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Editorial

Hello everyone and welcome to the April edition of Round & About Lawshall.

Even as I write, it appears that Spring may finally be upon us. I sincerely hope that by the time you receive your copy of R&A, the seasons have finally changed, putting the wet and gloomy weather behind us. Should that not be the case, you will find plenty to keep your spirits up in this month's edition of the magazine.

I have long had a soft spot for gold finches. Apart from admiring their colourful plumage in my garden, I have also read the lengthy but enjoyable 'The Gold Finch' by Donna Tartt and have even viewed the painting that inspired the novel at the Mauritshuis in The Hague. I was not surprised therefore, to discover via Cliff's Bird Notes that 'charm' is the collective noun for a group of goldfinches. For more information about other finches that we can hope to see in April, do read his article on p13.

Adrian transports us to warmer times with his focus on bees on p19, while Debbie reminds us of all that we could be doing in the garden on p21.

Finally, Congratulations to the staff and pupils of All Saints' Primary School for retaining an 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating in their most recent inspection. We are fortunate to have such high quality education on our doorstep. Parents are no doubt proud to hear that *'Pupils are extremely polite and confident... Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. Pupils throughout the school listen attentively to their teachers and their peers.'*

With warmest regards,

Julia

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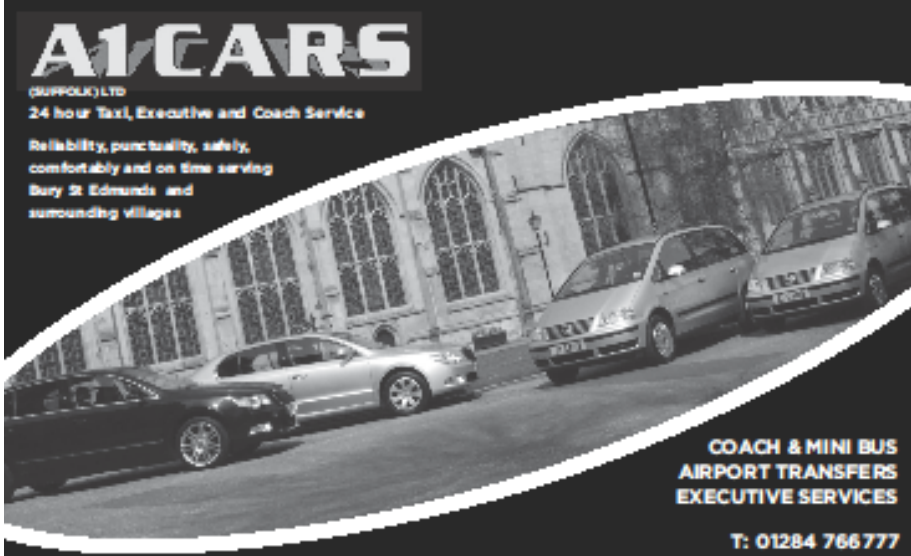


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Tuesday 9th 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall	p9
Tuesday 16th 7-9pm	Lawshall Ladies - Paint & Plonk	p23
Wednesday 17th 10.30am -12.30pm	Community Café in the Village Hall	p6
Friday 19th 7 - 9pm	Bingo in the Village Hall	p6
Saturday 20th April	Table Top Sale at the Village Hall	p15
Sunday 28th 9.30am - 12.30pm	Community Woodland - meet at the Foundry	p19
Tuesday 30th April 7 - 9pm	An evening of Silk Card and Scarf Making with Sarah Warboys - All Welcome	p20

Regular events...

Monday 2pm	Carpet bowls, April 8th and 22nd	
Tuesday 10 - 11am	Pilates	p26
Tuesday 4 - 6pm	Fresh Fish Van - John Skelly visits Lawshall	
Wednesday - fortnightly	Knit, Knot & Natter at the Swan	p6
Wednesday 5.30 - 6.40pm	Fish & Chips in the Village Hall car park	
Wednesday 7.30pm	Table Tennis in the Village Hall	

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 15th May	Community Café in the Village Hall
Friday 17th May	Bingo in the Village Hall
Sunday 26th May	Community Woodland
Date to be confirmed:	The Lawshall Village Show - see p20

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Knit Knot & Natter

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For the date of our next meeting email editorofranda@gmail.com

Lawshall Evangelical Free Church

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Just a Thought....

Two men who represent all mankind

When God looks at the world's population He sees just two groups of people; those who have recognised His love as revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ, and have submitted their lives to Him; and those who haven't.

When Jesus was crucified on the cross, these two groups were clearly represented by the two criminals that were crucified either side of Him. One of them only wanted to use God, so said to Jesus, *"If you are the Messiah, save yourself and us!"* The other one, to start with, was the same, but as he watched Jesus die he began to change his mind. He heard Him saying, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"*. He saw no bitterness in Jesus at being crucified unjustly - he simply saw forgiveness - and began to realise this was no ordinary man. He came to believe Jesus was who He said He was - the Messiah, the Son of God. He cried out to Him for mercy, knowing he didn't deserve it, and Jesus right there and then promised him, *"Today you will be with Me in Paradise"*. (Luke 23 vs 32 - 43).

These two men represent all of mankind; those who respond to God's love as revealed in Jesus, and those who don't, so the question is asked of everyone, "To which group do you belong?"

We are an evangelical church and our service is from 11.00 to 12.00 every Sunday morning and we can provide transport if required. We also run a "Little Treasures" parent and toddler group on a Thursday morning.

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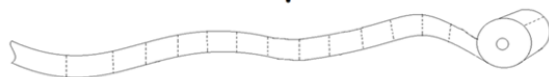
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As we celebrated International Women's Day last month I was very aware of the fact that very rarely have I included information about women in these articles. In fact, I have very few photos of women who have made the news headlines, so I think it's time I remedied this. The mention of the maids at Coldham Hall reminded me of the photo on the left below.



I was told that the photo of Violet and Florence Moss was taken in London in the 1930s. Apparently they were in service at Long Melford Hall for the Hyde Parker family. How I would have loved to hear the stories that they could have told about life above and below stairs. Maybe someone has got memories that Violet may have shared. She later became Mrs. Warne, but sadly I had no idea about this part of her life. The people in the village who worked at Coldham Hall would probably have had many exciting tales to tell.

The other photo is of Mrs. Maria Moss. She lived at Lawshall Green and was the village Midwife. I am privileged to have a copy of her Register, but, of course, I am very careful about sharing sensitive information.

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A Lawshall Fatality

Bury Free Press 27th April 1929

I have had permission from the relatives of this man to publish details of this report this month.

‘Mr. Charles William Salter, a Lawshall gardener, who was fatally injured in a road collision at Lawshall, as reported in this issue.’

This was a very big news item in 1929 and three pages of the BFP were devoted to this story. It is recorded that 23 year old Charles was walking with some of the village ladies up Waverley Hill towards the old Post Office at Harrow Green. Horace Deeks was coming down the hill on his motorbike. Apparently he turned off his engine and possibly the light on the bike went off too. He hit Charles and it seems that Charles died instantly. His body was carried back to Ernie Rayson's house; Ernie was mentioned in the article last month.

Charles Salter was an undergardener at Coldham Hall and all the gardeners were the pall bearers. The funeral was held at All Saints' Church on a Sunday and Canon Wintle led the service. The church was full. Names are recorded of some of the young women who were walking with Charles: Evelyn Dale, who was a kitchen maid at Chadacre, also Mary Dale, Vera Carter and Mary Salter.

This tragic accident would have had a huge impact in the village.

I think it was probably unusual to publish a photo of someone who had died, but a wonderful tribute to this young man. It would be good to know some more about him. Maybe there are other village families who are related to some of the people involved who have memories to share.

Parish Calendar

You can find out about local events on the parish council website lawshall.onesuffolk.net/parish-council.

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan Review has been assessed and passed. It is now undergoing minor adjustments by our consultant. It is hoped that it will be operational in April.

Planning Applications

Planning Applications are outlined during monthly meetings and residents are able to contribute to the Public Forum, but unfortunately Lawshall Parish Council can only submit their own comments. There is an 'Application search, track and comment' tool that members of the public can use at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/>. Further details about applications can also be found there.

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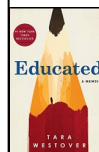
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Lawshall Ladies

In March a group of us gathered to enjoy a session of 'fun dancing'. Jo is a very empathetic and supportive leader, who managed to fill an hour with a wide range of dance-based activities to suit us all. Laughter and smiles abounded and I think it fair to say that we all ended the session feeling more relaxed and warmer than when we started. Next month's activity is paint and plonk.

Book Club



This month's book was "Educated" – a harrowing yet inspirational memoir by Tara Westover, one of seven children brought up in Idaho by Mormon Survivalist parents preparing for the End of Days.

Tara's mother is an unqualified midwife and herbalist. Tara's father has undiagnosed mental health issues, his mania and delusions of invincibility making him a dangerous bully as he runs his scrap metal business, forcing his children to work with him in horrendously hazardous conditions. Near fatal accidents resulting in brain damage and severe burns ensue.

The father's paranoia of authority means the children are "home schooled"- in reality, they receive no education, and the authorities do not intervene.

Tara manages, against all the odds, to educate herself from the age of sixteen, and eventually is invited to study at Cambridge University, earning herself a PHD. In her book, she describes how she grapples with memories of her childhood, and her family's dysfunctional dynamics of abuse and denial.

We found that the book provoked mixed reviews and discussions around different perspectives of family memories, of home schooling, of the Mormon religion and how a young girl could have managed financially to get through college and university.

We're looking forward to reading next month's book, "The Carer" by Deborah Moggach.

Community Café

Run by Lawshall Ladies, Community Café is on the third Wednesday of each month - next café Wednesday 20th March 10.30-12.30 in the Village Hall.

For any further information about Lawshall Ladies, please contact:

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Planning Permission Granted- Ref no. DC/23/05668

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Local Planning Authority decision to grant planning permission- Ref no. DC/23/03728

In light of the Local Planning Authority decision to grant planning permission in direct conflict with the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Council considered further action.

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Lawshall Garden Club

Spring is finally arriving! It seems to have been a long (and wet) winter, but thankfully with only a few very cold days.

I am looking forward to reshaping some of my garden and trying out some of my ideas, that I dreamt up over the winter months. The extreme wet weather has taken its toll on an elderly shrub of mine (25 years), however, it does give me a chance to re-invigorate a well-established border, once the rotted shrub has been removed.

Tulips take centre stage at this time of the year but, if you want them to come up in the garden year after year, without having to dig them up and dry them, plant them in late autumn a good 20cm deep. I treated myself to a few new varieties last year and am looking forward to seeing how they reveal themselves. I did purchase some very short ones, which are apparently more like the true species.



Looking out on my garden, with the spring bulbs bursting to life, it's easy to forget how much there is to do.

The gardening work calendar starts to lengthen from this month. Here's some of the things we should be getting on with: -

- Start mowing the lawn on a higher cut, weather permitting and reseeding where necessary.
- Move evergreen shrubs and plant new ones.
- Plant tomatoes in a greenhouse.
- Sweet peas can be planted out at the foot of a wigwam.



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Whatever happens in your garden, remember to take time to enjoy it!

Debbie Parker

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Bird Notes

There are four members of the finch family that you are most likely to see on your walks around our village. They will all be at their best in bright breeding plumage at this time of year, making them easier to spot.



First, the goldfinch, which has become very common in most environments, is a keen visitor to gardens with bird feeders. They tend to move around in small groups, when you can usually locate them by their jingling call notes (the collective noun for a group of goldfinches is a charm). The red face and golden yellow wing markings make them easy to identify.



Second, the chaffinch may also visit garden feeders as well as living in any wooded area. They tend to be seen alone or in pairs at breeding time. The male has a bright buffish orange-coloured breast and slate grey head whereas the female is much drabber with only white wing bars breaking up the dullness. The call note is quite a loud “pink” and in spring/summer the male has a distinctive, loud, monotonous song.

Thirdly we have the greenfinch that likes the trees but does visit gardens as it moves around. Greenfinches can be seen singly or in small groups. The males can be a really bright green colour with yellow wing bars and the females are a more subtle greenish tone. Greenfinches make some quite discordant, almost screeching sounds as they communicate with each other. They have made a remarkable recovery from a disease which drastically reduced their numbers just a few years ago.



The fourth finch that you could see in woodland or down lanes with tall hedges is the bullfinch. They are big, heavy looking birds with thick strong beaks. The male has a deep pink, almost red, breast which contrasts with its black head. Again, the female is a paler version of the male, having a lighter buffish pink breast. Usually seen in pairs and the call note is strident (in bird books the sound is often referred to as being like a squeaky gate).

If you venture further into the farmland on some of our lovely footpaths you may encounter yellowhammers or linnets, both finches though this is not reflected in their name.

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Lawshall Community Woodlands Forest for Our Children

Humble as the bee may appear, it is extremely important as a pollinator of crops as well as wayside and woodland flowers.



Last year this topic was covered in a general manner but now we will take a brief look at a particular bee, in this case *Andrena nitida*. The scientific name is for once, rather more attractive than the common name of Grey-patched mining bee. However, the 'mining' immediately gives us a clue about its habits; it digs and as a mining bee it is solitary as opposed to the honeybee which is described as a 'social' bee. In spite of its independent nature it is a fairly common member of the group of solitary bees which number over two hundred species in the UK.

This bee is rather attractive and sports a very hairy foxy coloured thorax and a black head and abdomen. Although it has an extended flight season, the peak season is from April and into May when it can be found foraging on flowers in meadows and hedgerows.

The photograph shows our bee foraging on bird cherry, which is more commonly associated with wet woodland in Suffolk. However, when purchasing thousands of saplings for our community woodlands it would have been surprising if a few odd tree species did not get into the mix although we would have ordered wild cherry, which is abundant in the woodland.

The female bee collects pollen to provision a nest, which, as its common name suggests, is underground. The burrows are usually found in short grassland so we would expect to find the bee in the meadows and rides of Golden Wood. Once provisioned, she then lays an egg in the burrow and seals it against predators. However, wildlife interactions are fascinatingly complex and Gooden's Nomad 'cuckoo' bee is a parasite of the *Andrena nitida* larva or grub. The adult nomad bee lays its own egg in the cell burrow and the hatched parasite destroys the emerged host larva. It then eats the provisions provided by the adult for its offspring. Of course, the majority of the *Andrena* offspring emerge unscathed to provide the next generation a year on.

On the last Sunday of this month, we shall be completing the winter work programme so why not come along and see what has been achieved?

Adrian Walters

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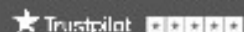


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