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Sun Rising Snakeshead Fritillaries. Photo by David Orr

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**OTHER NEWS:** The Record is planning to have a stand at the Village Open Day on 16th May (see pages 18-19) where we will be asking for your comments, feedback and to see if anyone else wishes to join our team.



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## REVIEW OF THE NEW MUSICAL



We took our seats in the Swan theatre to find the stage transformed to look like an African village with a couple of basic shacks. The first a home, the second, as we later saw, acting as a make-shift school library, a café and home of the village Chief.

A rich soundscape greeted us: birds, insects and chatter from off stage. Then the cast appeared dancing and singing, the women ululating – a particular sound but expressing joy rather than sorrow – setting the scene for the musical to unfold and unfold it did.

Based on a true story, it is the tale of a thirteen-year-old boy, William, who has a clever, practical brain. He wants to know how things work. He rummages through rubbish tips to find pumps, batteries and spare parts that he can repurpose and use.

There is no money. His family are farmers, as is most of the village. They literally scrape a living from the soil, but when the winds and rain wash away the seeds, then the drought hits hard, the whole village is faced with starvation; a hungry hyena prowls in expectation.

Agnes, the mother, is desperate for her son to go to school. They find him a uniform. He starts but, with no money to pay the fees, is turned away. He still manages to borrow books from the library to feed his passion for learning. He finds a book about a wind turbine and becomes convinced this is the answer as it can power a water pump to save the crops.

He perseveres against all odds, standing up to his detractors. “It won’t work William” is what everyone tells him but eventually he persuades them to change their minds and the refrain changes to “It might work William” and then becomes “it will work William”.

It is an uplifting tale about resilience, about community action coming together to help one another; it is about respect when the village Chief challenges the politicians to act but pays the ultimate price; it is about the value of education; it also highlights the importance of farmers; without food people don’t eat.

This story is from Malawi, but the fundamentals are universal. As we face the prospect of Climate Change, this is a tale for all of us. We need to use our ingenuity as problem solvers to come up with the answers and build a sustainable future for everyone.

The Editor



## BE AWARE – THIEVES ABOUT



Sadly, even in the relatively ‘safe haven’ of Tysoe, recently, several people have been unlucky enough to fall foul of thieves who have been making their insidious presence felt in this area. They seem to have been targeting out-buildings, such as garages and sheds and have helped themselves to bicycles and tools. To the thieves they may just be “things” from which they can make easy money, but of course to the owners having them stolen means a lot of hassle to replace items and is a gross intrusion into their personal space and increases the fear of crime for the wider family, friends and community. But it is important to remember that this area has a relatively low crime rate compared with others, and there are things we can do to make our homes less attractive to thieves and offer you some peace of mind. Rob Mahoney (a member of the Record Committee) and a retired Police Officer, has suggested the following basic security measures which will help to deter opportunistic thieves:

- Ensure your valuable property is locked away
- Do not leave gardening tools or ladders outside, as they can be used by thieves to break into homes
- Do not leave car keys anywhere near the front or back door
- Do not let anyone into your home who you do not know, without first checking AND verifying that they are genuine.
- Unfortunately a determined thief can quickly and easily overcome locks, padlocks, bike locks and chains, so the only thing that will deter them is the thought of getting caught.

**Effective deterrents** include:



**Audible Alarms** – many people fail to notice security lights which have been activated, but they would notice a 120 decibel alarm that can be purchased for as little as £20. Remember also to alarm garages and sheds.

**Property Marking Schemes** – from UV pens to write your details on property, or more expensive solutions such as SmartWater, which is sprayed on to your property. But it is important to advertise the fact that you have used such a scheme by displaying a sticker or poster in a prominent place.

**Property Registration Schemes** – although less well known, these are effective at crime prevention and a significant aid to property recovery and in prosecuting offenders:

The National Mobile Property Register (NMPR) has embedded links with all UK police forces that enables them to check whether an item is stolen. There are 3 portals for the public to use:- “Immobilise” to record details of valuables, “Report My Loss” for when items have been stolen and “CheckMend” which is a search facility to check an item’s status prior to purchase.

Similarly for bikes another excellent register is “BikeRegister”.

You could also take a photo of your valuables and their serial numbers, which is useful in the event that they are lost or stolen.

**CCTV** – this can be a deterrent but would need to be actively monitored to prevent crime and is subject to strict privacy and data laws in the UK, which can incur life changing fines, so please be aware of your obligations.

**Tracking Devices** – Ensure that you have all the trackable and lockable features enabled on your mobile devices. In addition, there is a wide range of cheap, small tracking devices that can be easily fitted to anything from key fobs to bikes and tools.

Last but not least: **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes** – even if you are not in a formal scheme - in a lovely friendly place like Tysoe we should all help to safeguard ourselves and neighbours. Should you see an unknown car or van in your road, take a photo, or make a note of the registration plate and call the police if you think they’re suspicious.

We hope these safety tips help.

Helen Keayes and Rob Mahoney





Did you know that raw sewage was dumped into UK waterways at least 585,000 times in 2024, the date of the last public report - an average of more than 1,600 times a day, once every 54 seconds? Campaigners believe there could have been as many as

one million sewage discharges. And yet, shareholders of UK water companies were paid £1bn in dividends in 2023-24.

Dirty Business is a real-life drama led by David Thewlis and Jason Watkins which tells the story of the victims, whistleblower and England's water companies. It is well worth watching. You can view it on C4 catch-up. <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dirty-business>. The Tysoe Record invited our resident water expert, Dr Mike Sanderson to comment:

### **No Votes in Sewage, but there is Money**

The design principles for sewage discharges are over 100 years old. They were based on a network that combined foul water and surface water drainage. They involve treatment to certain standards which can be offset based on the dilution of the receiving waters. This legacy remains today.

In 1974 the water industry was reformed with the creation of 10 water companies based on catchment geography. The poacher and the gamekeeper were in the same organisation. On privatisation in 1989 the gamekeeper was separated out as the National Rivers Authority (NRA) was created. This body together with Ofwat (the economic regulator) and the Drinking Water Inspectorate are supposed to protect the water user. Since the NRA was incorporated into the Environment Agency the poacher gamekeeper role has been undermined by allowing the Water and Sewerage Companies (WaSCs) to mark their own homework. WaSCs were given the responsibility to report Category 3 and 4 incident spills. This created the opportunity to bury major incidents (Category 1 and 2) under a self-reporting arrangement. It is not a long step from there to continually discharge to save the energy cost of treating sewage, is it? Especially if you are paying a licence fee for the discharge.

Even in 2026 the definitions surrounding spills are heavily nuanced. Under the Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan (SODRP), WaSCs must significantly reduce harmful pathogens from storm overflows discharging near designated bathing waters, by either: applying disinfection; or reducing the frequency of discharges to meet EA spill standards by 2035. The EA spill methodology is complex (see attached diagram) and relies on Event Duration Monitoring (EDM) amongst other things including those related to exceptional weather conditions and the amenity value of the receiving water. In the case of Tysoe Treatment Works there is no storm discharge as all discharge is from the reed bed.

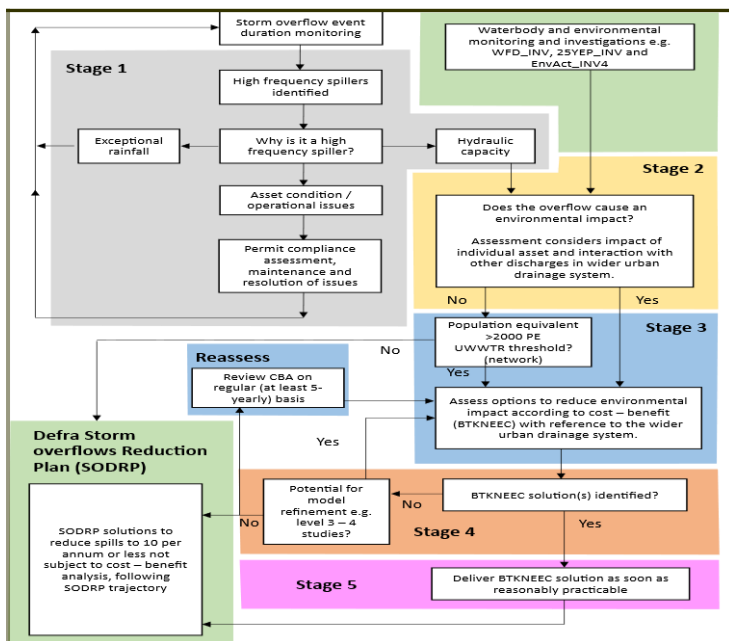
When the power is cut at a sewage works there is no EDM as happened at Burford STW and featured in Dirty Business. You don't even pass GO. Is it any wonder that the Windrush activists became frustrated with the institutional and administrative mists swirling around storm overflows? Similarly, the same nuances allow the EA CEO to claim a high bar for prosecution of WaSC executives.

Dirty Business blamed successive governments' attacks on regulation for the current situation. So how would we make the safety issues more transparent for the general population? We need simpler rules. Surfers Against Sewage already have these concepts in place and we really need to do this sort of thing even if the water industry is brought back into the public sector. Lets have a go:

If it is safe to bathe then there is a Blue Flag. EDM is near real time. If EDM is reporting spillage, the Blue Flag is pulled down. You do not bathe; it is not safe! If there is an EDM failure and the Met Office issue a Yellow rainfall warning then pull the Blue Flag down. If these rules are not followed by those

responsible for our safety, then make this a corporate manslaughter issue.

Sounds a bit draconian? Possibly, but no parent should be put in a position where they feel they have failed their child for allowing them to swim in polluted seawater.



Mike Sanderson

1 All water companies must provide data about the frequency and duration of storm overflow discharges for all storm overflow discharges in near real time and make this available to the public no later than 2025 (DEFRA, SODRP (2023))



## **JAN'S SILVER JUBILEE JOIN US AT THE PEACOCK**

**25 years ago...**

**Jan arrived as the new landlady at the Peacock....**

the rural community was in the throws of a foot and mouth outbreak, since then an awful lot has happened, Jan has seen it all. As the resident Tysoe social oracle whilst running a traditional #wetpub concentrating on delivering excellent well kept ales and lagers Jan has become a stalwart in the village.

25 years in Tysoe (and a lifetime in hospitality before that) is not to be sniffed at, especially in these challenging times. Join us on the 11th April at the Peacock Inn to celebrate a job well done - because we all need a reason to kick back and forget the world beyond our wonderful village.

**Can we drink this pub dry? Challenge accepted Tysoe...**

**11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 7PM**

**TWERZELS LIVE  
HOG ROAST**





On the 26 February we visited the quaint theatre at Chipping Norton to see the highly acclaimed comedy 'The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)'. Three cast members with immeasurable quantities of menergy talked, danced, sang, cavorted and improvised their way through all 38 of the Bard's plays.



To achieve such a feat in under two hours meant bearing heavily on interpretation, but they managed this with great humour, the speediest of costume changes, and referenced each and every play. Hats off to them for having the imagination to cram in the two hours of the gory Titus Andronicus play into a two minute cookery lesson! And not satisfied with the quickest gallop through Hamlet they then performed it in reverse (or at least we think they did - we couldn't keep up with the reverse dialogue!).

It was a fun afternoon with a compulsory ice cream at the interval, and we look forward to our next trip in April. Jackie Keyser

National Trust

**Dawn Chorus Walk**

**At Canons Ashby**

3 May 2026 6am - 8.30am  
£15 per person. Booking online essential

Join us on Dawn Chorus Day for a magical early-morning adventure, hot drink included.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/canonsashby](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/canonsashby)

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

**WOT2Grow ORCHARD**



It's all go at the orchard. Cherry and almond blossom, dead hedge coming along, seating repaired, wild flower area not mown, hedge nursery cuttings taking well....

*things to do in the garden*

April in the wildlife garden is the time to provide shelter and food sources for breeding birds and emerging pollinators.



- Hang nest boxes of different sizes to attract a variety of birds.
- Avoid pruning hedges and trees now that birds have started nesting.
- Cut lawns on a high setting to allow daisies and dandelions to bloom - great sources of nectar. Other great nectar providing plants in April are wallflowers, pulmonaria, forget-me-nots and primroses.
- Consider leaving logs in piles to create shady moist habitats for insects, fungi, amphibians and mammals (particularly hedgehogs).

**NOTES FROM SUN RISING**



*“It is always a delight to witness Sun Rising re-awakening after Winter. The Spring flowers are in abundance and the swollen buds on the trees are full of promise for the months ahead. I feel truly fortunate to have such a wonderful amenity on my doorstep, where it is possible to take a step back from the hustle and bustle of daily life, to simply be content in the moment and regain a sense of perspective.” Dawn Short, Friends of Sun Rising*

Our Daffodil Appeal is positively blooming (sorry!) and we are already over a quarter of the way to our target - see <https://sunrising.co.uk/daffs>). Turn to page 24 for details of how to sponsor one or more bulbs.



# SWAN WEBSITE LAUNCH

SWAN is a network of community volunteers and almost 20 local groups working across South Warwickshire towns and villages to champion wildlife and support projects that enhance and expand local habitats. Tysoe Wildlife was a founder member.



SWAN aims to connect and strengthen the efforts of individual wildlife groups to support nature's recovery on a landscape scale, and to support one another by sharing knowledge, ideas, and resources, and by working together on initiatives that benefit wildlife across the area.



SWAN member groups have a range of interests, several of which are like ours in Tysoe.

Clifford Chambers and Upper Lighthorne have focused on hedgehogs, whilst swifts and the installation of nest boxes have been a priority in Shipston and Harbury.



Some groups have quite large areas of land to manage, like Cornmill Meadows in Shipston which consists of two meadows, just under 2 hectares, bordered by the River Stour, and drained by Pig Brook. The site is open to the public, except for an area reserved for wildlife.



Some members of SWAN are particularly interested in hedgerows and the habitats and highways they provide for wildlife. They've been trained by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to use a new App. to record hedgerow condition and biodiversity.



The website was created by Zanna McKail from Radway and is funded by Stratford-on-Avon District Council's *Community Climate and Nature Fund*. All photos are by local photographers.

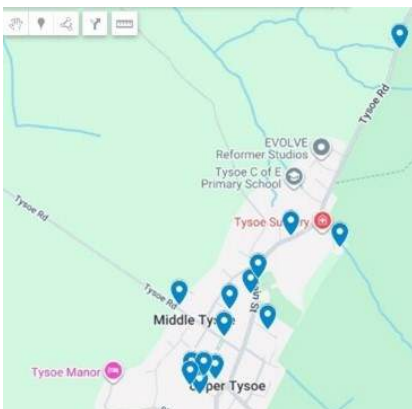
Please take a look.  
<https://swanforwildlife.org>



## HEDGEHOG PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you to all who returned the Hedgehog Survey and all others who made contact with Tysoe Wildlife Group. The map shows all known locations in 2025 and it is really encouraging to see so much activity in the village.

We know a hedgehog can roam up to 3km a night. The greatest distance



Tysoe Hedgehog sightings 2025

travelled on our map is only 1.4km and likely they cross the Main Road so this shows just how important our individual gardens are as 'hedgehog highways' for our local population. If accessible, they will call in on a number of gardens each night - providing a 13cm gap in fencing/walls/gates is available for them.

Now that we have a baseline of sightings we can focus on more detailed surveys and work out how to improve 'hedgehog highways' by linking up gardens. If possible leave space for wildlife, avoid using pesticides and

take care when strimming.

Please be aware if you have dogs or if you are busy gardening that hedgehogs will be coming out of hibernation now and will shortly be breeding and making nests for their hoglets.

Anna and Phil Grafton have kindly shared information about rescuing baby hoglets in their Tysoe garden with the help of Jane Savage in Wellesbourne from the Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue (<https://warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org/>). This photograph shows their return to Tysoe from rehab.



Tysoe Wildlife Group has set up a **Tysoe Hedgehog WhatsApp Group** to continue survey work, to understand where hedgehogs are, improve their highways and habitats, and hopefully improve the odds for the survival of our precious local population.

If you would like to hear more, post sightings or join the group email [tysoewildlife@gmail.com](mailto:tysoewildlife@gmail.com) or message **Jennifer Cawood** on 07875 960225. Be sure to follow us on: **Facebook @ Tysoe Wildlife**

## Hedgerow Project Update

Tysoe Wildlife Group identified hedgerows as one of their 2026 key projects. So far we have been collecting local hedgerow seeds and taking cuttings for the start of a Tysoe Hedgerow Nursery (currently located at the Community Orchard) which will become a source of material to gap up hedgerows for free in the parish in the future.

With the kind donation of over 120 native hedgerow plants from the Woodland Trust, we have been able to gap up sections of missing hedgerow behind the tennis courts which will provide vital connectivity with the wider hedgerow framework. This benefits wildlife in terms of food sources, shelter and improved mammal highways. Thank you to the Parish Council for their approval and support in this initiative.



Hedgerow planters: Jennifer, Claire, Kate and Elaine, Tysoe Wildlife Volunteers.

## Swift Project Update



We have had some response to our request for potential sites but we welcome more from around the village. Quick recap: sites must be at least 5metres off the ground with clear site access. So if you think your house is suitable, then please get in touch with Tysoe Wildlife.

We have applied for a grant to purchase fibreglass swift nest boxes from Stratford District Council and we hope to hear on the 17th April if we've been successful. If we are successful then we will be putting nest boxes up on suitable locations in early May. Thank you for your support.



**WILDLIFE QUIZ**  
SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY  
7PM for 7.15PM start  
at Tysoe Village Hall

Test your wildlife knowledge with this fun quiz for all the family!  
Tickets £6 per person, tables of 4 or 6 - includes nibbles. There will be a bar to buy drinks and a wildlife themed raffle.  
Raising funds for Tysoe Wildlife.

Purchase tickets online at [tysoevillagehall.org.uk](http://tysoevillagehall.org.uk)

## CONCERT AT ST MARY'S - SATURDAY 18TH MAY



### Concert

**When?** Saturday 16th May

**Where?** St Mary's Church 7-30

**Who?** CCOTS choir and Brailes Choir

**Cost?** Tickets £10 Accompanied children free

Wine and soft drinks on sale

Proceeds to Shipston home nursing and St Mary's Church

Get your tickets early from

The Post Office - thank you Jacqui.

Gill Roache 07778 848431

Alison Cross 07866 426188



#### **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP COFFEE MORNING**

Tuesday 21st April at  
St Mary's Church, Tysoe  
from 9.30am.

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



**Friday 24th April. 10:30  
to 12 noon at Kington  
Village Hall.**

The focus is simply on unwinding and enjoying each other's company. Anita will be with us to offer soothing hand massages, and we'll round things off with music.

For further details please contact Gillian on 07947 893504, or email to [kcarers4carers@gmail.com](mailto:kcarers4carers@gmail.com).

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## NOTES FROM ST MARY'S



The beginning of April this year takes us straight into our Easter Season. **2nd April is Maundy Thursday; at 10:30am there will be a service in the Cathedral** with the renewal of ministerial vows and the blessing of oils used

at baptisms and other occasions. All are welcome to attend. Later, on **Maundy Thursday** evening at 7:30pm, there will be a simple communion to re-enact the Last Supper. The service on **Good Friday** will be at 7:30pm, a service of light and shadows, music and readings called Tenebrae. **Holy Saturday** may seem a quiet day, but there will be much going on inside the church, preparing for the festival of **Easter Day**, when we celebrate our Lord's resurrection.

**There will be services at 9:30am at Oxhill and 11:00am at Tysoe on Easter Day**, when we bring the light of Christ anew into our lives, symbolised by the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We hope you can join us then.

Writing this in mid-March our lives were certainly full of highs and lows. I have been watching the earth coming to life again with flowers bursting open and lambs in the fields leaping around their mothers without a care in the world, but the global news again causes many to worry about the future. In addition to the continuing war in Ukraine, the conflict across the Middle East which began on 28th February continues to escalate, with many countries being pulled into the engagement. We feel helpless as we sit as bystanders as the news fills our television screens. We are deeply concerned for people caught up in the conflict and for ourselves, but we should not let the darkness overcome us. In John's Gospel Jesus told his followers that he is the light of the world. It seemed incredibly appropriate that, as we celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world, we will be able to bring that light into our church and worship together in that place as we pray for peace. We hope you can join us for our Easter services and wish you a blessed Easter.

God Bless,  
George Heighton

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



## We cried, we laughed and were educated

I was so pleased that the Village Hall showed the film *'I Swear'* in February, as this has a personal relevance to me, as my cousin has Tourette's syndrome. This film is a touchingly honest depiction of the life of John Davidson, a Tourette's sufferer and campaigner, who first shared his experience of living with Tourette's in the BBC documentary 'John's Not Mad'.

*I Swear* deftly balances heart-wrenching with heart-warming. It's ultimately a tale of resilience. There are laugh out loud moments, mixed with feelings of deep concern for the young Scottish boy who suddenly begins to exhibit tics, compulsive behaviour and random obscene shouts (also known as coprolalia - affecting 10-30% of Tourette's sufferers). It has a wonderful British cast, with superb portrayals of Davidson by Scott Ellis Watson (as a teenager) and Robert Aramayo (as an adult).

The film, which was recently nominated for the BAFTA's, attracted undeserved controversy and debate when John Davidson campaigner involuntarily shouted offensive words during the ceremony, which did not reflect John's beliefs and values. The experience was "mortifying" for Davidson. It's at moments like these that we need to remember to respond with kindness and understanding.

Sophy Forman-Lynch

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT YOUR HALL



Full details at [www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk](http://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

# TYSOE BOWLS CLUB - 30th Anniversary!

In 2025 Tysoe Bowls Club celebrated its' **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary** and looked back to those early days when bowls was played with borrowed equipment, collected and returned each week in the back of a car. It only took 6 months of fundraising for the Club to purchase its' own equipment and have 42 members signed up. By 1997 a committee and constitution were established and by 1998 there were 4 bowling sessions each week and the first Annual Dinner was held. Tysoe joined the Stratford District League carrying off the trophy in 2001 and winning again in 2009/10 and 2014/15.

In 2003, a custom made carousel to carry two mats was made and this lasted until 2025 when the club purchased an Electrowind machine following two generous, anonymous donations.

Today, the club is going from strength to strength under the guidance of Chairman, Phill Short and recently appointed President, Janet Hopkins and a lively and hardworking committee. We have more members than ever; some have been with us for all of our 30 years.

Summing up, Phill said *"There have been 30 years of fun and laughter, 30 years of friendly competition mixed with serious socialising. We welcome new members to come and join us, every game is different but the atmosphere is always one of enjoyment."*

For further information contact Phill 07979 212350.

Sue Baxter



Photos by Rob Mahoney





## JOIN US FOR OUR TYSOE VILLAGE OPEN DAY!

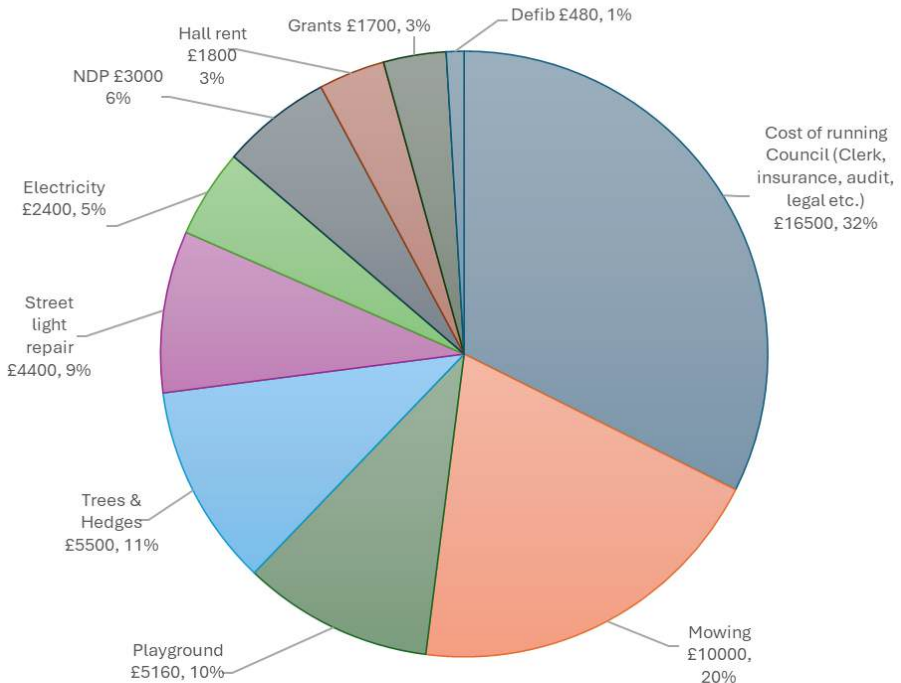
On 16th May we will be holding a Village Open Day at the Village Hall. This is an opportunity for all of the many organisations, clubs and institutions to showcase what makes Tysoe such a special place to live in. It will provide residents with the chance to see what is on offer and to ask questions and seek advice.

In addition to other village organisations, your Parish Council, who will be organising the Open Day, will be present and will be interested to hear your views on any subject. You may want to discuss:

- Street lighting
- Speeding and traffic management
- Availability of housing
- Welfare and care for the elderly
- Mowing, wildlife and ecology matters
- The state of the roads
- Rural crime

We will be there, along with representatives of the District and County Councils, to try to answer your questions and hear your concerns.

### Parish Council Budget 2026/27



You may also want to comment on how the Parish Council spends your money - see opposite.

**Tysoe's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** is in the process of being updated. You may want to take the opportunity, at the Open Day, of commenting on the current NDP and any changes you might want to see.

## VILLAGE OPEN DAY!

16th May at Tysoe Village Hall

Come and meet your Councillors and our new Parish Clerk,  
Vanessa Cowell-Plain.

The Open Day is not just a Parish Council event, it is an event for the whole village and all the volunteer groups that make this village such a special place.

So, come along at 11.00 for tea, coffee and cake and meet  
**THE PEOPLE AND GROUPS THAT MAKE TYSOE TICK.**

# 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

talkdementia

## APRIL DIARY DATES

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)
03/04/2026	✓		✓	
10/04/2026	✓	✓		✓
17/04/2026	✓			
24/04/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓

What	Where	When
Coffee Morning (donations plate)	St Mary's Church	Tuesday 21 Apr 9am - 12noon
Craft & Laugh	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Wednesday 8,15,22,29 Apr 2pm - 4pm
Fitness & dance exercise class	Village Hall	Every Thursday 10.30am -11.30am
Lunch Club	Village Hall	Friday 3 Apr 1pm
Mobile Library	Outside Village Hall	Tuesday 14 Apr 2pm - 2.45pm
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Monday 13 Apr 7pm
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 1 Apr 7.30pm - 9pm
	Good Friday	03 April 2026
	Easter Monday	06 April 2026

[www.tysoerecord.org](http://www.tysoerecord.org) 'What's On' for a full listing of events.

**Birdsong, Spring Migrants  
and the Pond's Wildlife**



Saturday 25th April,  
10.00am - 12.30pm

Join us for the opening of our BIGGER pond! See how the early bees and dragonfly larva are enjoying the extension, and take a peek in the dipping pond. Listen for birdsong to herald the arrival of the Spring migrants, Teas/coffees in the Longhouse.



Contact us if you'd like to come along:

[sunrising.co.uk](http://sunrising.co.uk)

**TYSOE SOCIAL CLUB**

**Upcoming  
Music**

APRIL <b>03</b>	<b>Karaoke with Ian</b>
APRIL <b>11</b>	<b>Live Music - The Badgers</b>
APRIL <b>18</b>	<b>Live Music - Becky</b>
MAY <b>02</b>	<b>Live Music - The Dropouts</b>
MAY <b>16</b>	<b>Live Music - Easy Street</b>
JUNE <b>06</b>	<b>Live Music - Jolly Rogers</b>

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# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026

Tysoe Wildlife in conjunction with Tysoe & District Record are planning a photographic competition to select 12 photos for a 'Tysoe Wildlife' calendar for 2027. The calendar will go on sale at the end of the year, and proceeds will be used to support wildlife in the parish.

The theme of the competition is **'Wild Warwickshire'**. Photographs must have been taken in Warwickshire since 2024.

Photographers with a range of experience from novice to expert are encouraged to enter. Up to three images may be submitted per person.

All photographs must be submitted as a digital image (JPEG or PNG) in landscape orientation, with a 6 x 4 ratio, ideally at a resolution of at least 300 dpi or 1mb in size.

Entrants must give their full name and email to the competition organisers. This data will be processed and stored in a secure manner and will only be kept for the duration of the 2026 competition.

**TO ENTER:** email your entries to [tysoewildlife@gmail.com](mailto:tysoewildlife@gmail.com). Larger files can be sent via [wetransfer](https://wetransfer.com/) – <https://wetransfer.com/>  
Closing date is 30th August 2026.

The decision of the judges for the 'Wild Warwickshire Photographic Competition' is final.

Please note: All images submitted must be the work of the individual submitting them. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that any images they submit have been taken with the permission of the subject (where necessary) and do not infringe the copyright of any third party. Entrants must warrant that the photograph they are submitting is their own work and that they own the copyright for it.

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## TYSOE FLOWER SHOW- SCHEDULE OUT NOW!

The Schedule for this year's show is now available. Simply scan the QR code or pick up a printed copy from Tysoe Post Office. 'Wildlife' is one of the themes for this year's show, see Section J – PHOTOGRAPHY

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Hi Tysoe,

A busy meeting this month! Residents have expressed concerns about the spate of burglaries in the village. Please ensure that you lock outbuildings at night and your house when you go out. The Police are aware of the problem.

Both County and District Councillors reports spoke of various consultations being carried out by WCC and SDC, and the help available to families struggling with utility bills. See the full reports on the new website due to launch on March 31st [www.tysoeonline](http://www.tysoeonline)

The Tysoe Wildlife Group are hoping to gain funding to help Swifts and Hedgehogs who live around the village. The group also ask residents to give them evidence of these endangered species in the village, where they live and their habits.

I expect you know I will be leaving my post as Clerk. Vanessa Plain-Cowell will be taking over on April 1st and I hope you join the Parish Councillors in wishing her well.

Several Planning Applications were discussed this month, all of which can be found in the Planning Report on the new website.

All residents please note that any issues with potholes, highways and street lighting, should be reported on the Warwickshire County Council website [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

The Parish Council do not have responsibility for these issues and ask that residents go directly to WCC and report them.

There will be a Village Open Day held in Tysoe village Hall on May 16th details will follow, it is hoped that many residents will come along for coffee, a chat and see all the organisations who make Tysoe Special.

It now only leaves me to say a fond farewell and wish everyone a wonderful Spring and Summer. It has been my joy to work as Tysoe Parish Clerk. Thank you!

Charmaine  
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## DOWN ON THE FARM - APRIL

As April begins, life on an arable (cropped) farm really ramps up. Crops are growing fast after their winter dormancy, and it is the month when we aim to

establish our spring crops on the wet, heavy clay soils at the bottom of the hill. The days are noticeably longer now, and the soil is slowly drying out and warming up — just the conditions we need to get machinery on to the fields without causing damage to the soil structure. With a bit of luck the weather will play its part. A run of dry days can make all the difference at this time of year.

Last autumn was relatively kind to us, allowing a good area of winter wheat and oilseed rape to be drilled in favourable conditions. These crops are now starting to put on rapid growth. The wheat fields are greening up and thickening as the plants begin their spring growth, while the oilseed rape is stretching upwards and will soon burst into its familiar bright yellow flower. When that happens it is not just a striking sight across the landscape, but also a valuable early food source for bees and other pollinating insects.

April is also when we aim to drill our spring oat crop, grown for porridge, granola and a range of other foods destined for human consumption. While oats are not the most profitable crop we grow, they play an important role in the farm's rotation. Their very fibrous rooting system helps improve soil structure, particularly on our heavier land, and they are naturally competitive with weeds. That means fewer herbicides are needed, which benefits both the soil and the wider farm environment.

Around the farm, April is also a time when brown hares become particularly noticeable. It is the height of their breeding season, and early mornings or evenings can sometimes reveal the famous “boxing” behaviour as females fend off persistent males. Hares are a common sight for us, often sitting tight in the crops before suddenly bounding away across the fields towards a freshly green hedgerow and it is a sight that we love to see.

April is the month where tractors are busy, with both crops and nature both accelerating at pace as spring truly takes hold and although we are busy, the whole world feels that little bit fresher.

Tom Paton  
Brixfield Farm



On 27th February Tysoe Social Club hosted a friendly Skittles tournament. A big thank you to Sam and Bri for running the evening — with a little help from their glamorous assistants.



It was lovely to see so many familiar faces, as well as some new ones, enjoying

the night together. Two leagues were run. Congratulations to our winners, Connor and John!

**The next Skittles Night is on 24th April, 8pm onwards. £1 to play. Cash prize for the winner.**

In collaboration with the Village Hall, we also hosted two Wakes. We're very grateful to the families who chose to involve the club at such an important and personal time.



The club is available to hire for Wakes and other gatherings, and we're always here to help make these occasions as comfortable and well-supported as we can. For further details, please contact:

**[tysoessocialclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tysoessocialclub@hotmail.co.uk)**

Catering Angel provided food for both events, Jenny and her team producing a mouthwatering spread.

**Come along to our Pizza Night on Wednesday 8th April! The Social Club bar will be open and pizzas available from 5pm. To pre-order just message the**

**Tysoe Social Club Facebook page.**

**PIZZA SEE YOU SOON!**



## THE STREET LAYOUT OF LOWER TYSOE IN 1796

This is the final report from Tysoe History Research Group (THRG) regarding the original 1796 Inclosures map held in Warwick Archives. This map was drawn up by surveyor James Jennings to accompany the Tysoe Inclosures Award finalised in 1798 to indicate exactly the new field boundaries, road layouts and footpaths that were being designated at the time. One question arose: can it be directly compared with a modern map to observe precise changes in Tysoe's streets and field boundaries?

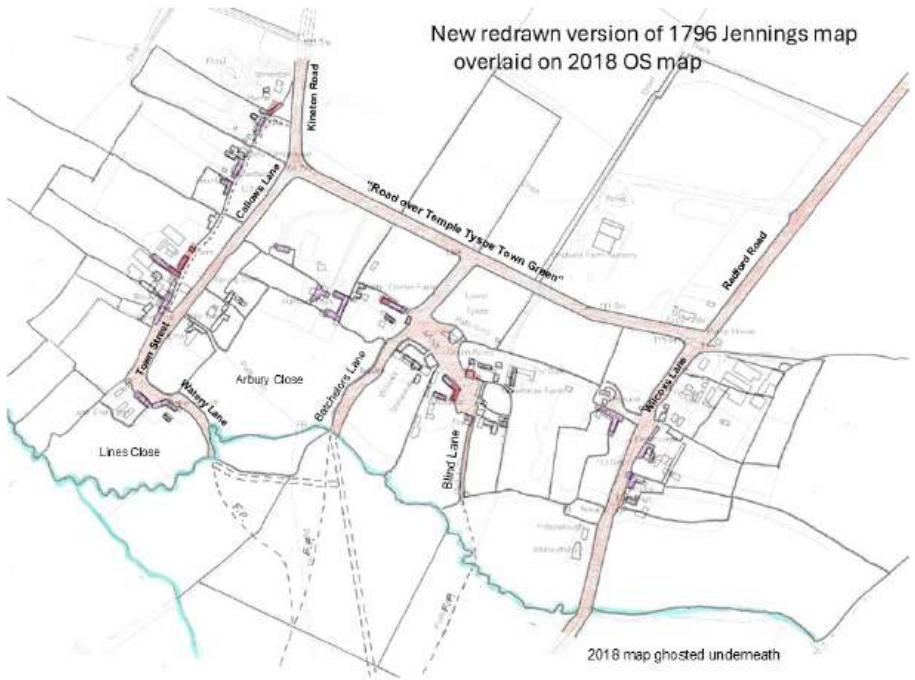
### **1796 Inclosures map findings – Lower Tysoe**

- Of all the three Tysoe villages, Lower Tysoe (or Temple Tysoe as it was known) has changed the least since 1796. Details of old building footprints and garden boundaries appear largely accurate compared to today, particularly along Lane End
- Kineton Road and Radford Road (Straight Mile) were new roads that are notably straighter and wider than existing village lanes
- Current Badgers Lane had an extended lane running down to Asses Brook, and known as 'Batchelors Lane'. The alignment of this lane still exists today but only as a hedgerow
- The footpath alleyway leading into current Badgers Lane was known as 'Blind Alley'. The footpath running south from here still exists, unchanged
- Current Lane End appears to be known by three other names: 'Callows Lane' at top end, 'Town Street' in the lower section and 'Watery Lane' at the final end down to Asses Brook
- The old lane around current Hopkins Farm bend was known as 'Wilcox Lane'. The newly-designated road to Church Tysoe only started where Temple Tysoe cottages finished, just north of Asses Brook
- A straight Bridleway ran from Church Tysoe to Batchelors Lane. This ceased to exist before 1895
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Nick Hull



New redrawn version of 1796 Jennings map overlaid on 2018 OS map



2018 map ghosted underneath

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By Neve and Beatrice, Tysoe School



up water to which we added food colouring, showing how the blooms changed colour. They also investigated how quickly they could melt ice cubes. They used cold water, warm water, and salt as well as holding them in their hands to see which ice cubes melted first.

The children have had a very busy month. On the 5th of March, it was World Book Day. The children loved discussing each other's favourite books and dressing up as their favourite characters.

And finally, on 13th March we had a very special visit from Flopsie the lamb. All the children were delighted and enjoyed lots of cuddles!

We also celebrated British Science Week. The Flames children engaged in several different activities. They explored capillary action and transpiration, observing carnations sucking

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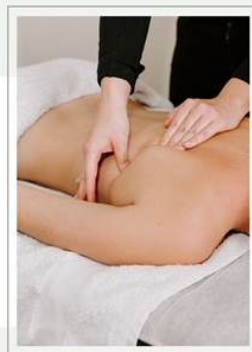
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