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Over 110 tractors joined in **Laura's Tractor Run on Sunday 17th May.**

You can read about the history of the run on pages 2-3,
together with details of the charities it is supporting this year.

Photo credit: Bobbie Gristwood.

75 YEARS OF THE RECORD

The Tysoe & District Record celebrated 75 years at the Village Open Day. The first issue was started in February 1951 by the then vicar Rev T E Jones and Ernest Farbrother, the school's headmaster. The Record has continued to be published ever since overseen by its various editors: Molly Williams, Margaret Gibbs, David Sewell and the current editor, Shirley Cherry. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that the Sewell family has maintained an archive of every single copy printed for all those 75 years!



The archive was started by Major Geoffrey Sewell in the 1950s. By the 1970s the numerous boxes stuffed full of issues were overflowing, so he sent them off to a bookbinder to be turned into books to better preserve them. Percy Sewell, with his interest in Tysoe history, decided to continue what his father started and every two years sent copies of the Record to Christopher Shaw, a bookbinder near Brackley to be bound. Incidentally, Christopher has appeared on the TV show 'The Repair Shop', renovating antiquarian books and prisoner of war photos.

In terms of the significance of the archive, the editor asked Percy for his thoughts, he replied: "Modern history tends to be forgotten about but if it isn't written down the memories are lost. The archive is a very good reference source for the village and parish over the years. Tysoe's may not be a famous history, but everyone has something interesting to say."



Shirley Cherry, the Editor, with Helen Keayes, Editorial Assistant and Percy Sewell looking at a bound copy from the archive.

Percy loves the fact that the old Tysoe family names run as a continuous thread throughout. Pete Paxton's confirmation appears in the very first issue and he is still very much with us. Percy and the editor agreed that the Record captures life in rural Warwickshire and we are fortunate as Tysoe hasn't changed as much as other places. "We're in an oasis," said Percy "and terribly, terribly lucky."

To give you an idea of scale, what 75 years of the Record looks like, the archive measures a yard and half of books! (That's 4.5 feet and nearly 1.4m). That's an awful lot of books, 45 to be precise. So then, the question arises about storage. Carol Clark, our archivist on the Record and THRG, approached Warwickshire Record Office to take the books which they are delighted to do. This is where the archive will reside, once the final two books are completed.

Copies of the Record will continue to be kept but digitally rather than in print. Should people wish to access the archive they will be able to do so in the future via the County Record Office: <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/county-record-office>. Kineton History Group has a behind the scenes visit to the Warwickshire Record Office happening on 21st August – see page 15.



From left to right: Emma, David former editor, Helen, Percy and Shirley.

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THE STORY OF LAURA'S TRACTOR RUN and its 2026 Charities



What began as a way to give back has grown into something *truly special*.

Laura's Tractor Run was first created in memory of Laura's father, who spent his final days in hospice care. The compassion, dignity and support he received left a lasting impact — and from that, a simple idea was born to bring the community together and give something back to the charities who give so much to so many.

And over the years, life has brought plenty of change for all of us; within the group behind the tractor run, we've shared weddings, welcomed new arrivals, and said goodbye to loved ones. The people involved have grown and evolved over the years — but the intention behind the run remains exactly the same.

This event has become more than just a tractor run — it's a reflection of our lives, our friendships, and our community.

Each year, our chosen charities reflect the real-life stories around us — the moments that shaped us, the people we hold close, and the support that carries us through.

1. This year, we are proud to be supporting three main charities: **Shipston Home Nursing** "Hospice care at home" — providing "hospice care at home" and supporting so many of our tractor drivers, supporters and their families through incredibly difficult times.
2. **Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA)** — a lifesaving service that has hit especially close to home this year, after helping save the life of one of our closest friends and tractor run supporters.
3. **Talk Dementia** (www.talkdementia.uk)— a local, volunteer-led group offering one-to-one support, advice, and welcoming dementia cafés where carers and families can find friendship, understanding and a place to feel less alone.



We are also proud to support:

- **Sobell House** — where it all began, and a place that will always mean so much to Laura and her family.
- **Warwickshire Farmers Butty Van Initiative** - a growing local scheme (part of Warwickshire Rural Hub) creating a safe, welcoming space for farmers to come together over a bacon butty and a cup of tea, helping to tackle isolation in the farming community and offering quiet but vital support when it's needed most.

Once again, we've been overwhelmed by the support from the volunteers who give up their time year after year, everyone who came out along the route to watch the convoy pass through the villages, everyone who donated online or on the day, those who joined us at the finish, and of course every single driver who brought along a tractor or vehicle to take part.



Over 110 tractors joined us this year and amazingly the sun shone (nearly) all day despite the rain that had been forecast! It was also our first year using a live tracker and it was brilliant to see so many people out watching and following the tractor parade along the route. It is a powerful reminder of what our little event is really about: community, kindness, and

being there for each other when it matters most.

Donations are still coming in, so we can't share the final total raised just yet, but thank you to everybody who has donated so far — your support means a great deal to us all. If you would still like to donate, please visit: our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/laurastractorrun2026>. We will report the total raised in the August issue.



Laura's Tractor Run Team

WORKING WITH SHEEP by Neil Douthwaite

With the lambs in the fields around

Tysoe growing fast and sheep shearing season rapidly approaching, I have delved back into the family archive to look at sheep farming in the first half of the 20th century.

Few things sum up the British countryside than fluffy white sheep speckled across lush, green pasture. However, although they may seem to look after themselves, it takes a lot of manual work to keep a watch over them, round them up and handle them. For that reason, I can almost feel the stress and tension in this picture labelled "Sheep Shearing preparations, Radway June 1936."



In my experience, whoever took the photo was quickly told to "put down the bloody camera and give us a hand!" The photo below from Radway



in 1920's shows a boy winding a hand driven shearing machine.



Here Bill Douthwaite clips a sheep using hand clippers, hunched over, holding the ewe and trying not to nick the skin as he shears away the fleece.



A Women's Land Army girl, Lol Wickstead, helps my Great Grandfather, Spencer Gardner in Whatcote during WW2, with the sheep dipping. To kill parasites in the fleece the sheep would have been led into a chemical bath and dragged out after a good soaking.



BLOOMING SUCCESS!



All credit to Lauren Holly who raised an impressive £400 from her plant sale for Shipston Home Nursing "Hospice care at home" on 9th May. Congratulations from the Record.



TYSOE SOCIAL CLUB Upcoming Music

JUNE 06	Live Music - Jolly Rogers
JUNE 27	Live Music - The Peas
JULY 18	Live Music - The Stopgaps
AUGUST 08	Live Music - Tres Hombres



We've sourced some fabulous new drinks ideas! DA-SH a delicious

sparkling water infused with just a dash of fruit essence.

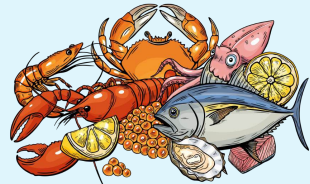
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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE by Amanda Venables



This item is usually written by our Parish Clerk but as this has been a period of significant change for the Parish Council, I have requested the privilege of giving a more personal message.

Last month we said goodbye to our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer of almost five years, Charmaine Swift. She was highly praised in our recent auditor's report for the improvements she built into our systems over that time. We shall miss her, but wish her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement. After a month-long handover with Charmaine, we welcome Vanessa Plain. Facing a steep learning curve, she has managed to quickly get to grips with the complex demands of both roles.

Following the resignation of Cllr Malcolm Littlewood from the Parish Council, allowing him to concentrate on his role at the District Council, we welcome Cllr Steve Millward who has been co-opted to join us. Cllr Littlewood will continue to support Tysoe as our Stratford-on-Avon District Council Ward Member.

A few years ago, the Parish Council adopted a rule proposed by Cllr David Roache himself, that no Councillor should serve as Chair for more than five years. Having reached that milestone, he stepped down as our Chair last month, although will remain as a Councillor.

I would like to thank David for the strength, vision and drive with which he has led the Parish Council during that time. Even before that, he contributed immense amounts of time and energy to the making of our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Our NDP makes Tysoe one of only a handful of parishes within the whole of Stratford District to still be protected from speculative development by a robust and up-to-date plan. It is no coincidence that we are not yet seeing a similar amount of housing applications as our neighbouring villages. This is due in large part to the protection provided by our NDP, for which we must thank Cllr Roache and all community members who helped develop it.

During David's time as Chair, the Council has successfully defended against the development of an industrial gas plant (other villages nationally have not been so fortunate), improved the children's playground, encouraged biodiversity, supported village groups, supported traffic speed monitoring, introduced an Emergency Plan, as well as celebrated national milestones such as the Platinum Jubilee, the Coronation and VE 80 Day.

I now face the challenge of continuing to maintain the Parish Council as the bedrock of the community it should be. Not every decision made can be popular with everyone, but with the support of Cllr Chris Bell as our new Vice-Chair (pictured right), and that of all Councillors, I will do my very best to **KEEP TYSOE SPECIAL**.



Please do come along to our meetings which are held at **7pm on the second Monday in the month (except August)**.

All residents are welcome to attend.

Warm regards
Amanda Venables

National Trust

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Friday evenings, June 19 & 26, July 24 & 31, and August 21 & 28, 2026

Visitors can enjoy the gardens in the evening light, entry for non-members from 3:30pm (£6 adult/£3

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Friday 26th June, 10:30 to 12 noon at Kineton Village Hall.

Come along and try Laughter Yoga, a practice which is said to boost mood, reduce stress and increase energy.

For further details or help with transport arrangement, please contact Gillian on 07947 893504, or email to kcarers4carers@gmail.com.

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PARISH OPEN DAY



On the 16th May between 11am-2pm, Tysoe Village Hall will again host the Parish Council Village Open Day.



This event was organised by Tysoe Parish Council and successfully brought much of the village together. Amanda Venables, the newly elected Chair, expressed her gratitude afterwards:

“Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Council’s Village Open Day on Saturday, whether representing a village organisation or simply coming along. . . Special thanks must go to the Village Hall and to Linda for all those amazing cakes!”

There was a range of interests represented and some good displays. The bell ringers managed to recruit six new members! While Tysoe Flower Show & Fete received donations to their Friends of Tysoe Flower Show and offers of help to set up and clear away at show time. Meanwhile, THRG’s ‘dating of the Red Horse’ fundraising appears to be gathering pace.

Clubs and Societies:

Tysoe Community Speedwatch

Stratford Rural Crime Advisors

Tysoe Parish Council

Tysoe Heritage Research Group

Tysoe Wildlife

Tysoe Flower Show & Fete

St Mary’s Church / Bell Ringers

Wot2Grow

Friends of Sunrising

Tysoe District Record

Tysoe Tennis Club

Cotswolds National Landscape

Windmill Run

Tysoe Wombles

Community Hub/Talk Dementia



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

KEEPING TYSOE SPECIAL

The Parish Council distributed a useful leaflet listing all the councillors who give up their time voluntarily and outlined who does what. The role of the PC and what they do in the village, was also explained: everything from grass cutting to providing playground equipment, reviewing planning applications to updating the Neighbourhood Development Plan, also liaising with other government bodies such as SDC, WCC, Health Services, Police and Developers.

It included a helpful pie chart showing how the Precept is spent annually and also a list of what the Stratford District Council does, Ward Member Cllr Malcolm Littlewood, and what Warwickshire County Council does, Ward Member Cllr Chris Mills who was in attendance.

Tree Tag Quiz - £1 a go!

The quiz was based on a recent tree count of all the trees on Parish Council land, numbered tags were put on all of them, but how many were there? 104 was the answer, guessed by The Rev. George Heighton. The quiz raised £34.50 for Community Hub/Talk Dementia.

Rural Crime Advisors

Special visitors to the Open Day were Rebecca and Ali, our Rural Crime Advisors. They came with a range of gadgets and information to help prevent crime. You can request a visit by calling m: 07866 672895 / m: 07976 238329. They left a range of useful items with the Parish Council.

Welcome to the meetings

The PC meets at 7pm in the Village Hall on the second Monday of every month (except August). Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

The Editor

Photography by Rob Mahoney for the Tysoe Record



A WISE EVENT- *handbags were drawn!*



The WI meeting in May was a members only WISE event (WI Social Evening) where the ladies came to showcase precisely how wise (or otherwise) they actually were. Handbags were drawn as they pitted their wits against each other (and sometimes themselves), to answer a fiendishly difficult quiz set by the Chair, Eileen Mann, with all the questions having some degree of association with the month of May. The room has never been so quiet as the grey matter turned over at a pace - after all, the prize of a bottle of gin was at stake! Team 'Odds and Sods' claimed the glory and the meeting adjourned for drinks and cakes, leaving the 'Odds' to discuss with the 'Sods' how they were going to divvy up a bottle of gin between them.

Another quiz was held during refreshments, with the winner taking home a box of tea and a packet of custard creams. No expense spared for our members – it was Fortnum and Mason tea, not just any tea!

Next month's meeting will be open to all, with an opportunity for yet more questions – this time directed towards our special guest, Anton Lesser.

Jackie Keyser



TYSOE CHURCH FETE
at Tysoe Manor
by kind permission of Lord and Lady Marks
Join us for a traditional village fete
in a beautiful garden on
SATURDAY 13TH JUNE AT 2PM
Tea and Cakes, Cake Stall, Water or Wine?
Skittles, Children's Games, and much more!
Singing by Tysoe School Choir.
£1 to enter CASH ONLY
Lovely summer afternoon ordered!



FRIENDS OF TYSOE SCHOOL SUMMER FETE
12 - 3PM
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
TYSOE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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STALLS & GAMES | BOUNCY SLIDE | DOG SHOW | RAFFLE
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS | CAKES | ICECREAM
PLUS DEMONSTRATIONS, THE GREAT TYSOE BAKE OFF AND MORE!
ENTRY £1 | KIDS GO FREE

TO THE FRINGE! - LIVE THEATRE IN TYSOE

On Sunday 17th May the hall was delighted to host Ben Keyser's Broadly Speaking Productions theatrical group. A capacity audience was treated to THREE short plays, written and directed by Tysoe's own Bard. Each play was wonderfully executed, and very different in tone and delivery

In *Pigeon Syndrome*, the story of a husband accidentally stepping on a bee that his wife has been trying to save seems to signal that their marriage really has hit rock bottom. However, when an injured pigeon flies into the window he inadvertently gets back into her good books, finally believing he has found a way to restore their former passion for each other.

After a quick scene change, in *The Beans* told the story of how, after fifty years of decaffeinated life, the trouble one sip of coffee can cause. The play, very delicately with touching moments, explored a bitter-sweet relationship between two strangers, and how coffee makes everything right in the world.

And to close, *Mop and Bucket* romped through when a cleaner accidentally walks in on the CEO doing an overnighter at the company, learning more than they bargained for about each other's backgrounds.

A very pleasant, engaging and thought-provoking evening, and a standing ovation for Ben and the team with best wishes for their Scottish tour.

Ben Viollet, Tysoe Village Hall



Full details at www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk

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SINGING CONCERT REVIEW



“AN EVENING OF PURE JOY” That was how the pamphlet advertised Saturday evening 16th May and we weren’t disappointed. The concert in St Mary’s Church was the perfect antidote to a busy morning at the Village Open Day, as we were able to drink a glass of wine, sit back and enjoy being entertained by the lovely voices and harmonies of three local choirs.

‘The Brailles Singers’ conducted by Maddy Evans treated us to a selection of well-loved songs such as ‘Dream a Little Dream’ originally performed by the Mamas & Pappas, and ‘Close to You’ by the Carpenters all so familiar that it made it difficult to resist joining in!

‘CCOTS’ led by Anna Harcourt gave us a wide range of musical genres when they began with ‘Jubilate Deo’ by Michael John Trotta and ended with ‘Joshua Fit the Battle’ - an African American spiritual.

But the show was definitely stolen by ‘Brailles School Choir’ who voluntarily sing with choir mistress Anna Harcourt during their lunch-breaks. But we, the audience, began by singing Happy Birthday to twins Isabel and Kitty who along with their school friends had given up their evening to entertain us with some delightful songs including ‘We Go Together’ from the film ‘Grease’ which they clearly thoroughly enjoyed performing along with hand-jives!

Finally the evening was wrapped up by all three choirs singing together.

Special thanks to Gill Roache, who organised and compered the evening to raise funds for ‘Shipston Home Nursing’ and the upkeep of St. Mary’s Church. The singing concert raised a magnificent £1,200!

Helen Keayes, Ed Assistant



JOIN US FOR THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP COFFEE MORNINGS

Tuesday 16th June and Tuesday 21st July at St Mary’s Church, from 9.30am. With Stay and Play for preschool children, carers and parents.

NOTES FROM ST MARY'S

Last month ended with two great Christian celebrations, Pentecost (or Whit Sunday) followed by Trinity Sunday. The season after Pentecost is known in the church as “Ordinary Time” and the liturgical colour changes to green which symbolises the season of growing. June is low-key by comparison, until the end of the month when we celebrate St Peter with a patronal festival at St Peter's Church in Whatcote.



While writing this piece in the middle of May, blossom on the fruit trees is beginning to set. We see sheep and their lambs in the fields around us; everything is growing and in addition to the yellow flowers of the oil seed rape there are fields of purple: some are flax, others are Phacelia - a plant grown to improve soil quality. They give a colourful patchwork pattern to our countryside. This kaleidoscope is not only an example of God's creativity, but also of the immense amount of work on the part of farmers and of the scientists who develop new varieties of crops which help to conserve the land and encourage wildlife.

Because we live in the heart of a farming area, I would ask you to remember the farm-workers who have to go out in all weathers, not just when the sun is shining. One of the charities we have been supporting is the Farming Community Network (<https://fcn.org.uk/>) which helps those we rely on to supply our food, especially the farmers who are struggling with increased costs, and, of course, the British weather!

We may look at the peaceful fields and think what an idyllic life farming is, but we don't see the nights of lambing, the 3am milking and the relentless round of ploughing and harvesting, and trying to make the sums add up. Especially in these uncertain times the stresses can lead to farmers giving up their life on the land, or in some cases completely giving up hope. So we pray for farming and farmers working in harmony with God and for the FCN who supports them.

God Bless,

George Heighton

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



The Wildlife Quiz on Sunday 3rd May was a rip snorting success! The contestants enjoyed a variety of subject questions from hedgehogs to plants, birds to science, set by different members of the Tysoe Wildlife Group; for example did you know the collective name for a group of moles is a 'labour'? While the highest recorded altitude for a bird is 37,000 feet, as proved when a Ruppells Vulture collided with an airliner in 1973.

There was an abundance of creative team names from 'Tawny Peacocks' to 'Troglodytes x 2' (the Latin name for a Wren), 'Feldon Foxes' to 'House Martins'; not forgetting the 'Dodos' and the rather topically team called *'What no David Attenborough!'*

The quiz proved to be a high scoring event and demonstrated there is no shortage of wildlife knowledge and interest. The 'Guess the Object Nature Tray' proved a challenge for many, while the photo round led to some 'Adder' controversy!

Drinks and refreshments were provided by the 'Kitchenettes', (thanks to Jackie and Amanda from the Village Hall Committee), the evening was compered by Roland Cherry, a member of the Wildlife Group. Thanks go especially to the VH for the marketing support and the various committee members who helped pack up so efficiently afterwards.

Overall, the Wildlife Quiz was very much a community event with raffle prizes provided by Sun Rising Nature Reserve and WOT2Grow Community Orchard, while Bart at Tysoe Village Stores subsidised the nibbles and Jacqui at the Post Office helped to sell tickets.

As to our winners, in joint second place were the 'Outsiders' and the Oxhill 'Owls;' while the overall winners (by some margin) were the 'Badgers' with last minute attendees Jackie and Alan Thompson from, surprise, surprise, Badgers Lane taking the top prize (although there was a whiff of a *ringer* making up their team - *yes you Steve from Sun Rising Nature Reserve* and his wife Linda!)

. . . And what better prize could anyone wish for than their own Colin the Caterpillar cake - chocolatey and satisfying! The quiz raised over £500 which will help towards projects. Thanks to everyone who supported.

Shirley and the Tysoe Wildlife Team



BAT & BURGER Night

Friday 12th June

from 7.30pm - 10.30pm

7.30-9pm Enjoy a juicy burger and fries at Happy Herefords

9pm Meet for teas, coffees or hot chocolate at St Mary's Church

9.30pm Join us for a Bat Hunt with the Warwickshire Bat Group.

Did you know...? There are 12 bat species in the UK around a quarter of all our mammals.

To help with burger numbers, please email: tysoewildlife@gmail.com

The Bat detecting is a donations only event.

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

TYSOE Wildlife 2026

TYSOE

FLOWER SHOW & FETE

Saturday 15th August 2026 from 1.00pm

Some of the fun during 2025

The Playing Fields - Tysoe

ADMISSION: ADULTS - £5.00 CHILD 10-15 £3.00 UNDER 10 FREE

CAR PARKING - FREE

www.tysoeflowershow.org.uk

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR COPY OF THE TYSOE FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE !



The Flower Show Committee has selected Wildlife as one of the themes of this year's show. There are opportunities for adults and children alike to demonstrate their love of wildlife in many of the categories including Floral Art, Home Produce "Hedgehog Cake", Handicrafts and Photography.

SECTION I - CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Age but not child's name to be stated on the exhibit

Class

Under 5

- 126 A painted pebble of an insect
- 127 A painting of a butterfly

5 Years – 8 Years

- 128 A garden in a punnet
- 129 Four decorated & homemade animal biscuits

9 Years – 12 Years

- 130 Caterpillar Cake judged on the decoration (cake can be bought)
- 131 A model of a wild bat in any material



DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100 YEARS ON PLANET EARTH

"Thank you for inspiring so many of us around the world. Imploring us to care and do more for nature. Like so many of my colleagues you were the original inspiration to pursue a career in natural history documentaries."

Ben Cherry
Wild Cherry Media



Photo of Sir David taken by Ben Cherry at Slimbridge in 2017 for WWT Worldwide.

"My mum loved wildlife and we always watched wildlife programmes on TV. David Attenborough was her hero and he's one of mine."

He's been an inspiration to me and to many others. He's one of the people who has most closely monitored the natural world over decades and has tried to make us aware of its wonder and of what we are losing."

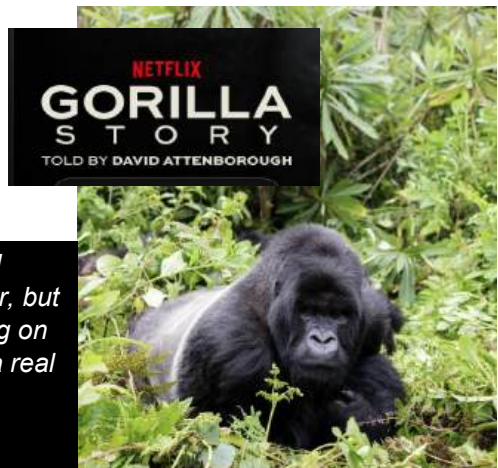
He is a brilliant communicator - we were fortunate to go to a talk he gave in Stroud many years ago and that was a great lesson in how to completely engage a room full of people. A truly remarkable man."

Prof Rosemary Collier OBE

"To work on a project with Sir David Attenborough narrating is an honour, but in the same breath to be reminiscing on his iconic gorilla encounter, that is a real pinch me moment."

Ben Cherry, Cinematographer

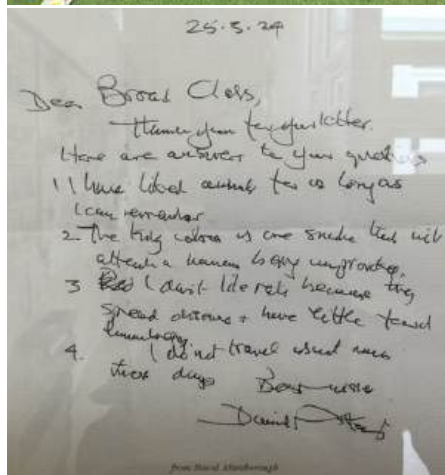
"David Attenborough taught me to look more deeply into nature, to find meaning in detail and to appreciate that spectacular moments are a reward for patient and steady observation - and indeed that 'spectacular' could be spotting a tiny lone orchid as much as witnessing aerial combat between a pair of kestrels and a kite!" David Orr, Sun Rising Nature Burial Ground and Nature Reserve



CELEBRATING SIR DAVID'S 100TH BIRTHDAY



To celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough and the impact he has had on our understanding and appreciation of our natural world, each child at Tysoe C of E Primary School painted a pebble animal. Our very own rock zoo is displayed outside in our reflection area.



Sir David has written a letter to one of our classes before to answer some of the questions we sent to him.

Here is what the children have to say about Sir David:

Xander - *"He's generous and kind to nature."*

Oscar - *"His voice is very recognisable."*

Beatrice - *"He's selfless and puts nature first."*

Adam - *"I enjoyed painting the stones and sharing the painting together."*

Clara - *"He is impressive because he's 100 and has been to loads of places even in his 90's."*



The annual Windmill Run has become a distinctive village event thanks to the combined talents of well-known local residents Steph Howles, Rose Morris and potter Penny Varley. Steph and Rose's strong organisational skills help around 150 runners, aged 6 to 75, take part in the 5k or 10k race, which raises funds to maintain the Pavilion at Tysoe Community Sports Club. Runners and volunteers return year after year to support this special event.

For the 16th Windmill Run on Saturday 6th June check-in at the Sports Field takes place from 8.30 to 9.40 am which is a hive of activity as competitors receive their race numbers and the volunteer marshals are given a safety briefing before donning high-vis jackets and making their way to designated marshalling points.

Starting at the Tysoe Sports Field the route proceeds up to the pretty Windmill, and the first water station. At the summit the 5k runners circle around the Windmill and then head back to the start, whilst the 10k runners continue over the hill, through the small gate, which can be a bit of a pinch point, and down the recently refurbished and much safer steps to the Cherry Walk. They are lucky enough to run through the privately owned Compton Wynyates' estate, which Lord Northampton kindly opens on this one day per year, enabling the runners to enjoy beautiful views over the Cotswolds, before the final push, up through the coppice back to the Windmill and their eventual descent to the Sports Field, where delicious and welcome cakes and refreshments are provided by the Tysoe Children's Group.

For some contestants the run is over fairly quickly, but it's not all about the time achieved, as many are just happy to be out in the fresh air, challenging themselves and enjoying the camaraderie. The marshals offer encouragement at regular intervals, especially to those bringing up the rear.

Back at the Sports Field Penny Varley's unique hand-made ceramic prizes and medals are presented to all the runners. Both the male and female winners receive a lovely ceramic mug; category winners are each given hand-made coasters; while every runner is awarded with a unique ceramic medal.



In 2018 Penny was first asked to make prizes for the winners but this quickly extended to producing the medals. These hand-made awards are much more appreciated than mass-produced ones. Each year, the medals and ribbon colours are different. Penny begins work early to allow time to make extra medals in case some are damaged during firing in the kiln. Each medal always features the iconic image of Tysoe's Windmill. The medals for 2026 are heart shaped, with a bright red ribbon.

Helen Keayes, Ed Assistant



For more details and to register visit: <https://www.tysoewindmill10k.com/>



2026 TYSOE WINDMILL RUN

10k/ 5k

SATURDAY 6th JUNE

10.00am start, Tysoe Sports Field, CV35 0SR.

Climb Tysoe's pretty Windmill Hill
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JUNE 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)
05/06/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
12/06/2026	✓			
19/06/2026	✓	✓		✓
26/06/2026	✓		✓	

What	Where	June	July
Coffee Morning (donations)	St Mary's Church	Tuesday 16 June 9am - 12noon	Tuesday 21 July 9am - 12noon
Craft & Laugh	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Wednesday 10, 17, 24 June 2pm - 4pm	Wednesday 8, 15 July 2pm - 4pm
Fitness & dance exercise class	Village Hall	Every Thursday 10.30am -11.30am	Every Thursday 10.30am -11.30am
Lunch Club	Village Hall	Friday 5 June 1pm	Friday 3 July 1pm
Mobile Library	Outside Village Hall	Tuesday 9 June 2pm - 2.45pm	Tuesday 7 July 2pm - 2.45pm
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall (McNulty Room)	Monday 8 June 7pm	Monday 13 July 7pm
Pickle Ball	Village Hall	Every Thursday 7.15pm - 9.15pm	Every Thursday 7.15pm - 9.15pm
Community Hub Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Every Friday 10am - 12noon	Every Friday 10am - 12noon
Tysoe Tots	Tysoe Primary School	Every Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am	Every Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am
Tysoe WI	Village Hall	Wednesday 3 June 7.30pm - 9pm	Wednesday 1 July 7.30pm - 9pm
Father's Day		21 June 2026	

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

JULY 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)
03/07/2026	✓	✓		✓
10/07/2026	✓			
17/07/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
24/07/2026	✓			
31/07/2026	✓	✓		✓



11th July
CCOTS Summer Concert and Celebration
Tysoe Village Hall
7.00 pm

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HELPING OUR HEDGEHOGS

Tysoe saw various initiatives to help hedgehogs during the national **Hedgehog Awareness Week**:

Tysoe School Assembly

On 6th May Tysoe Wildlife led a school assembly about hedgehogs:



"We really enjoyed learning about where we can find hedgehogs, how far hedgehogs can travel at night and what we should do if we see a hedgehog who needs looking after. We now have a greater appreciation for hedgehogs and have retained a lot of great learning for this lovely mammal. Thank you to Tysoe Wildlife Volunteers for their school visit." Ms Pengilly

Rainbows' Hedgehog Walk

Congratulations to the 1st Tysoe Rainbows for raising an amazing £1057 on their hedgehog walk for The Wildlife Trust. They were the biggest fundraisers on the event.

Thanks to all who supported the Rainbows and donated. This photos shows about half of the unit on their way round the walk.



Tysoe Hedgehog Sightings 2026!



Tysoe's Hedgehog Hotline!

There is now an active WhatsApp Group of 20 members of hedgehog followers exchanging information about regular sighting, hints and tips for hedgehog care. To join email: tysoewildlife@gmail.com



WHAT DO CHILDREN WANT?

In discussions about childhood, children's own voices are often missing. We asked some pupils at Tysoe Primary School about their favourite places to play, and about the balance between organised activities and free time in their lives.

For Rufus in Year Six, freedom means speed, risk and being outdoors.



"There are so many ways that you can feel free and alive in Tysoe, for me that would be mountain biking. The reason behind this is the feeling I get when I am zooming through the wild woods at fifteen miles per hour, my heart pounding and adrenaline coursing through my body, dodging protruding trees and jumping over gnarled roots; always on the lookout for a new trick or jump I can do. There is a lot of pushing and walking involved to get there, but it is worth it in the end as the intense speed of the downhill part always spurs me on right to the top. I get lots of time to myself to enjoy nature while trekking to the top-giving me time to reflect on how lucky I am to be able to do this and that where we live is so beautiful."

Clara, in Year Four, remembers discovering secret worlds just beyond the garden wall.

"When we lived in our old house we used to climb over our garden wall and play in our neighbour's orchard. There was something magical about climbing over the wall, like we had entered a new realm like Narnia. In the middle of the orchard was a huge walnut tree.



It was such an adventure to climb the tree and see how high we could go, we could even see the Windmill. We used to make pulley systems on the tree to pass messages to each other. I loved to play a game that included one of my friends next door, we would run around with Nerf Guns trying to capture each other's base. We would play everywhere possible."

While all the children spoke passionately about independent play, they were very clear that organised activities mattered to them too. Rufus plays cricket or rugby depending on the season, as well as attending Scouts, and says he would be sad if those activities stopped. Clara and her sister go dancing, attend Cubs and ride horses. Although life is busy, Clara says they still have plenty of time to play freely outdoors.

Sitala Peek

June is peak season for wildflowers in the UK including oxeye daisies, vetch, yellow rattle, scabious, knapweed and orchids. Butterflies are emerging as the days warm up. Look out for brimstone, peacock, tortoiseshell, painted lady, comma, orange tip amongst many! Sunrising Nature Reserve is a great place to see many wild flowers and butterflies.



TYSOE OPEN GARDENS

27th and 28th June 2026 2pm – 6pm

Tickets: Adults £7.50 Children Free



Behind a hedge near you, hidden from view but alive with activity, the gardens of Tysoe are being clipped and snipped, primped and pruned, watered and weeded, with one goal in mind – the National Garden Scheme Tysoe Open Gardens Weekend!

A group of game gardeners will be opening their private plots for charity (and our viewing pleasure). Fill an afternoon perusing perennials, browsing biennials and gazing at grasses at any or all of the seven locations on offer this year.

Your entry fee will help to support The National Garden Scheme. The NGS exists to raise money for a range of nursing and health related charities, by allowing visitors access to thousands of private gardens in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The garden gates will be flung wide and the welcome will be warm at:

- * The Garden Cottage/Walled Kitchen Garden
- * 5 Avon Avenue
- * 12 Oxhill Road
- * 2 Peacock Lane
- * Safehaven
- * Byeways
- * The Chestnuts



Rest and recharge with homemade cake, tea and coffee served at the Village Hall by Tysoe WI and Village Friends, and browse a range of horticultural products, available in the hall to buy from local artisans and producers.

Put the date in your diary to finally discover what's hiding behind the hedge!

Elaine Bailey

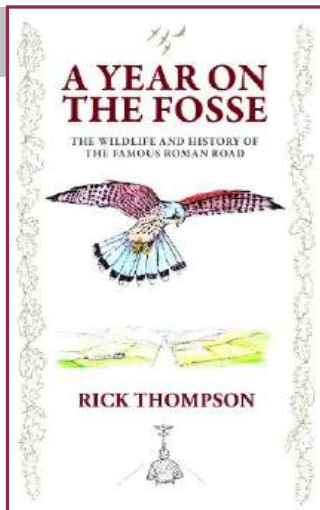
A YEAR ON THE FOSSE

The Kineton and District Local History Group will be celebrating its 40th anniversary next year. We hold regular meetings for members throughout the year, which consist of talks at Kineton Village Hall and visits during the summer. We maintain a historical archive, mainly related to Kineton. Tysoe has its own archive, maintained by the Tysoe Heritage Research Group.

Our speaker in April was Rick Thompson and his topic was 'A year on the Fosse'. Rick worked for the BBC for 27 years as a journalist and has a great interest in nature. His talk was based on a book by the same title published 2 years ago.

The book is not 'all about the Romans', as some of us expected, but documents a 'journey through the year' from Lincolnshire to Devon, along the Fosse Way. Month by month, starting from Lincoln, the book highlights historical sites and events, and sites important to wildlife along the way. Our locality is covered in May, and sections include Chesterton Windmill, Compton Verney, a highwayman called Bendigo Mitchell, Felix Dennis and the Heart of England Forest, the Woodland Trust, spring flowers, kestrels, dormice and a wood carver. So, you can see that it is an eclectic mix!

The book is an easy read, and could be read straight through, or used to dip into, as each topic covered has a heading. There are some interesting facts and stories along the way. The Fosse Way 'officially' ends in Exeter but, according to Rick, the Romans paved the route from Exeter to the harbours at Topsham and Exmouth – which is where the book ends. RC



KINETON HISTORY GROUP

If you would like to learn more about the Kineton History Group please visit our web site <https://www.kinetonhistory.co.uk/> or call Rosemary Collier, Chair, on mob: 01295 680127

SUMMER OUTINGS

Preston on Stour Village Walk - Friday 19 June 2026 at 6.00pm - £10

Honington Hall Guided Visit - Friday 17 July 2026 at 2.00pm - £16

Warwickshire County Records Office behind the scenes tour - Friday 21 August 2026 - £10

Non-members are welcome to join the outings (space allowing) and to attend our regular meetings as a visitor.

SPEEDING IN TYSOE—THE 2025 RESULTS REVEALED!

Safety on our village roads is important to us all.

In 2024 the Parish Council commissioned a 7-day electronic traffic survey by Warwickshire County Council at village entry point locations. The results were provided to the Tysoe Community Speed Watch team to allow it to focus on the main risk areas, at the locations approved by the Police.

The Traffic Survey Results for vehicles exceeding the speed limit

Location	Oxhill Road	Tysoe Road	Main Street	Shenington Road
% Exceeding Speed Limit in Traffic Survey	65%	35%	18%	55%

To focus on the Oxhill Road above – as well as the average speed being 40mph in the 30mph limit, 28 vehicles a day exceeded the limit by at least 15mph!

The Community Speedwatch team has a large but temporary deterrent effect when in place, the team being highly visible. The results below for the Oxhill Road in 2025/6 show this as a significant reduction in speeding, partly due as well to a tolerance imposed on the CSW reporting criteria.

The CSW team Results 2025/6

Location	Oxhill Road	Oxhill Road
% Exceeding Speed Limit CSW Team	13% 2025	10% 2026

What has the Community Speedwatch team done overall so far in 2026?

The volunteer team has carried out 12 sessions at various locations and times, monitored 1,171 vehicles of which 31 were exceeding the speed limit and records forwarded to the Police.

In 2025, the overall average for all locations was 3% of drivers that do not slow enough, even though the team location is signposted and obvious, that trend continues in 2026.

The Oxhill road has been reported to the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership website using a Speed Concern Submission – the outcome being that the local Safer Neighbourhood Team have been requested to carry out a monitoring and enforcement exercise. The Parish Council is also in discussions with WCC Highways on potential speed reduction measures.

The Community Speed Watch Group welcomes new volunteers, if you are concerned, come and join us. More volunteers, more sessions. Contact through the Parish Clerk (parish.clerk@tysoe-pc.gov.uk)

Cllr. Chris Bell, Tysoe Parish Council

Our Annual Cream Tea with Gentle Jazz in the Garden

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The 100 Club is a monthly lottery that gives you the chance to win cash prizes while directly supporting your Village Hall. It's an easy and fun way to contribute to a great cause!

Full details at www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk

Visit our website for the very latest event news - something for everyone!

Shenfest

Shenington with Alkerton's Music & Literature Festival

The 2026 Programme

<u>Friday June 12th</u>	Renaissance evening with Fair Oriana Step into the musical world of Elizabeth the First with Song, storytelling and the enchanting sound of the lute.	7.30pm Shenington Church
<u>Saturday June 13th</u>	Open Garden and Flower Arranging Workshop Please book workshop places in advance	Noon till 3pm Cotman House
	Little Shenfest. BYO family picnic on the Green. Legolab from 1pm, kindly organised by Simon Porter	1pm till 3pm Green, Village Hall
	Daisy Allsop ... in conversation with Emily Lawson The award winning film producer talks about her career	4pm Alkerton Church
	Sarabanda An evening of joyful and energetic Cuban music and dance from this highly rated band – fresh from Ronnie Scotts	7.30 pm Shenington Church
<u>Sunday June 14th</u>	Shenington Sloggers vs Gold Bats cricket match A match with the P.G. Wodehouse Society cricket team	2pm Wroxton ground
	Book Talk on the Boundary – Ollie Randall Ollie's book, <i>Writers In Whites</i> , is a history of The Authors cricket team and the various characters involved.	3.30pm ish Wroxton cricket ground
<u>Shenfest Fringe</u>	80's covers from Fade to Grey at The Bell - 9pm on Friday June 12th	
<u>Entry for all events</u>	FREE – thanks to our costs already being covered by the generosity of our sponsors. Donations will be requested at each event and all funds raised will go to help maintain our two fine Norman churches, fund humanitarian aid in Ukraine and to help BYHP (Banbury Young Homelessness Project)	
<u>Places</u>	To help us plan seating please let us know which events you would like to attend - mark.petterson@warwickenergy.com or call 670934	

WHAT A CLEVER LOT!

LOCAL AWARDS FROM BADMINTON HORSE TRIALS

Tysoe based farrier **Jim Bendon** was awarded as the Farrier of the best shod horse at the world famous Badminton Event. The horse was owned by **Tom Bird**, based locally, who also presented with an award.

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Yvonne Dillon, Manager



TYSOE TENNIS CLUB GOES EVEN GREENER!



WOW, JUST LOOK AT THESE NEWLY PAINTED COURTS!

May saw Tysoe Tennis Club complete the second of two planned projects, deep cleaning and re-painting our playing surface. With financial support from Sport England and Stratford District Council, the courts are now ready for many years of safe, slip-free play.

As Colin Locke, Club Chair shared, *"Following on from the successful lighting upgrade in April, there is now even more reason to 'get on court' as the weather continues to improve and the nights get longer"*



Ben Viollet
Club Treasurer



The Annual Cricket Match Tysoe v Oxhill

Calling Cricketers - SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 16th August 2026 The day after the Flower Show
on the Playing Fields, Main Street, Tysoe

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TYSOE WILDLIFE 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 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. Larger files can be sent via wetransfer – <https://wetransfer.com/>
Closing date is 30th August 2026.



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WEDNESDAYS

Pilates for Improver (Oxhill) - 9:15-10:10
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