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Spring hare. Photograph by Debbie Anne Photography

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OTHER NEWS:

Team Record wishes to extend a very warm welcome to **Philip Bowden-Pickstock** who is taking over from Ben Viollet as our advertising contact. We are sorry to lose Ben but are very grateful for all he has done for the Tysoe Record over the time he has served on our Committee.

If anyone would like to join our team on editorial, production or delivery, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.



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INSPIRED BY THE VIEW FROM SPRING HILL

The air this morning had a magical bluish quality as I stood atop Spring Hill absorbing the majestic view of South Warwickshire and neighbouring counties stretching out to the horizon.

Looking beyond Idlicote Hill, beyond Ilmington Downs beyond Meon Hill, I could see the Malverns (44 miles away). The vista seemed so out of context to the problems we are all currently enduring.

Over centuries this land has suffered, endured and overcome many differing and dangerous threats, none more so than the last war. I remember my Uncle telling me how he stood on this self-same hill, and watched in horror at the sight of Coventry burning following another devastating attack by Luftwaffe bombers. Coventry was one of several cities devastated and citizens were left reeling by the effects. However collective spirit won then and collective spirit will win now!

I'm not old enough to have experienced those horrors, but I remember life afterwards as a small boy. I remember Mum with ration books and people making do with what they had. Dad had an allotment, he kept chickens and a pig for winter meat. Life was simpler and slower compared to the pace of today's living, albeit harder in some respects, but collective spirit won then and collective spirit will win now!

Looking again over the wonderful view, the bluish air quality reminded me of a piece of verse by A. E. Housman in which he reflects on childhood experiences and realises they will never return. The poem considers the helplessness of man, the fragility of life and the terrible effects of war, against the background of a beautiful countryside. This is the poem:

*Into my heart an air that kills
From yon far country blows;
What are those blue remembered
hills,
What spires, what farms are those?*

*That is the land of lost content,
I see it shining plain,
The happy highways where I went
And cannot come again.*

I advise my grandsons to absorb all the maths, science and technical stuff they can, but at the same time make an effort to experience and appreciate arts, literature, music and poetry. In short, I advise them to 'furnish their minds with beauty'.

I furnished my mind with beauty this morning, by admiring and absorbing the beautiful vista from Spring Hill.

Phil Walker



**BURNS NIGHT
2026**

INTRODUCING
ROBBIE BURNS

THE SELKIRK GRACE
THE PROCESSION OF
THE HAGGIS
ADDRESS TO THE HAGGIS

– DINNER SERVICE –

THE IMMORTAL MEMORY
TOAST TO THE LASSIES
REPLY TO THE TOAST
TO THE LASSIES

– HALL RECONFIGURES –

AND THEN....
DANCING – PART ONE
INTERVAL
DANCING – PART TWO
AULD LANG SYNE
THE FAREWELL
CARRIAGES

MILE FÀILTE
[mee-luh FAWL-chuh]
A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES





What a fun-packed evening we had to celebrate Burns Night 2026. It was full of everything you would expect - good food, wine, whisky, poetry, toasts, tartan, kilts, and sashes, Scottish dancing and of course a piper.



A huge thank you to the Village Hall Committee for their superb organisation, the Kitchen team for splendid 'scran', Geoff Fraser (piper) Ben Keyser, David Low, Andrew Thompson, Julian Sanders, Alison Cross and the Cats Whiskers for a fabulous night. Roll on next year. Och aye the noo!

AERIAL ATLAS OF ANCIENT BRITAIN - An illustrated talk by David Abram.

I made contact with David having seen his aerial photography on Instagram. He agreed to give a talk in our village hall as it was a good size and had a good quality 4K projector and a large screen (thanks Ben & VH team). David also had happy memories of Tysoe from his student days at Warwick University when he and his girlfriend broke down in the village only to be helped by a good Samaritan in the guise of George Randerson who got them on the road again!

David's talk focused on prehistoric Britain; from the Mesolithic, via the coming of Neolithic farmers through to the arrival of the Romans and the end of the Iron Age. He showed us breathtaking images of sites from around the British isles, from Orkney to Cornwall – Neolithic enclosures, tombs and stone circles; Bronze Age cairns, field systems and burial mounds and Iron Age farmsteads and hillforts, all captured from the air and often in the golden light of dawn or dusk. The aerial images showed famous sites in the context of a complete landscape, deeply evocative and showing how they define or respond to the area's natural character. Stone circles recall lost rituals and religious ceremonies; clusters of burial mounds resolving into rows aligned with others on the horizon and iron age ramparts take on swirling forms that hinted at long-forgotten battles.

The magic of the evening was completed by David's eloquent narration, poetic and then self-deprecating, he kept us amused as well as amazed. Perhaps the most extraordinary thing was how much of our ancient past is still evident in the landscape, notwithstanding the ravages of urbanisation and modern agriculture. You just need to know what to look for and to have the patience and tenacity to capture such stunning images.

I would heartily recommend following David on Instagram:

#davidrabram

Roland Cherry



The Rollright Stones top
Normanton Barrow, Wilts





A SEASONAL ROUND-UP OF WILDLIFE & NATURE FOR THE MONTH

NEW - WOT2Grow ORCHARD



An area at the top of the Orchard has been chosen as a nursery bed to grow on bushes and trees for transplanting into hedgerow gaps around the village.



Dead hedge planned - this simple structure allows pruned branches to be laid directly in the dead hedge as the stakes hold them in

HUNGRY HEDGEHOGS!



In March and April hungry hedgehogs are emerging from hibernation. Having not eaten for as long as five months. Their priority is seeking food. You could leave shallow dishes of hedgehog-safe food and water in your garden, or encourage insects and invertebrates to live there, which in turn provide valuable food for hedgehogs and other mammals.



HEDGE PLANTING – A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

One of the key aims of the Tysoe Wildlife group is to fill in gaps in hedging around the village, to provide corridors of connectivity for wildlife. The Woodland Trust has generously donated a mixed variety of 120 young native hedging plants and in early March (date tbc), these will be planted out behind the tennis courts. If you'd like to be part of the planting party, please contact Elaine Bailey on 07827 395350 for further details.



Meet Elaine Bailey - a self-confessed Plantaholic!

As a lifelong plantaholic and enthusiastic gardener, I took the plunge 15 years ago and turned my hobby into a career, qualifying as a Garden Designer and running a Garden Design business until retiring last year.

Having recently moved back to Tysoe (my husband and I lived here 30 years ago – our children were born here), I now scratch that horticultural itch by volunteering as a gardener at Upton House and I'm planning an overhaul of my own garden to make it more interesting and more wildlife-friendly. I've also joined Tysoe Wildlife.

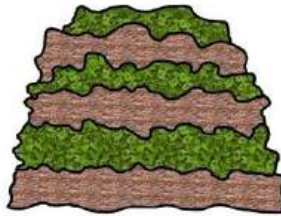
COMPOST

I'm just getting started! The garden we inherited has a few nice features but is lacking something essential – a compost heap! I'm a huge fan of home-made compost. Why fill council bins with the precious ingredients that can be used at home to create Black Gold?

So the Bailey heap is about to get underway and will look a bit like this:

Brown layers:

- Woody prunings
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Dead stalks/straw



Green layers:

- Lawn clippings
- Green leafy waste
- Vegetable peelings

I've just hacked down an overgrown clematis, pruned some out-of-shape apple trees and dug out many dead stalks of last year's tomato plants. This is all a lovely brown starter layer for my new heap.

The council can have food waste that I can't compost (meat/fish/dairy) and the rest will get layered up with lawn clippings (when they come) and soft green leafy garden waste.

What's wonderful about having a compost heap:

- It's free! Plants love the end product!
- Compost spread over the garden helps break up our heavy clay soil
- Heaps are a haven for wildlife of many kinds – including hedgehogs

So, if you haven't got one already, I invite you to join me, build your own heap and enjoy the many rewards! If you would like to get involved in other projects for **Tysoe Wildlife**, please email: tysoewildlife@gmail.com.

Elaine Bailey



MARCH WORKSHOP

Making a Bird Nesting Hanger

Do come along and join Jennifer on **Saturday morning 7 March at CosySpace**, above the Post Office in Tysoe.

Using willow, you can make a globe filled with bird nesting materials to hang in your garden. There will be one session for up to 10 people, timing: 9.30-11.00 am. Everything you will need will be provided. This workshop is suitable for adults.

Please sign up in advance of 7 March to book a place. If you wish to make a donation towards the cost please feel free to do so, no obligation. On behalf of our feathered friends thanks to Jacqui for allowing us to use CosySpace for this workshop.

To book, please call Jennifer on 07875 960225.



Hedgehog and Swift flyer

Tysoe Wildlife is keen to learn about our hedgehog and swift populations.



Hedgehogs:

We know we have some in Tysoe, but it would be great to know more about where they roam and how many.



Swifts: We want to hear from householders who either know of existing nest sites or are keen to join our **Swift Nest Box Campaign**.

Please help us by filling in survey form in this issue and sending us the information - by leaving it in the post box at Tysoe Village Stores or by email: tysoerecord@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Wild Activity Week

Learn about the wonders of nature and wildlife in Tysoe

27 - 31 July 2026, Mon-Fri mornings at
Sun Rising Nature Reserve, St Mary's Church
and WOT2Grow Community Orchard

Workshop is for 5-11 year old children (who attend Tysoe CE School or who live in the Parish of Tysoe).

Email: jennifer.randerson1@virginmedia.com
to register interest. More details to follow.

BIRDWATCH- WE ARE READY TO GO!



It was lovely to welcome Roland and Shirley Cherry, two volunteers from Tysoe Wildlife, to our Collective Worship the other day. We enjoyed learning the names and appearance of our local garden birds and how to recognise their bird song.

We also enjoyed being directed to produce our own bird chorus. Thank you to Tysoe Wildlife, for giving us the 3-in-1 birdfeeder which was accepted by our Opal and Eco Club representatives. Thanks also to the pupils from each class who held cutouts of various birds which can now be seen and enjoyed outside Beech Class.



Learning about Garden Birds – a gift

A special bird feeder – great for feeding Blue tits, Chaffinches and House Sparrows.

It holds peanuts, seeds and fat balls – 3 in 1!

But you need to look after it:

- Keep it going
- Keep it clean
- Provide fresh clean water for drinking and bathing



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Requiems

An afternoon performance of the requiems of

Fauré & Rutter

Directed by Gary Beman

John Wilderspin

Gustavo Schafaschek

Free Entry

Retiring Collection supporting the choir and
sands

Saturday 28th March 2026, 3pm

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Hampton Lucy, CV35 8BE

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PREHISTORY TALK



History and archaeology enthusiasts are invited to hear recent insights from the Whitchurch Excavations by Dr Kate Waddington, Archaeology Warwickshire (2006-2009) 'one of the most significant archaeological sites in the region.' It dates from the end of the Bronze Age and the dawn of the Iron Age. The venue

has wheelchair access. **Thursday 5th March 6.30pm - 8pm.** Tickets £10 and include tea and coffee. Visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice to book.

Photo: Warwickshire County Council



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 17th March at St Mary's Church, Tysoe
from 9.30am

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



THE TRUTH ABOUT TRUTH

We live in a world in which we increasingly have to consider whether the information we are receiving is in fact true. We are all familiar with phrases such as the truth of the matter, the simple truth, a half truth, gospel truth or even my truth. I suppose we all know what is meant by truth but to define it can be tricky. The Oxford Dictionary defines truth as “conformity to fact or reality, meaning the actual state of a matter, or as a quality of being genuine and factual, while also referring to verified facts, principles, or even faithfulness to a standard“.

Sadly we sometimes have to question information given to us by those in authority whom we should be able to trust. We look at images and ask ourselves are they real or have they been manipulated, has artificial intelligence had a role in their creation? When we receive a text message or phone call are they genuine?

We hear claims of Fake News, facts can be dismissed as propaganda, sources as corrupt. It takes an effort to remain actively engaged, to question sources and to weigh up evidence. We must not become the person who gives up and does not care, who does not distinguish between fact and fiction. We must continue to try to sort truth from falsehood and let us hope that this will stop us being manipulated and deceived.

This short piece owes much to the work of Hannah Arendt, a German born Jewish philosopher who fled Nazi Germany and survived the Holocaust. She lived in New York until her death in 1975 and became one of America’s most prominent and controversial intellectuals. She spent much of her life trying to explain how modern, educated societies collapse into totalitarian rule.

Her warning remains as relevant today, protect your capacity to think. “Because once you stop caring what is true, you do not lose an argument. You lose the ground that makes freedom, morality and human dignity possible at all. The struggle is not just about believing the right things. It is about refusing to stop thinking.”

Liz Layfield-Bell



Your local support group for family carers. We usually meet on the **fourth Friday** of the month (except December) from **10:30 to 12 noon at Kineton Village Hall**. Loved ones are welcome too – they can join our Companionship Group during the meeting.

Friday 27th March - Citizens Advice.

We're welcoming Lynne Morris, Reach Out and Help caseworker with Citizens Advice South Warwickshire to tell us about the work of Citizens Advice and, in particular, their home visiting service for people who struggle to access support in person.

For further details about our group or help with transport arrangements to/from our meetings, please contact Gillian on 07947 893504, send an email to kcarers4carers@gmail.com, or explore our website (new website under construction).

www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk



FEELING THE LOVE IN FEBRUARY!



Tysoe W.I. were feeling the love at February’s meeting. We celebrated the Valentine vibe with a selection of gateaux paired with Prosecco. Packets of Love Hearts completed the sweet treats along with red wrapped chocolate hearts.

We were royally entertained and educated in all things dance related by Marilyn Bosworth and her husband (or Roadie) Bill.

Marilyn soon had us up and dancing in a line-dancing manner. There was something to suit everyone from Rock n Roll to Tango via the Samba. We were all amazed at how fast we picked up the steps and how good we looked dancing in formation. The evening was a great success and it’s definitely one that we will repeat.

Our March Speaker

In March we have Paul Wilkinson as our guest speaker when he will be speaking about “The Forgotten Women”. You may be wondering which women and why have they been forgotten? If you want to find out come along on March 4th. We’d love to see you.

Eileen Mann, President



HAVING A SORT OUT?

Please note that the next collection for our Bag2School will be on **Thursday, 5th March 2026, at 9.00am**. We are happy to accept your bags of unwanted clothing, bags, shoes, curtains, etc before this date so please arrange with US. Sorry, we cannot accept duvets, blankets, pillows and cushions, school uniforms (with and without logos), corporate clothing and workwear, carpets, rugs and mats, bric-à-brac, or toys.

Collection Reminder



Thursday 5th March 2026



ST MARY'S QUIZ NIGHT AT TYSOE

80 quizzers attended the Quiz Night and had an amazing evening. A wonderful supper was followed by six rounds of brain teasers and a picture round to challenge all, except the young Cricketers who all knew the County flags! The village hall was very well organised, and their hi-tech audio-visual kit made for a slick professional evening. Thanks to the village hall, all who cooked, baked, served and washed up, Jennie and granddaughter Hannah who ran the raffle and the three quiz masters who may be forgiven.....eventually.

As a result, over £1100 was raised. £500 was sent to the Farming Community Network and the balance to St Mary's for refurbishments. There will be another one, this was our first attempt, a learning experience for us all.

Gill Roache
 – for **Friends of St Mary's**
....note the new name!



Mark, Sasha, Diggory, John, Margaret and Jago. Group name: 'Fuelled by claret'. Winners by 2 points of the hotly-contested quiz!



Save the Date

Choral Concert at St Mary's Church
 Saturday May 16th 7.30pm
 CCOTS choir and Brailes Singers
 Look out for more detail next month



UPCOMING EVENTS AT YOUR HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of Tysoe Village Hall will be held at 7pm on Wednesday the 8th April 2026

Doors open at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start
 Full details at www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk

NOTES FROM ST MARY'S

The last Sunday in February was the first Sunday of Lent, which continues throughout March.

Lent is a special time in the Church's year: six weeks of preparing for the celebration of Easter. It is a time which was traditionally for fasting, but nowadays we might not do it as rigorously as previous generations of Christians did. For many people the observance of Lent involves giving something up, usually a luxury we can do without, chocolate and sweets are the favourite. But should we consider giving up something we will miss even more? And donating the money saved to a Lent Charity?



The period of the Lenten fast is forty days. It echoes the time when, the Bible tells us, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. He fasted and prayed for forty days to prepare Himself for His public ministry.

Half way through Lent we have an opportunity to relax the fast on Refreshment Sunday. Traditionally in England apprentice boys, and girls 'in service', got the day off to visit their mothers, hence the more popular name of "Mothering Sunday". This is an opportunity to relax the fast, rather than an invitation to go mad and eat ourselves silly. We will be having a special Family Service at St Mary's on 15th March at 11am and St Lawrence' at 3:30pm on that day and we hope you will be able to join us in our celebrations.

Shipston Deanery is organising a series of talks for Lent on the theme of Music, Words and Worship. Look out for the poster in this magazine giving further details.

We end the month on Palm Sunday, as we remember Jesus' joyful procession into Jerusalem on a donkey. We imagine again the crowds of people shouting 'Hosanna!' and spreading their cloaks and branches from the trees in front of him. We will be recreating that event in our churches, waving our palm crosses.

God Bless,
George Heighton

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

your Community Hub

Dementia friendly

Village Hall Every Friday Morning 10am - 12 noon



Tea, coffee, biscuits, chat, laughter, advice & support
are all available here...

Paul & Heather Dowler
Tysoe 688376



UPCOMING EVENTS AT YOUR HALL



ALL MY SONS
MUSIC BY ARTHUR MILLER DIRECTED BY IVO VAN HOFVE

National Theatre Live

Sun 22nd March

TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET
A FILM BY JULIA DUKAKIS

MARTY SUPREME

Wed 25th March

**TYSOE
FOOD FESTIVAL**

Sat 18th April

Full details at www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk

Many ticketed events sell out before being widely advertised. To avoid disappointment and to ensure hall news comes directly to your inbox please register online to our email newsletter

THE EDINBURGH FRINGE BECKONS BEN

In 2016, we took a performance of *The Invisible Man* to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival with school. The experience was breathtakingly fun, especially as an impressionable 17-year-old who just enjoyed mucking around on stage. Ever since, I've been itching to go up again and perform.



Ten years later, this dream is finally becoming a reality. My play *Pigeon Syndrome* (photos above) was first performed in 2024 to great praise from audiences and critics alike. Enthused by the reception, it went on to a couple more festivals, and late last year the itch I've been wanting to scratch was finally realised when I said, "Let's take this to the Fringe!"

I'm incredibly grateful that all the original cast have placed their trust in me and the play. Such a locally produced show performed in Edinburgh is a huge opportunity to put ourselves out there, gain experience with wider audiences, and be part of the theatre scene.

I can't wait to show the world-wide community of the Fringe what a small group from Tysoe is capable of! It's all very exciting, very stressful, and very expensive.



To help raise funds, we're putting on an evening of LIVE theatre in Tysoe village hall, **17th May at 7pm**. Three short plays, including *Pigeon Syndrome*, some merchandise, a raffle, and a lot of fun! The bar will be open for drinks and ice cream. Please do come along for a fab evening with some fab actors and help us to the Fringe! Book tickets via the Tysoe Village Hall website.

Ben Keyser

KINETON FARMERS MARKET

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Miscellany

Calendars, surprise sightings and brighter days!

NEW STABLES FOR THE DRAYS



Hook Norton Brewery officially reopened its historic 1894 Victorian Stable Block on Valentine's Day, after a devastating fire.



PYTHON IN TYSOE

A most unexpected sighting in Tysoe. It turned out to be a stuffed souvenir from Julia Sewell's travels.



Hopelessness is hopeless!

Advice from Mariella Frostrup

"We need to be kinder to ourselves. When I have a bad day, I just withdraw, indulge it a bit then step forward again. Lean on your friends when you need them, don't compare yourself to others and have confidence in your own power."

the sun sets at...

February: 5:41pm

March: 7:37pm

April: 8:30pm

May: 9:17pm

Brighter Days Are Coming



This 100 year old brass calendar (1900 to 2000) from Egypt works out the day of the week you were born from your D.O.B.



PRIMROSE

(*Primula vulgaris*)

One of the first woodland blooms and a vital nectar source for pollinators.

*"Walk lightly in the spring;
Mother Earth is pregnant."*

Native American (Kiowa) proverb

MARC

For details of Tysoe Clubs and Societies see the Phone Book on pages 38/39.

BINS	 Food waste (food waste caddy)	 Recycling (blue-lidded bin)	 Refuse (grey bin)	 Garden waste (green bin)
	06/03/2026	✓		
13/03/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
20/03/2026	✓			
27/03/2026	✓	✓		✓

What	Where	When
Coffee Morning (donations plate)	St Mary's Church	Tuesday 17 Mar 9am - 12noon
Craft & Laugh	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Wednesday 11, 18, 25 Mar 13:00-15:00
Fitness & dance exercise class	Village Hall	Every Thursday 10.30am -11.30am
Lunch Club	Village Hall	Friday 6 Mar 1.00pm
Mobile Library	Outside Village Hall	Tuesday 17 Mar 2.00pm - 2.45pm
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Monday 9 Mar 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 4 Mar 7.30pm - 9.00pm
	Mothers Day	15 March 2026
	BST starts (hurrah!)	29 March 2026

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



Enjoy winter fun outside | © National Trust Images/John Millar

WHAT'S ON DIARY

TYSOE SOCIAL CLUB

Upcoming Events

MARCH 07	Live Music - Lynne & The Encore
MARCH 21	Live Music - Pete Watkins
APRIL 11	Live Music - The Badgers

Bring the family for a fun-filled day out at Upton House and Gardens. Join in with outdoor activities, and see what's on over late winter into early spring.

EVERYONE WELCOME. FREE ENTRY TO ALL EVENTS.
 PIZZA NIGHT EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



Save the date!

Tysoe Open Gardens

NGS Tysoe gardens open June 27th and 28th 2026

Silk Roads

19th March Brailes Gardening Club
 'Across the Roof of the World'
 -Silk Roads across Central Asia.
 Roger Butler,
 Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society.

Meeting 7.30pm at Brailes Village Hall. Annual subscription £15. Visitors are welcome £5



Q: "So . . . What do you plan on growing this year?"



A: "Older and crankier."



Source: Old Grumpy Guys

A Young Farmer in 1950s

My grandfather, Brian Douthwaite, sadly died aged 92 over Christmas, and in preparation for the funeral we revisited some of the old family albums. The photographs capture different aspects of rural and farming life over the past 100 years, and in future editions we hope to share some of these. To mark his passing, in this edition we wanted to celebrate his life as a young farmer and his connections to Tysoe.

Brian was very much a Radway man, but as a young farmer he was heavily involved in the Tysoe Young Farmers' Club, the first of many organisations he worked with in his lifetime, including the NFU, wildlife advisory groups and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

Having spent plenty of Saturday mornings hedgelaying when I was younger, this photograph is very reminiscent of misty winter mornings. My grandfather was keen on preserving trees and hedgerows, and he organised and competed in various activities for TYFC, including hedgelaying contests.



1954 photo somewhere in Tysoe. The judges awarded him the trophy.



Another photograph is taken from a clipping in the Farming Courier when Brian was in his twenties, the caption reads "These little piggies are not ready to go to market". The article covers his role as founding chairman of the Warwickshire Bacon Association, representing pig farmers in the county. It was the start of a life spent championing the agricultural industry and rural communities he held dear.

The family album features a few photographs from his days in TYFC. Brian and two of his sisters met their future spouses through the club. This wedding picture shows the Young Farmers in a hay-fork guard of honour to the bride and groom at Whatcote Church, and marks the beginning of a 70 year marriage.



Neil Douthwaite

DOWN ON THE FARM - March is the season for lambing



Photo of new-born twins from 2025

Lambing is one of the most intense and defining periods of the farming year, bringing equal measures of pressure, exhaustion, and reward. With around 450 ewes due to lamb and the expectation of producing roughly 800 lambs, the workload becomes relentless from the moment the first ewe starts to show signs of

labour. Every hour of the day demands attention: checking for difficulties, assisting births when needed, ensuring newborns are up and sucking, and keeping a close eye on both ewe and lamb health. Sleep becomes a luxury rather than a routine, as night checks blend into early morning feeds and day-time tasks.

Wet weather adds a further layer of challenge. When fields are saturated, turning out freshly lambled ewes becomes difficult or even impossible. Ground conditions can compromise lamb survival, increase disease pressure, and force more animals to remain indoors for longer than ideal. This means pens fill quickly, bedding needs constant refreshing, and the workload intensifies just when energy is already stretched thin.

Despite the long hours and the physical and mental strain, lambing carries a sense of purpose that few other seasons match. Watching a ewe bond with her lambs, seeing a weak newborn find its feet, or turning out a healthy pair on a rare dry day all bring moments of satisfaction that make the effort worthwhile. Lambing is demanding, messy, unpredictable, and exhausting - but it is also the heartbeat of the flock and the reason the rest of the year's work matters.



Cauliflower sheep above. A great example of FoodArt (Recipes by Amelia on Fb).

Gardner Partners
Willowbrook Farm, Lower Tysoe



THE STREET LAYOUT OF MIDDLE TYSOE IN 1796

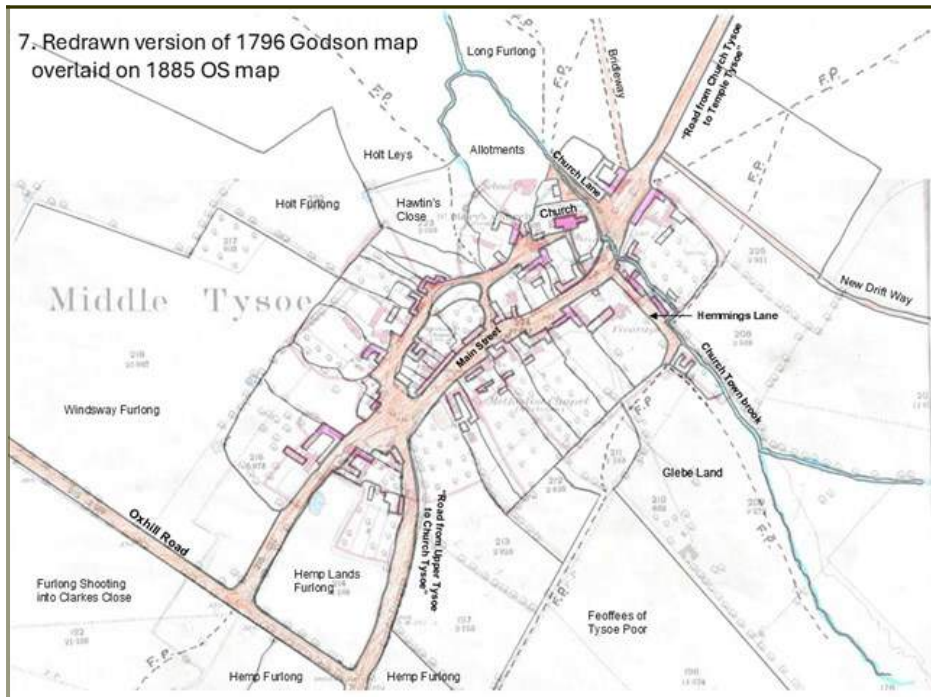
Tysoe History Research Group (THRG) have been examining the original 1796 Inclosures map held in Warwick Archives and this article looks at the situation for Middle Tysoe, or Church Tysoe as it was known.

Using a mixture of the original map information and the 1885 OS 25in map it was possible to align field boundaries and known listed buildings to produce a 'corrected' version of the older map showing a completely accurate picture of the exact layout in 1796, comparable with a modern map.

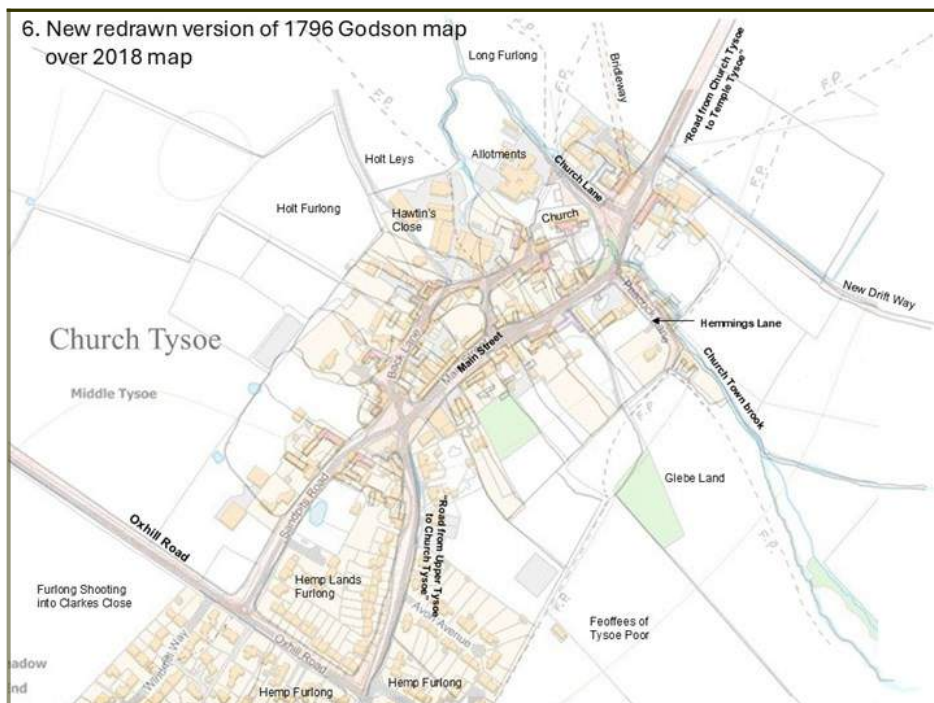
1796 Inclosures map findings – Church Tysoe

- The basic road layout of today was in place in 1796, including Back Lane, Sandpits Road, Saddleton Street and Oxhill Road
- The 'village green' at the junction of Sandpits Road and Main Street was larger. Properties at the south end of the 'green' did not exist in 1796, neither did the cart wash pond (which features on the 1885 map, near today's village hall)
- Peacock Lane was called Hemmings Lane, School Lane was called Church Lane
- Church Town Brook followed today's course around Peacock Lane but crossed the main street near the church in an open ford rather than today's culvert
- Many of today's listed buildings show earlier footprints to the later 1885 map, eg Church Farm Court. A 'U-shaped' footprint of buildings seems to be a common building layout in Tysoe
- Garden boundaries of Back Lane cottages and properties to the east of Main Street are largely unchanged today
- A new private Driftway 20 ft wide ran from Temple Tysoe road up to Sugarswell. This route still exists as a bridleway today
- A new 1796 Bridleway ran from Church Farm Court in straight alignment across to Temple Tysoe. This had disappeared by 1885.
- Several footpaths first established in 1796 still exist today, largely unchanged

7. Redrawn version of 1796 Godson map overlaid on 1885 OS map



6. New redrawn version of 1796 Godson map over 2018 map



KERALA: THE LITTLE-KNOWN COMMUNIST SUCCESS STORY



We had the very good fortune to escape the dreadful weather back home and spend a month in Kerala, southern India - cycling along the backwaters, motorbiking through bustling towns, and trekking among the lush green tea plantations of the Western Ghats. What we didn't expect was a political education.

By choosing homestays - at a fraction of the cost of mainstream western-style hotels - we came to know several local families. It was around their dinner tables over generous plates of home-cooked food, that we began to understand people's lives, backgrounds and politics. We were even invited to the wedding of our host's cousin, a joyful, colourful celebration that became one of our most memorable experiences, where we met phenomenally humble and impressively well-educated guests from all walks of life.



Kerala is governed by the Left Democratic Front (LDF), led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist), which has been in power for most of



the past decade. Yet unlike the autocratic communist models of Russia or China, Kerala's government is democratically elected - vigorously contested, loudly debated and regularly challenged at the ballot box. State elections are due in April this year, and during our stay in January and February we saw energetic rallies from both the LDF and the BJP, whose national leadership hopes to make gains here.

There is talk of corruption, and accusations that federal funding for infrastructure has been restricted by the BJP because Kerala is a left-wing state. Politics is anything but dull. Yet what struck us most was the visible social progress.

Kerala boasts near-universal literacy, robust public healthcare, guaranteed schooling for every child and meaningful public-sector employment even for lower-skilled workers. These policies have helped soften historic caste divisions and foster a level of equality rarely seen elsewhere in India. The results feel less ideological and more practical - a steady commitment to social development.

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Above all, it is the people who define Kerala: warm, generous, thoughtful and quick to smile. Whatever the outcome of future elections, this democratic communist experiment has shaped a society that feels remarkably educated, equitable and humane.

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As part of **National Storytelling Week**, we have been sharing lots of different stories. The children have been very interested, particularly in the older fairytales. A firm favourite is "The Gingerbread Man" The children have been busy doing lots of activities based around this story,



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At February's meeting Councillors heard several concerns about:

Potholes and the state of the roads in and around Tysoe. There are also concerns expressed about road closures, the lack of warning both by way of road signage and also communication of the same, and in some cases, signs being put up and road works not taking place. Council has now been in contact with Warwickshire CC's Highways about these issues, including the state of some roadsides that are breaking up. They have been asked how these issues can be resolved in a timely fashion, and are also looking to meet and discuss some issues with local farmers.

Sandbags: County Councillor Mills stressed in his report, amongst other items, that sandbags were available for some residents experiencing water ingress from excess rainfall. The Parish Council also has access to sandbags in an emergency.

Council changes: Consultation is still taking place around the changes to County and District Councils. No decision has been made as yet. DC Littlewood said that the 2026/27 budget would be agreed at their next meeting on February 23rd. SDC has now allocated area managers for Social Housing provisions. Contact details can be found on the Stratford District Council website.

Planning: There were several planning applications discussed, please see the full Planning Report on www.tysoe.org.uk

Housing lists: SDC are looking to change the criteria for those wishing to go on the housing list. They want to make it simpler to apply but make the criteria more 'district centred'. Councillors agreed that a review of Tysoe's housing needs a survey later in the year.

Tree audit: Finally, a tree Audit has been organised, and you will likely see more tree work going on in the village over the coming weeks.

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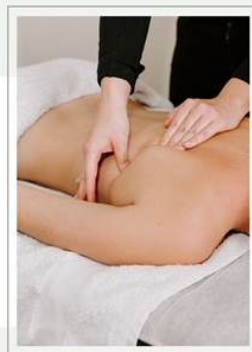
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