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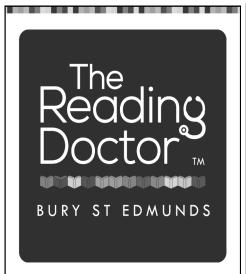
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Editorial

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

Christmas feels like a long time ago now, but on behalf of the whole Village Hall Committee, I would like to thank the Preston St Mary Pop-up Choir and Alastair Waspe for their musical contributions to the VH event. Music is an essential part of Christmas - the evening would not have been so successful without them.

Bingo continues regularly at the hall on the third Friday of every month, but our next big event is the Valentine Dance on Saturday 15th February. It promises to be a great evening, with local band Rollercoaster covering hits from across the decades. Guaranteed to get you dancing and a tasty supper is included in the £15 ticket price. Get your order in by 2nd February, as catering needs to be arranged. Contact richesrosemary32@gmail.com for tickets.

All our regular contributors are back this month, bringing us up to date with progress in the Community Woodlands and offering advice on how to care for our gardens and the birds that visit them. In addition, you can find out more about the work of the Green Light Trust on p23 and on p16 there is news of a shocking driving offence!

I do hope you enjoy reading this month's edition of Round & About Lawshall and as always many thanks to those who have contributed to the interesting articles.

With very best wishes,

Julia

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http://lawshallvillagehall.co.uk/lottery-2/ Or contact: Leanne Hornby on 01284 830895

Thank you to Ian Carrington who co-ordinates the collectors.

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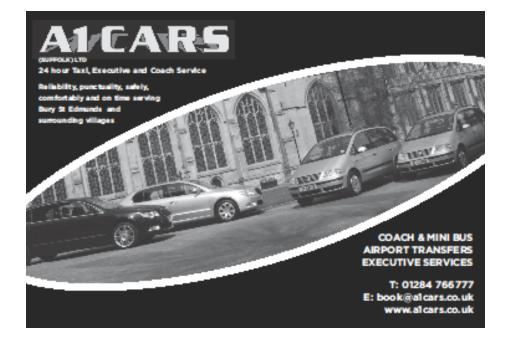
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On **Saturday 15th February** local band **Rollercoaster** will be playing at the Village Hall for a Valentine Dance. For further details see p13 and contact Rosemary for tickets: richesrosemary32@gmail.com. Please purchase your tickets before 2nd February if at all possible.

Do check this page in future issues of R&A for details of the 2025 programme of events.

Lawshall Ladies

Our February event is an evening of Inclusive Non-mat Pilates with Lindsay Bennett. Tuesday 18th February 7-9pm.

For any further information about Lawshall Ladies, please contact: **Sarah Warboys 07885 470385 or Claire Ramsey 07415 195289**



Knit Knot & Natter

Every other Wednesday at The Swan. New members welcome. For the date of our next meeting email editorofranda@gmail.com

Lawshall Village Archive

Please pass on any Lawshall information to Valerie Monk, our new Local History Recorder. Valerie's number is 07961816605 and her address is Saroka, Golden Lane. Or you could deliver to Debbie Thomas, 6 Hall Mead. Debbie is continuing to catalogue the Archives ready to deposit at The Hold in Ipswich.

I will continue to share Archive information which has been gathered over the past 40 years. I hope also to occasionally exhibit some to the many photos that I still hold for the Archives.

Elizabeth Clarke elizlawshall@btinternet.com 07813430985

Lawshall Evangelical Free Church

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Just a Thought....

James Baldwin the American writer and civil activist once wrote, "Love does not begin and end the way we seem to think it does. Love is a battle; love is a war; love is a growing up."

These words probably reflect either how he has been treated or how he sees the need to treat others. Whilst we can also probably express our own definition of what we consider love is, God has clearly declared what it actually is in His word. In 1 Corinthians 13 vs 4-7 He states, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, does not boast, is not proud. It is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." Sadly it is something we all fall woefully short of.

However, God, "Commends His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5 v 8). In rejecting the Creator and sustainer of our life the natural consequence is death (Romans 6 v 23). But He has revealed both His love and justice by sending Jesus. God poured out His just judgement against our sin on Jesus when He was on the cross. As a result He can forgive and welcome any into fellowship with Him who recognize their offence against Him and come to Him in repentance and faith. He, "So loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3v16).

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Lawshall Community Woodlands Forest for Our Children

By the time this article appears, work to the small pond in Golden Wood will be imminent or may have already been carried out. To

those who are frequent visitors to the wood, the work may appear to be rather drastic, but a drastic situation requires a comprehensive solution.

In recent years the pond has dried out every summer, condemning all its inhabitants, other than those which can fly away, to a certain death. The aim of the project is to try to make the pond



more resilient to climate change, even though success cannot be assured. However, it is to be hoped that in future some water will be retained through most summers. Time will tell.

Experience informs us that any drastic alteration to the landscape draws plenty of criticism simply because it involves change. Most of us prefer what appears to be the status quo although, of course, in our woodlands the landscape is changing imperceptibly all the time as, little by little, the trees mature.

As for the look of the landscape around the pond, nature will rapidly 'clothe' the scars, and the open sunny and sheltered nature of the area will prove to be a draw for sun-loving insects including butterflies, damsel and dragonflies.

Adrian Walters



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LAWSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Local History Recorder

Elizabeth Clarke shared the good news that Valerie Monk has now become Local History Recorder for Lawshall. Thanks to Elizabeth for continuing as an archivist.

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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.

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. Lawshall Parish Council submitted comments reiterating their objections.

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED- 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.



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APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/00002

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension and front porch with open timber canopy. Location: 1 Brands Lane, Lawshall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 4SF. Comments invited by 24th January 2025. Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/05767 GRANTED Proposal: Conditions 4 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) and 6 (Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design Scheme). Location: Land East Of Folly Lane, Lawshall, Suffolk.

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lovely warm fire in the middle to warm everyone even if it's snowing! But sometimes we do encounter weather-related problems! The storms in December caused a lot of damage at our camps – with the high winds ripping some of our canopies from their strapping. Strong winds can stop programmes from going ahead – our delivery teams out in the woodlands are constantly checking forecasts as storms and high winds mean the site might not be safe.

As part of our work, we look after and maintain the woodlands that we work in too – and some of our team are skilled at forestry and tree surgery. Frithy Wood is an ancient wood and an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest).



While activities carried out with group participants do include conservation tasks such as building habitats for wildlife and nature surveys etc, much of this work can only be carried out by qualified and experienced members of staff. These are needed to ensure that the woodland continues to thrive, biodiversity is maximised, trees remain healthy, and the woodland is resilient to the effects of climate change - while also ensuring the safety of the groups it works with, as well as the local community.

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Lawshall Garden Club

February is the month that promises so much with spring just around the corner. There are always jobs to be getting on with this month, so let's see some of what we could/should be doing.

Dig out obvious perennial weeds before they set seed and start to spread. Sow sweet peas in deep pots and keep them frost free, maybe on a sunny windowsill. Organise your seeds into date order ready for sowing. It will make life so much easier.

Shrubs such as cornus and salix cultivars (coloured stems for winter interest) can be pruned back now to the very base of the stems. Wisteria can also be pruned now taking side shoots back to two or three buds from the main stem. Old stems from ornamental grasses should also be cut back this month, before they get too mixed up with the new growth.

Lift and divide snowdrops while still in the green this month, ensuring you replant them straight away and look out for Hellebore leaf spot, removing affected leaves.

February is a good month to begin chitting your early potatoes (placing them on end in an egg box and putting them in a bright, cool, frost free place). Consider covering strawberries with a cloche and forcing your rhubarb, for early crops if required.

Trim back Ivy, Virginia Creeper and deciduous hedges that have overgrown their space, before birds begin nesting, and give your bird feeders a good clean before re-filling.

Any empty pots that have been sitting outside, clean with warm water and mild detergent before using them, to prevent disease. Give your tools a final once over, to check they are clean and healthy for use across the garden. It's also a good time to clean and have the mower serviced.

Finally, once you have done all that you can do, sit inside, maybe draw out a plan for a new project or just sit back and watch the early bulbs gradually introduce colour and light into your garden, but most of all, always enjoy your garden.

Please note, our next meeting is 7pm Wednesday February 21st at The Swan. New members always welcome. Membership is £20 per year or £25 per couple from the same household.

Lawshall Garden Club - jparker.co@btconnect.com for any information.

From the Archives February 2025

Glimpses of Lawshall in the past can be found in the various Directories that were published in the 19th and 20th centuries. One of the earliest directories in the Archives is Whites of 1855. It is a beautifully leather bound book which was given to me by Colonel Rogers when he lived at Coopers Farm. The directories contained entries for all the villages and towns in Suffolk.

In 1855 there were 908 people in Lawshall, which is much the same as today. The Rev. Evan Baillie was the Rector and the Rectory was described as a 'commodious residence'. There are details about the various trusts and charities and the income from these provided relief for the poor, repairs to the highways and clothing for the Sunday 'scholars'. The post came from Bury, via Hartest and was delivered by Alfred Armstrong. As well as The Harrow and The Swan public houses there were five beer houses. Various occupations are mentioned including: shoemaker, miller, cooper, wheelwright, blacksmith and saddler. Several farmers are mentioned including one woman -Susan Wright, who had land alongside Bury Road. There were four shops in the village and we might presume that the carrier, William Howe was kept busy delivering items to keep the shelves stocked. William lived at Howes Cottage, Lawshall Green now Reed Cottage) and went to Bury on Wednesday and Saturday.

Over the years The Foxearth and District Local History Society has provided a wonderful source of information about our village. The following article comes from the 1909 Suffolk and Essex Free Press. It doesn't mention the name of the driver of the engine, but possibly one of my family members! I suspect that calling at The White Hart might have contributed to this accident, I hope that Mr. Brewster AND Mr. Mason were compensated for the damage to the shed, house and brick wall!

April 7th 1909 ~ A traction engine belonging to Mr. Debenham, a cartage contractor from Lawshall, knocked down a shed and ran into a house near Stanstead White Hart, the house belongs to Mr. Brew-

ster of Cavendish. It appears that the engine had been to Sudbury and was returning with two loaded carts when the driver stopped at the White Hart for refreshment, he mounted the engine, put on steam and started for home, but he could not control the machine which ran across the road into Mr. Mason's shop dislodging a 6 foot brick wall. The engine much battered was left till next morning.

Bird Notes

As anticipated, the cold and snowy weather at the start of the year forced the fieldfares and redwings down to our part of the country. I saw lots of small groups of these lovely thrushes, but didn't come across any of the large gatherings of several hundred individuals like we used to see. I hope it's just that I didn't encounter the large flocks rather than any diminishing of their numbers.

The downturn in the weather conditions persuaded us to return to full feeding of the birds in our garden. As you may recall, we had stopped providing food from our feeders for a few weeks on advice from the BTO due to seeing a few of the finches dying from Trichomoniasis - a nasty infectious disease. We now clean and disinfect the feeders and the area around them on a daily basis. I would recommend you do the same if you use bird feeders in your garden.

Birds that hadn't been visiting us for a while soon got to know that there was a vital supply of nourishment here again, and our old friends are now back visiting us daily. Goldfinches are almost resident, while half a dozen greenfinches come for a meal a couple of times a day - this is particularly gratifying as the greenfinches were the hardest hit by the disease. Blue and great tits are busy in the garden along with resident robin and wren. We have one male blackbird who is quite prepared to push in to share the separate dish of food that we put out for the starlings at breakfast time.

Greenfinch

Please don't forget that when the temperature has dropped to freezing the birds need a supply of fresh, clean water as they cannot cope with ice as their source of H2O, and do not put salt in the water to stop it freezing.

Cliff Cooper

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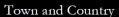
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Lawshall Parish News 1980's

In April 1982 All Saints' Church received the sum of £1,000, a legacy from Mr. Mortlock of Lavenham. He was born in Lawshall and his family had been blacksmiths at The Foundry on Bury Road. Now the headquarters of Green Light Trust. Mr. Mortlock was a keen bell-ringer and had a great interest in church buildings. The money was to be used for the maintenance of the church fabric.

In July the same year the Fete raised £250 and there was a carnival procession from Hanningfields Green to the Village Hall, followed by an evening performance of songs and poetry readings given by the Amateur Dramatic Society. The Darby and Joan Club were entertained by Lawshall resident Ann Offord who was Carol Tregorran in The Archers in the 1950's, it was reported that she gave a very amusing talk called 'How I came to Ambridge'. (I wish we had a recording of this!).





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