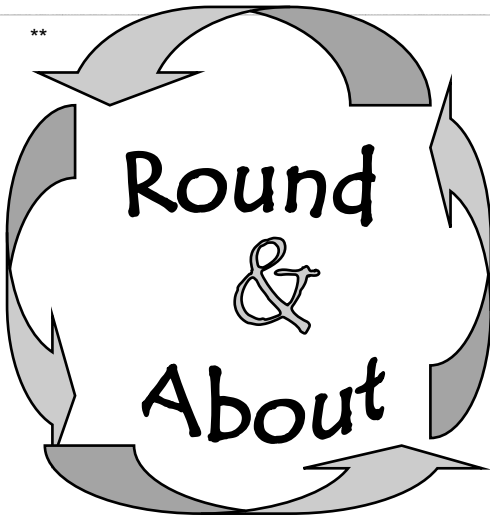


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Editorial: As the nights draw in and we are readying our gardens for winter (p17) we wondering what the weather will bring us. The weather recordings are showing what we all know—rain has come to make up for the dry earlier in the year.

Our limited bus service to Bury is being withdrawn, yet some are trying to fight this—see page 11. Neighbours may needs lifts from time to time.

The two recent coffee mornings in Lawshall and Hawstead have raised a good amount of money to support the Macmillan cancer charity. Thanks go to the ladies of the Lawshall WI—lets hope they can be reborn as Lawshall Ladies with renewed vigour. (p21)

Have you tried carpet bowls? I'm told they are a friendly bunch meeting on a Monday afternoon—do give them a try.

Recycling Update : Tetrapak cartons can no longer go in recycling bin—but may be recycled at the Rougham Road recycling centre in Bury St Edmunds

Hoping you can all stay warm and well.

Many thanks to all our contributors. Jenna, Editor

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Carpet Bowls on **Mondays 2-4pm** in Village Hall—give it a try,

Tuesday Club 2-4 pm in Village Hall most Tuesdays—see page 13

Table Tennis Dates : Fridays 6.30-7.30 November 29th,
December 20th

Karate Club: Thursdays 6-7.30pm , Oct 31st; Nov 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th ;
Dec 5th, 12th, 19th

Tuesday 12th **Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm Village Hall

Saturday 16th **Quiz Night** Lawshall Village Hall. See October R&A p16

Saturday 16th **Bury Bach Choir: Brahms Requiem & The Armed Man**—see p31

Wednesday 20th Garden Club 7.30pm Village Hall

Friday 22nd **Cockfield Community Cinema — Yesterday** : p4

Sunday 24th **Community Woodlands** : a morning of maintaining
the wood 09.30-12.30 with tea break at about 11; see p19

Future Events:

7th December **Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols** around the tree at the
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Christmas Quiz: Village Hall December 15th

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We are planning to have Carols around the tree on
7th December with hot refreshments afterwards....and singing from
the Preston Pop up Choir

We will be meeting to make further plans on **30th November** so
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decorations.

Jenna, Editor R&A, for VHMC

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Babergh D.C. Draft Local Plan: this is now complete and is with Babergh D.C. with Lawshall's comments.

Bus shelter at Brands Lane: this shelter has been renovated and it now back in place.

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plans (PIIPs): a Draft plan has been drawn up and will be included on the agenda for the November meeting.

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**Crime report as per the Police website: reported August 2019. Updated September 2019.:**

**On or near Lawshall Row:** includes the taking or theft of a pedal cycle. Under investigation.

**On or near The Street:** (2 crimes Burglary): includes offences where a person enters and house or other building with the intention of stealing. Both under investigation.

**On or near Donkey Lane:** includes theft from a vehicle or interference with a vehicle. Under investigation.

**On or near Lambs Lane:** includes theft by an employee and making off without payment. Under investigation.

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Speed Watch in the village: The P.C. has received interest from 3 residents who are willing to take on this project in conjunction with Hawstead P.C. The Clerk has contacted the Hawstead Clerk with this information. If anyone is interested in joining in with this project please contact the Clerk.

Recycling: Items that **can** go in your recycling bin: empty aerosols; books; steel & aluminium cans; aluminium foil (roll in tight ball); paper; cardboards; plastic bottles; plastic pots, tubs and food trays. Tetra packs drink cartons and metal pots, pans & trays **cannot be disposed of in recycling bins**. **Recycling centre:** Rougham Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2 RW

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Planning Application No. DC/19/04418: Audley End Farm, Melford Road: siting of pre-constructed welfare unit to be installed and connected to sewage treatment plant. The Councillors do not support this application and unanimously objected.

Planning Permission granted for Application No. DC/19/03754: Meanda, Shimpling Road: erection of single storey side extension and changes to roof.

Applications received on the day of the Oct P.C. meeting for Lambs Lane:

These plans were received too late to be included on the agenda. The return date was the 27th October, therefore the Clerk has obtained an extension from Babergh D.C. for the return date until after the November meeting. These plans will be included on the agenda for meeting on 12th November, 2019.

Dorothy Griggs - Parish Clerk 01284 830813.

Transport News

Lawshall Parish Council had very little notice of the cancellation of our Suffolk Norse 375 bus service. The service is due to finish on 2nd November despite there being no public consultation.

Parish councils from the 5 parishes affected : Alpheton, Hawstead, Lawshall, Newton and Shimpling have met to discuss the issues. They have formed a group called "Community 375" , led by the chair of Hawstead parish council. Suffolk County Council and our County and District councillors have been involved. **There is a petition available to sign in the Swan pub.** The hope is to get Suffolk Norse to defer or delay the cessation of the service so that proper consultations can be undertaken.

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Michael Holt. email: Michael.Holt@babbergh.gov.uk

DcIlr **Stephen Plumb** holds a Ward Surgery in **Glemsford** every 3rd Friday and everyone is welcome to attend with any queries or questions.

Cllr. Plumb is willing to hold a Surgery in **Lawshall** if there are enough people interested in this. If you would like this to start in Lawshall please contact the Parish Clerk. Dorothy Griggs 01284 830183

Tuesday Club

What a great afternoon we had with Steve last month and the lovely cream tea that we all enjoyed made it even better. Just to round the afternoon off we were delighted to welcome Annie into our membership.

As I write this we are looking forward to a trip out to meet another group who are known as the Fireside Club in Newton Green. This again should be a very enjoyable time.

In November we have another outing and this time I hope it remains a mystery until the day. I can assure all of the members that it will be different and further plans are still under way. If it all comes together we will have a really fabulous afternoon.

We also look forward to our Christmas meal at The Swan the first week in December. Steve will be joining us for the afternoon so more to really look forward to.

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Bird Notes November 2019 by Cliff Cooper

The weather certainly wasn't being at its kindest for our latest visit to the Norfolk coast; in fact it was wet and very windy most of the time, which severely affected the birding opportunities. The one good point about this, however, was the very high tides caused by these weather conditions.

On one very blowy morning we stood on the shingle beach at Cley trying to hold the telescope still while we watched for birds passing by close inshore while the sea was only a few metres away. There was quite a bit of bird movement; and we saw lots of dunlin, ringed plovers, and Brent geese flying close by. There was also a gannet diving for fish a little further out to sea, but the most spectacular bird we saw was a red necked diver flying just above the waves only about forty metres away from us. A fine reward for our bravery in battling the elements!

Going away from the shoreline for a bit of respite from the wind and rain, we went for a wander in the Pinewoods at Wells next- the- sea. There we saw a couple of chiffchaffs, a female blackcap, and a late swallow flew over the dunes in an attempt to find a little food before crossing the north sea on its long migration.

On the journey back home we stopped off at Lynford arboretum. It was a fairly quiet and unexciting walk around the arboretum area, but on the way back to the car we heard redwing flying overhead. I stopped to watch as at least a couple of hundred redwings drifted past in the space of about five minutes. I am more used to hearing these birds at night as they make longer journeys in the hours of darkness, making their squeaky calls as they keep in contact with each other.

Back home, nothing much to report apart from a tawny owl seen regularly in golden wood, where we will shortly be putting up a pair of owl boxes kindly donated to the management committee.



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November is the clean-up and prepare month. Old or used pots need cleaning or discarding if you don't intend to re-use them. Tools need a good clean as well. This is a very important job as dirty tools can harbour diseases over winter. Lawnmowers need servicing and heaters installed in greenhouses. Perhaps your greenhouse will need further insulation too. If you have any pots that will remain out over winter, consider insulating those too unless you are sure that they are frost proof.

In the garden you can continue with your winter digging over and consider planting bare root trees, shrubs and roses. Fruit trees and bushes can also be planted now. Rhubarb crowns can be lifted and divided now. And this month is your last chance to lift and store dahlia corms if you feel you need to. I tend to leave mine in with a good 3 to 4 inches of mulch over them. Keep collecting the falling leaves from your lawns and store them to make a good leaf mould and when the frosts arrive, keep off the grass as much as you can.

I will be spending time making sure that all my tools are spotlessly clean ready for next spring and I will be rifling through seed catalogues ready for propagating in my new greenhouse. I have finally treated myself and I look forward to experimenting and learning all about greenhouse gardening. I also have around 200 tulip bulbs to plant which will be done this month. November is a good month to plant out tulip bulbs and a little tip I can give you is to sprinkle a little grit at the base of the planting hole for each bulb. They will thank you for this by producing strong and colourful displays next year.

The garden club will be meeting again at **7.30pm on November 20th at Lawshall Village Hall** with a talk by Rodney Tibbs on creating a cottage garden. I am working on a new and exciting list of garden speakers for 2020 including a well known gardening celebrity so please watch out for details via this magazine. I also hope to arrange a trip out and a garden party for next year. If you want to join our club, come along to one of our meetings and have a chat. Your first visit is generally free.

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Lawshall Community Woodlands

A Forest for Our Children

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The woods are looking particularly beautiful at the moment, living up to their Golden name! We know people sometimes get confused about the difference between **Forest for Our Children (FOC)** – Lawshall's Community Woodlands – and **Greenlight Trust**, which is a separate charity housed in the Foundry on Bury Road. So I thought I'd have another go at setting out the difference!

It's confusing! **Forest for Our Children** is the volunteer group of villagers who look after Lawshall's Community Woodlands. We meet once a month on a Sunday morning. We cut back growth to keep the paths clear. We rake the grass when it's been mown. We tackle the black thorn and coppice the willow. Every so often we cut and bend trees to make a hedge.

It's hard work to keep up with Golden Wood, because of course it keeps growing back! It takes hundreds of volunteer hours every year and it's essential to keep the woodland safe for everyone in the community to use.

The **Greenlight Trust** is a separate environmental and educational charity. They're based at The Foundry on Bury Road. Sometimes their groups help out with specific tasks in Golden Wood and they also use it as an outdoor educational space. They do amazing work and show how transformational green learning can be.

There are two entrances to Golden Wood – one on Kelso Place, which leads directly into the wood, and one behind The Foundry on Bury Road. Please do feel that you can use either entrance any time you like. Golden Wood is a Community Woodland, it's there for everyone. It was planted to be Lawshall's shared green place. For 25 years, every child at All Saints School has grown a tree and planted it in the wood. Just last week, reception class collected their first acorns, keeping the cycle going.

If you love walking in the woods, please support us if you can. We're always grateful for just one more volunteer, even if you can only come to one Sunday a year. Or join our Friends programme and make a small contribution.

To find out more visit our website: www.forestforourchildren.onesuffolk.net

Lawshall Village Hall Draw

Results - October 2019

First Prize £50: 11 ; David & Alice Page

Second Prize £20: 52 ; Jean Kirby

Third Prize £10: 107 ; Graham Cooper

Fourth Prize £10: 77 ; Janet Gazely

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Lawshall WI

This month the ladies of Lawshall WI went off for a ghost walk in Bury (very fitting for October, with Halloween just around the corner) This was a 90-minute tour of the historic centre of Bury St Edmunds that includes the Abbey gate, gardens and ruins, the statue of St Edmund, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, St Mary's Churchyard, Church Walks, Guildhall Street, Hatter Street, Abbeygate Street and the main market area.

We learnt about the legend of St Edmund and the wolf, Bury St Edmunds' connections to the Magna Carta, where Charles Dickens stayed, and the final resting place of a French Queen and Henry VIII's beloved sister. We also heard about the story of the great Abbey - once one of Europe's most important pilgrimage sites whilst visiting the ruins and see the oldest Norman building in the country and the second oldest building in England. The history of Bury St Edmunds stretches back over a thousand years starting with the martyrdom of Edmund, Anglo Saxon King and the original Patron Saint of England.

The WI also baked cakes and helped with the Macmillan coffee morning held in the village hall on 5th Oct. Just over £309 was raised and a further £15 donation was given. So a big thank you and well done to everyone in the village who participated (be that baking or eating!)



Sadly, the WI will be closing it's doors in November. We have struggled to attract new members and unfortunately it is no longer viable to continue. However, we have all made some marvellous friends whom we may never have met . However, watch this space for news of **a new Ladies group** ... but until then goodbye for now.

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Green Light Trust, a charity with its head office located in Lawshall, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. The trust began as an environmental project, following its founders' trip to Papua New Guinea, where local residents, Ric Edelman and Nigel Hughes, helped the indigenous tribes there protect a huge part of their rainforest home from de-forestation. When challenged about what they were doing back in the UK, the idea for Green Light Trust was born.

Thirty years on, and many environmental projects later, including helping local communities across Suffolk and Norfolk set up 62 community woodlands for local people to manage and enjoy (including Golden Wood behind their Foundry HQ) the trust uses the power of nature to help over 1500 disadvantaged and marginalised adults and children each year. Delivering its woodland wellbeing and educational support programmes in nearby Frithy Wood, a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) which is owned and managed by the trust, at Castan Wood in Martlesham Heath, and at RSPB Minsmere, as well as at other green sites across East Anglia, the trust has helped thousands of people facing personal challenges that are preventing them moving forwards in life: people with mental health issues, those suffering the effects of trauma or abuse, or in recovery from substance misuse, long-term unemployed and probation service users, as well as children and young adults who have behavioural issues or learning disabilities. It also works with schools, connecting local children with nature, and teaches Forest Schooling.

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We are looking forward to Bonfire Night and learning how we can stay safe around fireworks and fires.

We will be learning about safety of a different kind during Road Safety Week. Some of our grown ups remember learning to cross the road with someone called Tufty – do you remember him?

On 13th November it will be World Kindness Day and we will be thinking about others and how we can help to create a kinder world for us all to live in.

We still have spaces available for some of our sessions.

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GF VEGAN APPLE TART

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This is a great success for the charity, we couldn't do this without you all. The lovely cake, raffled on Saturday was won by John West ticket no. 4465

Thank you all again. Joyce Dainty

Lawshall Carpet Bowls Club

At the end of September I had to relinquish my post as Secretary and Treasurer. This follows a health scare and the need to lighten my load. The club is now down to low single figures and we also include 4 from outside our village.

Unless we recruit more members there is no doubt that the club will close down at the end of the year.

This is a very sad prospect. If you can join us please come along on **Monday after-noon at 2pm in the Village Hall.** I have agreed to stay until the end of the year in the hope that a solution may be found.

Carpet Bowls is a very enjoyable pastime and the club is run more as a social event today to make it more enjoyable. Why not give it a try ?

John Payne



The Lawshall Trust

There are two trusts in the village administered by the Lawshall Trustees. They each get funds from dividends on investments, which arise as a result of bequests of land and money left to the people of Lawshall throughout its history.

For example the Village Hall was built on "Town Lands" which was left to the village in this way.

The Lawshall Relief Fund this fund exists for the following purpose "to relieve either generally or individually persons, resident in the ancient parish of Lawshall, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the needs, hardship or distress of such persons".

We give thanks for the men of Lawshall who in the 16th Century started the Trust for our village.

Diana Clark

The Lawshall Trust is still there today for those persons who need help. Over the years there have been many who have needed a helping hand, young people and the elderly.

Also any organisation in the village can ask for assistance, as long as it is village based.

Whatever help is needed, **everything is confidential.**

We meet in May and November to decide on the support we give out.

If you want to apply for funds
please use the form printed opposite.

Lawshall Relief and Trust funds

Application for Assistance

The Lawshall Relief and Trust funds have been in existence in one form or another for almost 500 years and exist to support the residents of the village. Support can be applied for from a wide selection of criteria such as help at Christmas, to students purchasing study books or helping local Clubs or organisations meet their financial obligations. There is no specific time at which these applications can be made, but we like to remind everyone that there is this option at this time of year.

If you are interested in making an application please could you complete the details below and return the form to either;

- Jean Clements at Sunnyridge Cottage, Hibbs Green 01284 828423
- Brian Adams at Moat Farm, Golden Lane 01284 830098

Name / Organisation

Address

Telephone Number

Reason for Application

Declaration, this form has been completed to the best of my knowledge

Signature

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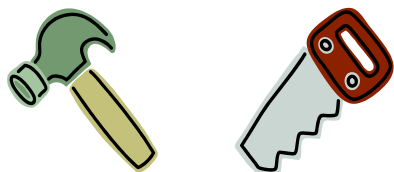
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MASS SCHEDULE AT LAWSHALL

Sunday	10.30am
Wednesday	2.00pm
Holy Days	7.00pm (Vigil Mass)

From the Archives November 2019 - MEMORY OF AN AIRMAN

Looking out over the front field from my house window, it is difficult to believe that it has ever been anything other than a peaceful area, and yet in March 1945 it was the place where a young Dutch airman, Johannes Bartholomeus Jat Van Mesdag, violently lost his life.

The second of four sons born to J.S and M.A.C van Mesdag in Holland on 3rd October 1923, his father's birthday, Johannes (nicknamed Jat) is best remembered by his relatives as a young man who was blessed with a great zest for living, was enormous fun and was also a natural sportsman. Hockey was his favourite game and he took a leading part in the repeated destruction of the lawn at his parent's home by organizing on it frequent hockey matches. It seems that his parents were very tolerant of this wilful mischief, and the regular broken windows that resulted from boisterous sporting enthusiasm, as they believed that sport was especially good for the young. Perhaps it was Jat's spontaneous natural charm, following each destructive game, that did much to bolster this tolerance.

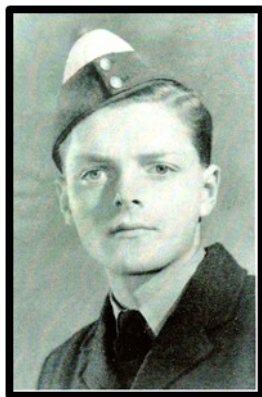
In January 1940 Jat left his hometown of Hilversum (barely missing the invasion of the Germans in May of that year) and came to England where he attended Haileybury College at Hertford Heath. Some six months later following a suggestion from his tutor he enrolled at St Andrews School in Middletown, Delaware USA to finish his secondary schooling and from there he moved on to Williams College in Virginia USA. By mid-June 1942, at the age of 18, he decided that the time had come to join the war effort as a pilot and he attempted to enlist into the air force in Canada, but was unsuccessful, due to failing an eye test.

But he was determined to become a fighter pilot and with single minded deliberation he set about finding how this might be accomplished. The first obstacle to overcome was the eye test and then a circuitous route to pilot status was his aim. To this end in July 1942 he became a regular conscript in the Dutch forces in Canada and a month later was transferred to the 10th detachment and twelve days after that he was moved to England. On the 22nd August he joined the Dutch forces' Princes Irene Brigade and two months later (having passed the hurdle of the eye test) he became a reservist volunteer destined for pilot training and detached to the Royal Air Force. Some

thirteen months later he obtained his pilot's licence and was made Sergeant-pilot.

From September to November 1944 he flew 49 sorties in Spitfires. He then joined the famous 64 squadron to train in the much more powerful Mustang P-51 fighters from Bradwell Bay and subsequently provided escort flights for allied bombers on their missions to Germany. He completed his 13th sortie at the end of December. There were eight other Dutchmen flying in the unit, although Jat was the youngest by quite a few years. On the 4th January 1945 his squadron was stationed at Bentwaters, Suffolk and in February 1945 he became Pilot-Officer. The 6th March, his mother's birthday, was a day of rain and dense cloud and all American operations had been cancelled. In spite of the continuing very poor weather conditions in Holland and West Germany English bombers were attacking Wesel, Salzbergen and Munster at night, and required escorts. No mention is made in the records as to whether the crash took place on his way to liaise with the bombers to be escorted or whether it was following his return from the night flight sortie that he crashed into the field at Lawshall and was killed at the age of 21 years. Nor do the records indicate as to why the accident took place, whether it was pilot error or mechanical failure. Johannes Bartholomeus Jat Van Mesdag is buried at Cambridge City cemetery.

With many thanks to Leanne Hornby of Hills Farm, for writing this copy
Jat's three brothers, Rob, Jaap & Maarten in 2009



Please let me know if you have photos or documents for the Archives. And remember that history is anything that happened before this present moment!

Elizabeth Clarke – Lawshall Archives Group

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Lawshall Weather Summary - September 2019

There was a slight shift in the weather pattern for this month. We had more rain than last year and the highest recorded daily temperature was a little lower than 2018. Overall, however, temperature figures are up on last year. Full details are shown below:

Total Rainfall: 50mm in 11 days 2018 was 29mm in 6 days

Stowmarket 10-year average is 52mm in 9 days

Daytime Average Temperature: 21.3 2018 was 20.5

Stowmarket 10-year average is 18.6

Highest Temperature: 25.5 2018 was 27.0

Night-time Average Temperature: 11.7 2018 was 10.9

Stowmarket 10-year average is 10.2

Lowest Temperature: 8.1 2018 was 5.6

All temperature figures are shown in °c

Are rainfall figures beginning to show us something? Perhaps they are, because as I write this on the 11th October, we have had 59mm of rain so far this month against a full monthly total of 45mm last October. A detailed breakdown for October will appear next month.

Malcolm Edgar

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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Mrs Pamela Pope 830716

Contacts: Ros Debenham 830640 Dorothy Griggs 830813

Village Clubs and Organisations—held in the Village Hall

Lawshall & District Carpet Bowls: every Mon 2-4pm ; info 830693

Tuesday Club: 2-4pm every week, info John Payne 830466

Women's Institute: 2nd Weds of month, 7.30pm, info www.thewi.org.uk/Lawshall

Table Tennis Friday evening monthly Contact Julian on 830544

Not in VH: Coldham Hall FC / Cricket - Contact Chris Toole; loftytoole@yahoo.co.uk or Ben Atkinson on 07921 837296 www.hartestandcoldhamcc.blogspot.co.uk

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Coldham, Mon-Fri 4pm, Sat 7.30am. The Glebe, Mon - Fri 4.30pm, Sat 11.30am.

Lambs Lane/Rectory Corner, Mon - Fri 9am; Sat 7am

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Lawshall Green, Mon - Fri 4pm; Sat 12 midday. NO Sunday collections.

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The Street, opp Primary School: Mon-Fri 7.55am ; Weds, Fri & Sat 9.51am & 1.45pm
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Route 7: 4 weekly: 21 Nov, 19 Dec : Stopping at Free Church 9.50am ~ 10.20am,
Swanfields 10.25am ~ 10.40am & Village Hall car park 10.45am ~ 11.25am.

Route 10: Melons Green, Tuesdays 12.50-1.05 26 Nov. Dec—no visit.

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