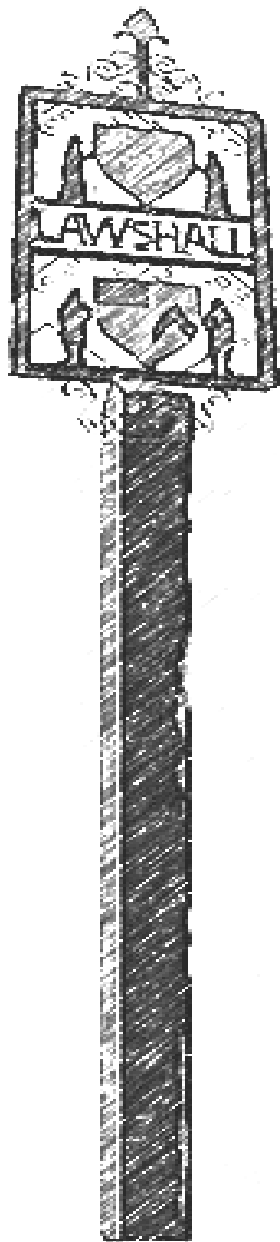




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Editorial: Dorothy tells us that this badger visits them nightly for peanuts on the patio, despite them leaving their light on and drawing the blinds – how lovely to see one up close and live rather than dead at the side of the road.

I hope you all have a lovely summer, and get ready to join in all the things happening in Lawshall in the Autumn – whether Youth Club, Italian Evening or Victorian Evening, Harvest Supper – lots to choose from. If you have any adventures you would like to share through R&A do send me the information, photos, observations or notes. Many thanks to all those who have contributed.

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Happy in Lawshall

It's now 20 months since my wife Sue and I moved to Lawshall from Romford, which had been our home for over 50 years. We always had our dream of moving to the country and settling into village life but we were terrified that it might all go wrong! Would we like it? Would we be made to feel welcome? Could we adjust?

Well we needn't have worried because we are, happily settled in our house, making lots of new friends and enjoying village life to the full. Only 5 minutes after turning up with all our belongings and furniture in tow, we were visited by a neighbour with a warm welcome and a lovely plant, and the welcome has carried on ever since. We were determined to fit in and went about involving ourselves in village life as much as possible. I got a job in the Swan pub and got to know a good cross section of villagers. We went out of our way to chat to neighbours and passers-by and found everybody so friendly.

I volunteered to help out with caring for the church grounds at All Saints and with collecting Village Hall lottery payments and now I find myself as the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee. Lawshall Village Hall is a fantastic facility that is open for all villagers to use at very reasonable, discounted rates and I intend to see that we provide many and varied activities that should attract people of all ages and abilities to the hall. There are soon to be some new events taking place that may tempt you to pay us a visit so keep an eye open for forthcoming events.

I am available to speak to all villagers and hall users should you wish to do so and I will always listen to any ideas or suggestions as to how we can best use the Village Hall. Thanks you for making us feel so welcome in Lawshall.

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Neighbourhood Plan: To date we have only received 2 volunteers to help with this scheme. To continue with this project we would need at least 8 more people.

Therefore **both** the above schemes have been suspended for now.

AED for Lawshall: A number of donations have been received for almost enough for one AED. Therefore the P.C. will inquire as to the actual cost of the equipment. The Parish Council will make up any shortfall in the donations already received.

Path from Shepherds Drive on to Walcher's meadow: Some of this path needed attention. The repair has been carried out.

Audit 2014-2015: Confirmation has been received from BDO Auditors that all the P.C. accounts are in order.

Playground: This area is meant for children **14 years and under** to use the equipment. Also to remind all residents that **dogs are not allowed** in the area of the playground.

Notice board on playground fence: It has been reported that this needs some attention. Necessary repairs will be carried out a.s.a.p.

Be aware: Please will all residents make sure that all dwellings, outbuildings, sheds and garages, also entrance gates are made secure to deter any criminals breaking in to their property and stealing items.

Lambs Lane: It has been reported that garden rubbish has been dumped in the ditch running along Lambs Lane. **Please do not put your garden rubbish in this ditch.** The ditches have been cleaned out recently to prevent any more flooding.

Road Closure: Donkey Lane will be closed for carriageway repairs from the 10th to 14th August 2015.

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Each month we have an outing - on Friday 17th July eighteen of us went on a trip on the River Stour with River Stour Trust. We started with coffee and then boarded our boats in Sudbury for the one hour trip to Henny.



There we had a meal at the Henny Swan or sat in the sunshine on the green by the river with sandwiches. Then onto the boats again at 2pm for the return trip to Sudbury.

The volunteers manning the boats were informative and interesting and a lot of History was explained to us as we journeyed down river. Wildlife was spotted and identified and the number of swans with cygnets were a great attraction. Of real interest was the variety of dragonflies skimming the

the water, clearly visible because of their bright colouring.



Did you know that there are Terrapins swimming about in the Stour? Once again a very enjoyable day out.

Our next buffet and show is scheduled for October 6th when we will be entertained by Gill Nicholls in her various costumes and songs from the Old Time Music Halls. We already have a number of guests joining us, so if you would like to come along please let me know. There will be a small charge towards the buffet and Show.

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Bird Notes August 2015 by Cliff Cooper

I know I shouldn't have favourites and all birds are born equal etc., but a recent event had me thinking less philosophically. The event was the appearance of ten or more bee-eaters over Minsmere. I did not see these gaudily beautiful birds this time around – just the news of their visit was enough to start me reminiscing about the two occasions when I did see individuals.

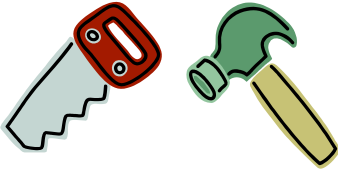
The first time I saw a bee-eater was on a birding holiday on the isles of Scilly back in the 1980's. This bird had been found on the main island of St. Mary's and luckily I was on that island when the report came in. The down side, however, was that I was on the far side of the island and had a couple of miles to cover on foot to get to the area where it was flying around. I was a lot younger then and walked/ran/jogged across the island with binoculars and telescope bouncing around dangerously to get there as quickly as possible. The effort was well worthwhile as I watched this bird for about half an hour as it hawked around grabbing the occasional insect and then sitting on telegraph wires to eat its meal. I remember that bird as one of the best moments of my birding life.



The second bee-eater to come my way was a lot closer to home a few years ago; this time I was just having a stroll around the reserve at Landguard (and not seeing much) when I caught a glimpse of some turquoise as it darted between the dunes. As it emerged from the dunes I managed to see it well for only a few seconds before it headed off over the water towards Harwich, not to be seen again as far as I know.

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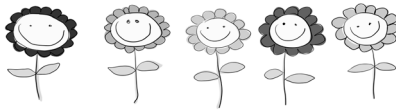
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Last week we held our end of term celebration in Nowton Park, the run of sunny weather ended on Monday morning. So armed with wellies and raincoats we all met together and set up gazebos in the playground with bunting, ground sheets and picnic blankets and enjoyed our teddy bears picnic together before joining the Park Ranger for some bug hunting. The children got to shake the trees and collect the bugs that fell onto our catching sheets. We found beetles, spiders and all manner of creepy crawlies carefully placed into bug pots, shown to all the mums and dads and then released again.

When the ranger had to leave, we investigated the woods where we found a wooden den to play in, collected lots of pine cones and sticks and sat together in a circle and went on a bear hunt! Back at the picnic area we finished off lunch and of course had an ice cream; what visit to the park is complete without one!! Then to the playground where children, young and old, investigated the climbing frames, swings and slides. The drizzle stopped and the sun came out just as we were leaving! The weather did not spoil our fun.

After lots of practicing for our sports day, with mixed results over the various events, we approached the day with some trepidation!! A dull and wet morning, with the school hall in reserve, was followed by a warm and sunny afternoon and our garden was filled with the sound of excited children and parents. It was a great success, the children all took part and worked very hard; we were also joined by Mrs Lamb and Miss Marnes, from 'Big school', cheering the children on. Those moving up thought this was great fun to have them watching and I'm sure it had an impact on some of their success wanting to make a good impression!!! All the children were presented with a medal for taking part followed by the presentation of gifts and certificates for the children leaving us this year for 'Big School'. And after all that excitement we cooled down with a lolly and yes you guessed it tea and cakes, lots and lots of delicious cakes made by our very talented committee cooks. A great big thank you must go out to our committee for their tireless support of the Pre-School and their endless baking, all in a good cause.

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The end of term is always an exciting and yet sad time as we wish the 'big children' well as they set off on their next exciting journey in 'big school', and this year we also say goodbye to a valued and special member of staff Sam Ray, she leaving us for adventures new, after 4 years as a staff member and even more as a committee member and parent, she will be greatly missed by staff, children & parents, we wish you well Sam and you are always welcome.

A very big thank you to everybody who has supported us and helped out at the Pre-school over the past year. Our small group supports each other to build a sense of belonging and community in which our children can grow and thrive.

Pre-school ends for the Summer - Wednesday 22nd July Returns - Friday 4th September 2015. Enjoy the summer, we will! Janice



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All our regulars joined us again and we have seen a few new faces in the last couple of weeks too, which is lovely. We also have a great band of parents who stay and help every week, which contributes to make Youth Club so much fun, new parents are always welcome to stay, or if you drop off, why not join us for our final game of dodgeball in the hall.

Would any young people between 13-15 in the village consider joining or making a youth committee to let us know what you would like.

We will be starting our Youth Club art project soon with grant money from the Suffolk Community Foundation and hope to find a place or several places to display this around the village public spaces. We hope to show the best of Lawshall by capturing some of the buildings and places around our beautiful village. If anyone wants to be involved please let us know.

We will close as usual for the summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September. Thank you to all involved and have a fantastic summer!

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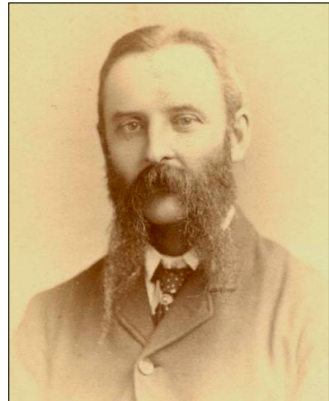
'From the Archives' August 2015

Our village school is entering a new phase of its history and from next term the Year 4 class will stay on for two more years. It reminds me of my school days when we stayed till 11 years old. There were about 100 children in the school in the 1950's. Recently we have had a query from USA about the head teacher Eliza Frost who was at the school from 1872 until 1906. Her husband Shadrack taught music and was also the organist at the church. The photo below shows the school staff with the imposing Mrs Frost and her husband in the front. We have a copy of her



inspection certificate from the years 1862 to 1883 and this gives her glowing references. When the Frosts retired they returned to Lincolnshire and Shadrack died in 1913.

The photo below shows Mrs Frost with some of her pupils. The boy second from the left on the top row is my Grandfather Spencer.



The photo of the gentleman was sent from the enquirer in America and it appears to be Shadrack in his younger days. The other members of staff are Charlotte and Annie Smith, Mrs King and Mrs Thompson.

Any photos you have of Lawshall school that we could copy would be very welcome

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Orchids in Golden Wood

Three varieties of orchid have been found in the meadows of Golden Wood this summer. The **pyramid orchid**, as the name conveys, has a dense pyramid of purple flowers.



Common spotted orchids have leaves spotted with purplish brown as well as speckled flowers in longer spikes.



The **bee orchid** is one of the most exotic looking flowers we have – see below.

Orchids grow



from seed that has ripened on the plant, spread by the wind to find suitable ground. The orchid seed has no food reserve and requires to establish a symbiotic relationship with specific mycorrhiza which provides its food needs until a green leaf develops. With orchids in the wild the period from germination to flowering may be between 4 and 10 years depending on the species and habitat. They do not like rich soils, preferring starved impoverished soils. Hence developing an existing agricultural field may take some time if fertilizers have been regularly used in the past. Many orchids cannot survive and thrive if the competition from more dominant species is too great making the meadow management and cutting regimes important. We are managing the meadows to support wild flowers.



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Attending a recent summer wedding I began to think about how our wedding traditions make a wedding seem familiar yet a special individual event.....

Centuries ago a wedding was seen as a time when people were vulnerable to both bad luck and evil spirits. Brides were thought to be particularly vulnerable to evil spirits and many of the traditions associated with weddings were to provide protection. The veil was worn by Roman brides because it would disguise the bride and outwit malevolent spirits and bridesmaids dressed identically to the bride under ancient Roman Law, so that mischievous spirits would be confused as to who the bride was! The veil became popular in Britain in the 1800's, becoming associated with modesty and chastity.

Seeing a chimney-sweep on the way to a wedding was thought to bring good luck: other good luck omens included seeing lambs, black cats and rainbows.

The traditional rhyme "*Something old, something new/ Something borrowed, something blue/And a silver sixpence in your shoe*" originated in Victorian times. The "*something old*" represented the couples friends or could refer to an old garter given to the bride by a happily married woman so her happiness would be passed on to the new bride. The groom traditionally removed the garter from the bride and tossed it to his male friends. "*Something new*" symbolised the newlyweds' happy and prosperous future. The "*something borrowed*" was often a valued item lent by the bride's family. The custom of the bride wearing "*something blue*" originated in ancient Israel where the bride wore a blue ribbon in her hair to represent fidelity. The placing of a silver sixpence in the bride's shoe was to ensure wealth in their married life.

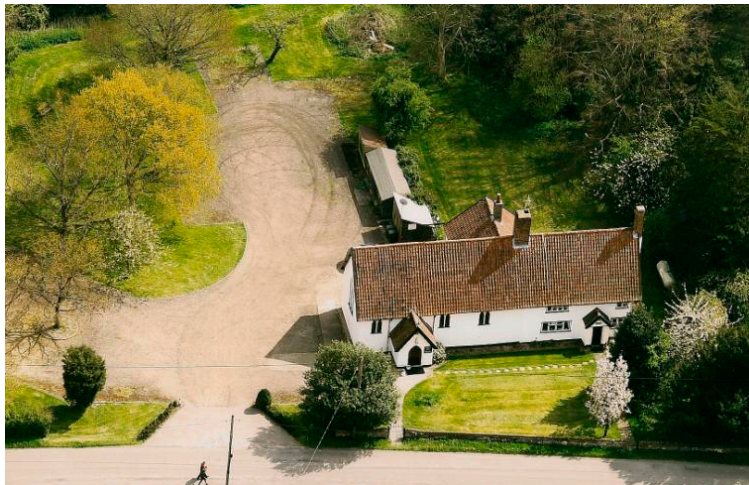


The bride originally stood on the left of the groom during the marriage ceremony to allow his sword arm to be free - ready to fight off other men who may want her as their bride! Because weddings originally took place in the morning when gentlemen wore their "morning attire" the 'morning suit' became the customary outfit of choice in Victorian times and remains the formal outfit for weddings.

Penny Nicholls / more next time!!

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Lawshall Weather : All readings are taken in the open but not in direct sunlight so that a true 'Air Temperature' is recorded at all times.

19th May – 18th June:

Average Day Temperature in °C: 19.6 (2014: 20.7) *Stowmarket Av 19.1
Average Night Temperature in °C: 9.7 (2014: 11.5) *Stowmarket Av 9.9
Highest Temperature in °C: 25.9 on the 12th June (2014: 27.6 on 13th June
Lowest Temperature in °C: 5.4 on the 19th May. (2014: 7.8 on 30th June
Average Temperature in °C: 14.7 (2014: 16.1
Total Rainfall in mm: 29 (2014: 88) *Stowmarket Av. 53
Number of recorded days rainfall: 9 (2014:10) *Stowmarket Av. 9

19th June – 19th July:

Average Day Temperature in °C: 24.4 (2014: 24.3) *Stowmarket Av. 21.9
Average Night Temperature in °C: 13.9 (2014: 19.2) *Stowmarket Av. 12.2
Highest Temperature in °C: 31.9 on the 1st July (2014: 30.5 on the 18th July)
Lowest Temperature in °C: 10.2 on the 8th July. (2014: 9.6 on the 24th June)
Average Temperature in °C: 19.2 (2014: 21.8)
Total Rainfall in mm: 35 (2014: 100.0) *Stowmarket Av. 50.1
Number of recorded days rainfall: 6 (2014:14) *Stowmarket Av. 9

**Stowmarket average taken from Met. Office data over the thirty years 1981 – 2010. These reflect more accurately on our local area than UK averages*

Features of interest during this period:

At last the daily average temperatures have climbed and now match those of last year as well as showing an increase on the Stowmarket average. In fact we had 17 days during this period where the temperature was above average. Night time figures are down on last year but still above the Stowmarket average.

Rainfall is considerably down on 2014, and well down on the Stowmarket average. We all remember the severe flash floods at this time last year causing so much damage in our area. During the first seven months of this year – to the 19th July – we have had 262 mm rain against 474 mm in 2014.

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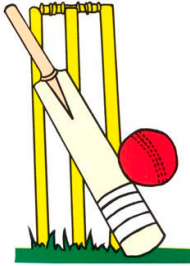
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cricket. Having not deliberately followed sport but growing up in Hampshire I have a strong memory of John Arlott's voice and of Ian Botham's amazing innings in 1983.

So here is some information on our local team who are:

Hartest and Coldham Cricket Club and whose home ground sits at the eastern end of Lawshall.

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League Fixtures: matches start at 13.30

2nd August Away to Acton CC
9th Home to Long Melford CC
16th Home to Walsham Le Willows CC
23rd Away to Bardwell CC

Results 2015: 2 home wins over Cavendish Wanderers CC on 28th June and over Acton CC on 17th May & an away win on 26th April over Stowmarket CC. 2 planned matches have been cancelled and 5 conceded.

Information at:

http://hartestcoldham.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/47001

More detailed information is available at

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If you would like to send an update for Round & About for September edition please send it to me by 19th August.

Thanks, Jenna (Editor)



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also for local cricket information

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