12, 19, 26 Nov 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Fitness & dance exercise class	Village Hall	Every Thursday 10.30am - 11.30am
Lunch Club	Village Hall	Friday 7 Nov 1.00pm
Mobile Library	Outside Village Hall	Tuesday 18 Nov 2.00pm - 2.45pm
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Monday 10 Nov 7.00pm
Pickle Ball	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 5 Nov 7.30pm - 9.00pm

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



TYSOE SOCIAL CLUB
**Upcoming
Events**

NOVEMBER 01	Live Music - The Firm
NOVEMBER 09	An evening of Mediumship with Jacqui Rogers
NOVEMBER 29	Live Music - The Jolly Rogers
DECEMBER 06	Live Music - Pete Watkins



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IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

“Jen and I came up with the idea last winter. We’d chatted about how special it would be to offer something on Christmas Day itself for people in the village and surrounding area, who might otherwise spend it alone or simply want to be somewhere warm, festive and full of cheer.

The idea is simple: Christmas Day together with good food, good company and no one left out.

We’ll be hosting it at the Tysoe Social Club, serving a full roast dinner with all the trimmings and a selection of puddings. There’ll be festive music, the King’s Speech, games, and most importantly, wonderful company.

We can seat around 40 guests, so we’d love people to register their interest, but we’ll also welcome anyone who turns up on the day. If someone hasn’t got a way of getting there, we’ll organise lifts. No one should stay home for lack of a ride. If anyone would prefer not to attend in person, we’re very happy to deliver a Christmas meal to them instead, they just need to get in touch.

There is no charge. Thanks to incredibly generous support from local individuals and organisations, we’re able to make it completely free. If anyone wishes to donate on the day, any donations received will be passed on to a local charity (to be revealed shortly!).

People can call Jenny on 07969259079 or me on 07904461492 to register or ask any questions. We’ve also got a dedicated email: tysoecommunitychristmas@hotmail.com”



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Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Some of you will be aware that Warwickshire, together with every other county/equivalent authority in England has been preparing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This is a legal requirement of the Environment Act 2021. The strategy is now out for consultation and you can find both the strategy, and the link to the consultation here at: www.wcslnp.co.uk/lnrs. Warwickshire is important for wildlife because it's in the centre of England and can provide pathways for wildlife to move across the landscape, especially important in the face of climate change.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy is based around an interactive map. The map is worth looking at if you're interested in nature. There are different layers and, for example, you can see where hedgehogs are concentrated in the county. You can zoom in on Tysoe, or any other parish, and, using the layers, see what has been identified as important in that area.

The strategy has identified 17 priority species for Warwickshire and those most relevant to Tysoe are hedgehogs and curlews. There are also 16 priority groups of species, dependent on particular habitats. In this case, those most relevant to Tysoe are bats, farmland birds, invertebrates in all our habitats (which might help the birds and bats), pollinators, and birds that live close to human habitation e.g. swifts.

Local councils have a legal responsibility to take account of nature in all the decisions that they make and many, including Tysoe, are now developing their own plan for nature, taking account of Warwickshire's overall strategy, and local species and habitats. The plan will help them to consider, together with residents, what further actions might be taken to support wildlife locally. There are certainly things that many of us could do to support hedgehogs, birds and insects in our gardens, and in the other spaces that we care for. To find out how you can help save our Curlews join the meeting on 23rd November - see page 5.

Rosemary Collier



PHILIPPA ROBINSON TRIBUTE

This is for those who remember one of our older members Philippa Robinson, who died recently. I will always think of Philippa as a “jolly hockey sticks” type of person, who could regularly be seen walking to the village shop swinging her bag round above her head. Usually when it was empty but sometimes with goods inside.

Philippa was born in Beckford, and educated at St Mary’s Priory, Princethorpe, now Princethorpe College. In later life she lived and worked in Australia. On her return to the UK she worked at The Bay Tree, Burford. This is where she met her husband, Paul, and when they retired they moved to Tysoe in the mid 1980’s.

They were both keen gardeners. Philippa had a delightful cottage garden at the front of the house, to the side was an enormous fruit cage and on the other side was the veggie patch. An old barn was converted into a greenhouse where copious amounts of tomatoes, cucumbers and assorted exotic fruits were grown. It was rare to leave Charlton House without some goodies.

Beagling was another of Paul and Philippa’s pastimes. Keen supporters of Warwickshire Beagles they were regularly seen out following the hounds, with Paul usually retiring early for tea.

Philippa was for many years a member and President of Tysoe Women’s Institute, she was also a member of Stour Valley Farm Women’s Club. If we had been out, it was customary to call in for a nightcap with them if the front door light was on.

After Paul’s death in 2012, Philippa continued to live in Charlton House until a fractured pelvis meant a stay in hospital and then it was deemed that she should go into a nursing home.

Philippa was a devout Roman Catholic attending services regularly at Brailes, but also, along with Paul at St Mary’s in Tysoe. Philippa had no children but was close to her remaining sisters and nieces.

Many happy memories of meals shared and stories told.

Jane Ridgway

FROM THE TYSOE RECORD ARCHIVE - Harvest Festival 1963

In planning for the November issue of the Record, I asked our archivist, Carol Clark, if she had anything of interest on the harvest from yesterday. What I didn't expect was to be presented with a report which she wrote herself a mere 62 years previously!

Editor

THE SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL.

For the School Harvest Festival on October 23rd we all brought lots of goods and by the time we had got them all on the table in the Upper Junior room it looked like a greengrocer's shop. At 2 o'clock a large number of parents and friends assembled in the school. We opened with a short Thanksgiving Service and Linda Hibberd read a prayer and Clive Hopkins read a suitable passage out of the Bible. Then the goods were sold by auction and we made £11. 5s. which is a record. We gave £3 to the Church Restoration Fund, £3 to the Chapel Rebuilding Fund and £5 to the Save the Children Fund. We have had a letter from London and it said "On this occasion the money will be earmarked for one of the special Freedom from Hunger projects and will go towards the purchase of a mobile clinic in Southern Swaziland. The clinic will serve 20 Mission Station and Primary Schools there and the doctor and nurse in charge will run Infants' Welfare Centres and give advice to mothers on the care and feeding of their children. A mobile X-ray apparatus will be included in the clinic which will also act as a mobile laboratory."

Carol Clark (aged 9)



RED HORSE UPDATE

The well-received presentation entitled The Red Horse of Tysoe: Myth, History and Landscape delivered in the Village Hall last July will appear on the Tysoe Heritage Research Group (THRG) website from early November. All six presentations are covered, and the information therein will form the latest building blocks for researching the history of the horse. As a result of feedback, it is anticipated there may be a rerun of the event in 2026.

The THRG website can be accessed at <https://tysoehistory.org.uk/>, with The Red Horse page located under the Projects menu dropdown.

John Hunter

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Hi Tysoe!

A beautiful Autumn with some celebrations to look forward to!

The Parish Council has once again given permission for the traditional bonfire and fireworks display to be held on the playing field on Saturday October 25th. Residents are asked to ensure that pets who are sensitive to fireworks are properly cared for during the display in order to avoid undue distress.

In cases of blocked drains, potholes, street lighting and other highways problems, please report these at Warwickshire.gov.uk where, under the REPORT IT heading, you can report highways issues.

Councillors are looking at the possibility of an outdoor gym on the Recreation Ground. Before any decisions are made, they wish to consult residents of the Parish to find out if this is something they want, would use, and ideas of what sort of equipment. Therefore, a short questionnaire will be sent out in the next few weeks, which we would appreciate as many residents as possible answering.

Tysoe's Neighbourhood Development Plan will be reviewed early next year, and Councillors will be amending some areas in it to reflect the changes in the National Planning Policy Framework. This work is important for *Keeping Tysoe Special*.

Councillors also understand that some residents have received visits, some of which are at unsociable hours of the day, from a company looking to sign up new members to their internet service. The Parish Council has contacted the company to ask them to stop.

With several other projects to be looked at, Councillors will be looking at planning the budget for next year over the coming weeks in order to set the Precept for 2025/26.

Tysoe is a very busy Parish with so many good things going on.

Charmaine

Parish Clerk/RFO




Email: parish.clerk@tysoe.org.uk

Beautiful things are happening all the time, too. Good people are being kind, right now, right this moment. Somewhere, someone is being a helper. Two strangers are becoming friends and overcoming their differences. Someone is checking on a person in need. Life is heartbreaking, yes, but don't forget to look for the light.



Nancy Hoffman

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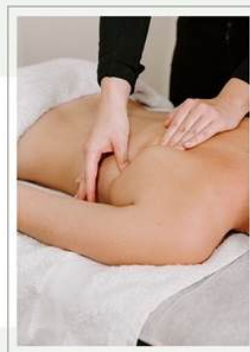
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