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Friday and everyone is welcome to attend with any queries or questions.

## Editorial

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

Despite the inevitably increased pace of life that the Christmas period entails, I do hope you are able to find a few minutes to take in all that this month's edition of the magazine has to offer.

I am delighted to see that we are back up to 40 pages this month, thanks largely to increased advertising. New advertisers are always welcome and provide essential income for your Village Hall.

November was a busy month for communal entertainment in Lawshall. Hardly had the embers faded from Bonfire Night than the Swan Inn hosted an evening of Firewalking on behalf of the Green Light Trust. You can read all about the event on p33. I look forward to learning more about the work of the Green Light Trust from Laura Rose in future editions of R&A.

Elizabeth has devoted her From the Archives pages to Remembrance. On p18-20 you will find a transcript of the moving reflection given by Malcom Offord at the Lawshall Service of Remembrance, during which he relates many fascinating details about Lawshall residents who lost their lives during both the First and Second World Wars.

Following the entertaining Quiz Night held at the Village Hall in November, this month sees the hosting of the annual Christmas Tree Festival, held in conjunction with All Saints' Church on Saturday 7th December. This will be followed by communal singing with the Preston St Mary pop-up choir. Please see p6 for further details. Hopefully we will see you there!

With warmest regards,

*Julia*

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4th Prize £10	L Williams	172
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**What's On in Lawshall in December 2024**

**Coming up...**

- Friday 6th December 7pm Lawshall Ladies Christmas Dinner
- Saturday 7th December from 2pm Lawshall Christmas Tree Festival in the Village Hall p6
- Sunday 8th 9.30am - 12.30pm Community Woodland p17
- Saturday 7th December 6pm Lighting of the Village Hall Christmas Tree and Carols p25
- Wednesday 18th 10.30am - 12.30pm Community Café in the Village Hall p8
- Friday 20th 7 - 9pm Bingo in the Village Hall p6

**Regular events...**

- Monday 2pm Carpet bowls, December 2nd and 16th
- Tuesday 10 - 11am Pilates p16
- Tuesday 4 - 6pm Fresh Fish Van - John Skelly visits Lawshall
- Wednesday - fortnightly Knit, Knot & Natter at the Swan p25
- 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 January Community Café in the Village Hall
- Friday 17th January Bingo in the Village Hall
- Sunday 26th January Community Woodland

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**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** - Saturday 7th December from 2pm. Refreshments available to purchase.

**TURNING ON THE LIGHTS AND CAROLS** - Saturday 7th December 6pm. Preston St Mary Pop-Up Choir. Refreshments will be served.

**Everyone welcome!**

**2025 - Save the Date**

On **15th February** local band **Rollercoaster** will be playing at the Village Hall for a Valentines dance evening. Further details to follow, but if you wish to know more contact Rosemary: richesrosemary32@gmail.com



## Lawshall Evangelical Free Church

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### Just a Thought....

The Only Gift That Lasts forever

“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6 v 23)

At this time of year many people enjoy being able to give and receive gifts. But how many of us remember what we gave and received last Christmas? And a few weeks after this coming Christmas, we will probably also have forgotten about the gifts we received. Christmas is not really about gifts we give or receive; it's about the one special gift that alone can give us a personal relationship with God. When Jesus came to this earth the announcement was made of, “good tidings of great joy which is for every-one, because a Saviour has been born” (Luke 2 v 10, 11). And when Jesus started His ministry He said, “The kingdom of God has drawn near: repent and believe the good news (Mark 1 v 15). But why the gift of a Saviour and the need of repentance? When God made us He gave us two responsibilities which were to, “love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbour as ourselves” (Mark 12 v 30, 31). Sadly, by nature, we do neither, so as a result, our relationship with Him is broken. But the good news is that through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and the resultant gift of the Holy Spirit, if we repent of ignoring Him and going our own way, we are forgiven, welcomed back, and are able to know and enjoy Him. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9 v 15)

We wish you a very Happy Christmas  
and invite you to our  
Christmas Day Service at  
10.30am

Switching on  
the Lawshall Christmas Tree Lights  
Saturday 7th December 6pm  
At Lawshall Village Hall



Carols round the tree followed by **The Preston St. Mary Pop-Up Choir.** Join us for some communal singing amongst the beautifully decorated trees of the Lawshall Christmas Tree Festival. Refreshments provided.

**A lovely village occasion to enjoy!**

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## NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Committee members have been working hard recently to improve the facilities offered at the Village Hall. The kitchen now has a new range cooker as well as a fridge freezer, both of which will be useful when catering for communal events. They should also make the Hall more appealing to potential hirers. Although it may not be apparent from this photo, the kitchen has been painted.



Within the next few weeks further upgrades are planned including better lighting to the rear of the Hall, which will improve security.

Why not visit the Christmas Tree Festival or join us for some festive singing round the tree on Saturday 7th December and you could check out the improvements for yourself. We would love to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support,

**Peter Ward**



**Wednesday 18th December  
at the Village Hall  
Community Café 10.30 - 12.30**



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## Green Light Trust

**Green Light Trust lights up bonfire season!**



**Swan Inn hosts spectacular Firewalk fundraiser for the local charity**

As you may have seen in the last edition of the Round & About Lawshall, Green Light Trust, our local charity based here in Lawshall organised a fundraising event with a difference recently – a sponsored Firewalk. Held at the Swan Inn, 35 daring participants walked over hot coals and between them raised a collective sum of over £13,000! The charity, that supports children, young people and adults with challenges through expert-led woodland programmes, was delighted to see so many supporters help by sponsoring the brave firewalkers – and welcomed Lawshall resident Elizabeth Clarke to be the ‘firestarter’ by officially lighting the fire. The funds will help the charity to continue to provide vital support for those who need it, through wonderful woodlands in Suffolk and Norfolk.

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## LAWSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council Changes

Karen Whordley and Nigel Hughes left council. THANK YOU to them both for their leadership and immense contributions to Lawshall as councillors including the Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan and increasing biodiversity. Catherine Baynton was elected as Vice Chair. Council co-opted Melvin Coe and Robert Staveley as new councillors. A warm welcome to them both.

### Turtle Dove Project in Lawshall

On the Designated County Wildlife Site (CWS) at Lawshall Green, the expansion and deepening of two ponds has been completed. This work has been funded by Suffolk Wildlife Trust.



The aim is to attract back the Turtle Doves that used to inhabit The Green until only a few years ago. These beautiful, but now rare doves, whose 'gentle purring' used to be one of our treasured sounds of summer, needs a mix of water, meadow and thicket.

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So here's hoping...

Nigel and Ric, on behalf of Lawshall Parish Council.

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There are always jobs, to get your garden through the winter months, include making sure your tools are cleaned and stored safely. Clearing any leaves from lawns and from the tops of pots to prevent disease, damaging grass and plants.

Protecting pots and taps etc. from the frosts, so keep them shaded and sheltered. Make sure they are also nice and clean ready for planting up next year.

Make sure bird feeders are clean and well stocked. Make efforts to prevent ponds and bird baths from freezing over so the wildlife can get drinks and baths when they want them.

If you have a nice white barked Birch tree, give the trunk a wash with warm soapy water to keep it white. Just once a year will do for this task.

If you have any plants overwintering in a greenhouse or indoors, it is wise to reduce the amount of watering or risk them rotting.

Finally, don't be too quick to cut back some of the summer growth. Grasses, sunflowers, cornflowers etc. as these can provide winter structure and food for the wildlife and also can look beautiful when covered in frost!

With all of that said, most importantly, carry on enjoying your gardens!

Whether you are outside working on it or simply looking at it through your windows, dreaming about what you can do to improve areas of it, make notes, because spring will be here before you know it!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Happy gardening everyone!

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### PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED Ref no. DC/24/03693

Proposal: Householder application. Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory). Location: Roselen. The Street, Lawshall, IP32 4QA. No objections from Lawshall Parish Council.

### REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION Ref no. DC/24/03948

Proposal: Full Planning Application – Severance of garden and erection of 1No self-build detached dwelling with new vehicular access onto Shimpling Road. Location: 1 Hanningfield Green, Lawshall, IP29 4QF. No objections from Lawshall Parish Council.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 Ref no. APP/D3505/W/24/3354153

Appeal by: Ash Property Partnership. Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission (access points to be considered, all other matters reserved). Erection of 5No self-build dwellings. Location: Land to the East of Melford Road, Lawshall, Suffolk. Appeal start date: 5/11/24. All representations must be received by 10/12/2024 and quote the appeal reference.

### APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/24/04013

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of first floor front side and rear extension over existing garage, including single storey front/side extension. Location: 1 Pates Corner, Lawshall Row. No objections from Lawshall Parish Council.

### Parish Calendar

You can find out about local events on the parish council website

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	Tuesday 24 December 2024	<i>No Change</i>	<i>None</i>
	Wednesday 25 December 2024	Friday 27 December 2024	2 days later
	Thursday 26 December 2024	Saturday 28 December 2024	2 days later
	Friday 27 December 2024	Monday 30 December 2024	3 days later
<b>Refuse</b>	Monday 30 December 2024	Tuesday 31 December 2024	1 day later
	Tuesday 31 December 2024	Thursday 2 January 2025	2 days later
	Wednesday 1 January 2025	Friday 3 January 2025	2 days later
	Thursday 2 January 2025	Saturday 4 January 2025	2 days later
	Friday 3 January 2025	Monday 6 January 2025	3 days later
<b>Recycling</b>	Monday 6 January 2025	Tuesday 7 January 2025	1 day later
	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Wednesday 8 January 2025	1 day later
	Wednesday 8 January 2025	Thursday 9 January 2025	1 day later
	Thursday 9 January 2025	Friday 10 January 2025	1 day later
	Friday 10 January 2025	Saturday 11 January 2025	1 day later

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I know from experience that volunteer work on the reserve is both physically demanding and immensely rewarding as I used to do some similar cutting work there along with my good friend the late Grenville Clarke.

On the day of our visit the sun was shining, giving exceptionally good light over the Slough. When we entered Bernard's hide and sat down (yes, there are benches along all the hides here!) it was lovely to see all the ducks and geese so clearly - there was nothing particularly rare on the water, but it was so easy to identify the waterfowl as every feather stood out in the light.

Looking along the shoreline, we could see lapwings among the gulls (mainly black-headed) and a snipe, then another snipe and yet another snipe, until we had counted fourteen of them in that area. That's not something you see every day!



Snipe

As we progress into the depths of winter the calls of redwing and fieldfare interrupt the quietness. These are contact calls to keep the flocks together as they traverse the countryside in the constant search for food, berries being the mainstay. If the weather should get harsher it might pay to keep your eyes peeled for waxwings too.



Waxwing

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## From the Archives December 2024

### Remembrance Sunday 2024

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WALTER HENRY SMITH.  
CHARLES WRIGHT.

There was a very moving ceremony at All Saints' Church last month. As always, the men who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars were remembered. The two minute silence held outside the church with members of the village and retired service men in uniform was made all the more poignant with the excellent trumpet accompaniment from Lewis Marshall.

Also remembered was Benjamin Talbott who died in the Second World War.

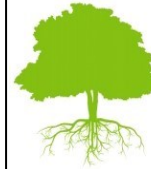
Every year, since 1945, members of the van Mesdag family have joined the Service of Remembrance. The photo

below shows Johannes' late brothers in 2009 at the memorial stone on Bury Road.

Sadly we do not mention the three Polish airmen who died near Lawshall Green on 23rd August 1946. Nor is there mention of the nine airmen who died when the USAF B17 crashed near Pates Corner on 23rd April 1944.



I would like to think that we could mention of them in future years. It would also be good to include some children in this important occasion.



## Lawshall Community Woodlands Forest for Our Children

One of the things that has been of concern for the past few years is the drying out of the small pond on Jubilee ride in the newer part of Golden Wood. This has a land drain feeding into it so when the trees were small, there was plenty of water draining into it and keeping the levels up. Since the trees have begun to mature, they take a lot of the water from the soil during the summer, so that very little discharges into the pond.



If the pond dries up once in a while the issue is not critical, but it is now drying up every year so that many invertebrates die along with any growing newt efts. As this has been a breeding site for great crested newts in the past, it would be preferable if some water could be retained in the pond in most years.

The plan is to extend the pond and deepen it. Whilst this won't necessarily guarantee good water levels, the committee feels that it is worth a try. Therefore at some stage before spring arrives, there will be an excavator working on site. It will be used to remove the osier stumps and to deepen half the pond and as well as extend it. The result will then be monitored for a year, or two, before further work is undertaken. Watch this space.

The December management morning will take place on Sunday 8th rather than on the last Sunday of the month when many will be busy enjoying time with family and friends.

**The woodland volunteers wish everyone a wonderful and peaceful Christmas.**

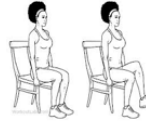
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Several members of the village gathered outside the church at 10.45 to observe the two minutes' silence and take part in an act of commemoration. Wreaths were laid and then taken inside the church for the Service of Remembrance which was led by the Revd. Judith Offord. The parade was led by Vincent Acheson, Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, Retired; Richard Ayers, Late, Royal Army Medical Corps, Retired; Michael Wordley, Parachute Regiment, Retired and Andy Cunnah, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Retired.

On the following pages you will find the moving reflection given by Malcolm Offord of the Long Melford Ministry Team. He really brought home to us the huge impact the death of 25 young men would have had on the families and friends of the men who lost their lives in the two wars.

If there is anyone who would like the project of researching the history of these village men I have lots of material that could be used to publish a small booklet.

### **And finally a piece of news from November 1918**

FLU EPIDEMIC In Suffolk there are slight signs of a flu epidemic abating in Ipswich. Schools were closed in the town on Thursday for 10 days, and it was a similar story in Bures, Nayland, Leavenheath, Hartest, Lawshall, Alpheton and Shimpling.

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**With permission ~ A REFLECTION FROM MALCOLM OFFORD**

**Given at the Service of Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2023**

Can you imagine life in Lawshall in July 1914? The harvest would be underway and there would be much excitement as to the prospects of a plentiful harvest. The young men and women of the village would be looking forward to celebrating the harvest, drinking, dancing, flirting, a time for relaxing and enjoying the good things of life. Among these young men might be those whose names we find on the memorial plaque on the north wall of the church, whose names you've already heard read out. There would be the Boyden brothers, the Britton brothers and the Moss brothers, there would be Charles Dale and Arthur Dye, there would be William Farrow and Herbert Fulcher and so on. Twenty four names in all from a village of approximately 680 villagers, as recorded in the census in 1910, a few years before the beginning of the war. A frightening proportion of the total population, but more especially of the young men aged between 18 and 25. I calculate that the loss of 24 young men would equate to almost a quarter of that age group in the village. In addition, there would be those who were wounded and those whose lives would never be the same. One wonders how many returned from the war in good health. Nor must we forget Benjamin Talbott killed in the Second World War, nor the brave Dutchman, Johannes van Mesdag who crashed in a field near the village in 1945 and who is commemorated on the slab on the opposite side of the nave.

Why did these young men volunteer to serve in the armed forces of that war? There was undoubtedly a big proportion of patriotism, there was the allure of adventure and heroism, maybe there was pressure from families and friends to join up; there was also the attraction of a salary, food and housing and of course there was the effect of powerful propaganda through posters and speeches. Propaganda portrayed military service as noble and honourable, often glorifying the idea of fighting for one's country. Things did not turn out as they had expected.

World War I, the war that was originally expected to be "over by Christmas," dragged on for four years with grim brutality, brought on by the dawn of trench warfare and advanced weapons, new military technologies, including chemical weapons. The horrors of that conflict altered the world for decades and writers reflected that shift in their work.

Here's an extract from Siegfried Sassoon's poem Counterattack, describing preparation for a counterattack against the Germans:

*The place was rotten with dead; green clumsy legs  
High-booted, sprawled and grovelled along the saps  
And trunks, face downward, in the sucking mud,  
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And naked sodden buttocks, mats of hair,  
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Thanks to the horrors of trench warfare, the First World War saw unprecedented levels of carnage and destruction. Bodies are still being found – when we visited the Somme a few years ago a German soldier's body was unearthed in a crater near us. It had been lying there for over a hundred years. By the time the war was over, and the Allied Powers had won, more than 16 million people, soldiers and civilians alike, were dead.

All told, between 300,000 and 500,000 French, British and German soldiers became casualties during the First Battle of the Marne. Over a million casualties were reported after the Battle of the Somme. And what of the young men from Lawshall? I decided to look up some of the names in the Imperial War Graves Commission's records. A sobering exercise. Records of individuals are often sketchy, and because so many soldiers had the same name, it's not always certain you've identified the actual soldier you were looking for. And to my disappointment some of the names I researched weren't there at all.

However, I'll share what details I have of four of the local lads who died. Harry Boyden died in 1917 and is commemorated at the great Thiepval Memorial like thousands of others. Herbert William Fulcher also died 1917 buried in Arras. Herbert Horrex died 1916 aged 29 also commemorated at Thiepval. He seems to have been older than most of the others on the memorial slab, and I imagine he perhaps left wife and children behind. The person about whom we have the most information is John Henry Trafford Rawson who died on 18 September 1916 aged 21, the information we have about him comes from the large memorial slab in the church, which tells us he was a Captain who died, and I quote, 'gallantly leading his company in an attack upon the enemy' and we also learn that he was mentioned in dispatches.

Benjamin Frederick Talbott is the only local boy who is recorded as dying during the Second World War. A member of the Royal Armoured Corps, he died during the Normandy landings, aged 29.

It is right to spend time contemplating the horror of war and it is being brought into our homes even now as we follow the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the awful, awful bloodshed and destruction in Gaza and more recently Lebanon.

It is also right to honour and commemorate those who served not only in the two world wars, but also all the wars that have taken place since then. The troops did not know what awaited them, but they signed up with the determination to serve their country, to rid the world of the evil that was engulfing it, to help build a future where tyranny and the lust for power would have no place. They suffered dreadful privations; they suffered terrible physical discomfort and wounds. In the Second World War there were between 21 and 25 million deaths among military personnel and an appalling 70 to 85 million among the civilian population. In the First World War numbers of dead are not so great, with between 15 and 22 million deaths, but they are in many ways more gruesome because of the bloody, close-combat nature of the conflict.





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I'd like to read an extract Vincent Acheson sent me, written after the battles of Alamein in 1942. *'I rode my tank to Alamein, prepared to do or die. I led my few to victory, now all I do is cry.'*

*'We the survivors did not raise our arms in salute to victory, as the world historians would like us all to believe. On the contrary, we behaved very differently, Alamein had a profound effect on us. I don't think we were ever the same again. We knew we had achieved a great victory, but where were all those who had accomplished it? They would never be with us again. The old regiment was gone; it was no more. For my part I marveled at being left alive, but I was sorely distressed ... we felt no glory, rather we felt sadness.'*

That expresses the contradictory feelings that war generates. On the one hand, we salute those who gave their lives and bodies. On the other, we deprecate the reasons why they left their homes. War is evil, evil stalks the land, war destroys, war consumes, war creates hell on earth. War seems to be a constant in our world – indeed, Jesus said in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 24, *'you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come'*. Tragically, such things are still happening; there is no let-up in the frequency and intensity of warfare.

And that should drive us to the words of our reading, the Beatitudes, those wonderful words of comfort Jesus spoke to his listeners in the early years of his ministry. I'd like to make a brief comment after each Beatitude, relating it to the soldiers we remember today. *'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*, the First World War soldiers were maybe, for the most part, ordinary, simple men, poor in spirit. *'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted'*, millions have been sorrowful since those wars, and Remembrance Sunday is a special day when we share our sorrow together. *'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth'*, the soldiers rarely questioned their orders, even when following some of them led to awful consequences. *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled'*, they went to war, our troops still go to war, in search of justice and the eradication of evil. *'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy'*, war is rarely a place where mercy is displayed, although we can quote the treatment of prisoners of war by the Allies was often an act of mercy.

*'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God'*, they left their homes and villages determined to protect their country and to battle against the powers of evil. *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God'*, this is the message I want to leave us with. We will probably not be able to affect the wars being waged at present. Like those soldiers who fought in the two world wars we are poor in spirit, we are meek and we hunger and thirst for righteousness. But our role as Christians is to ask God by our prayers to intervene in the hearts and minds of those fomenting war and to bring about an end to the suffering and destruction that accompanies modern warfare.

**Malcolm Offord Sunday 10th November 2024**