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Editorial

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

I usually try to achieve an upbeat introduction to every edition of R&A, but this month I find myself feeling more reflective. Although, as a relatively recent arrival to the village, I never met Ray Debenham, I know that many people were saddened by his recent death and it is fitting that this month Elizabeth has used her archives pages to write about her brother and his lifelong involvement in village life. You will find her text, together with photos from the village archive on p14-15.

On p21 you can find out more about the work of the Green Light Trust, which is based at the Foundry on Bury Road. While I was teaching in Great Cornard I was aware of students who were not well enough to attend school and who benefited from the wellness support and opportunities the charity offers.

On p6 there are details of the Big Breakfast being organised by Jacqui Ward in support of Cancer UK on Sunday April 13th. Booking is required, so do take a look at p6 and join in if you can.

Easter is unusually late this year, so hopefully by the time the long weekend arrives, temperatures will have risen and we can all get out and enjoy our beautiful village. Although there will not be an Easter Sunday service in Lawshall, a donkey is due to appear at the Palm Sunday service on the 13th April and on Good Friday at 9.00 there will be a walk with the cross from Lambs Lane to the church. Full details can be found on p23.

Finally, if you would like to find out more about your Village Hall, do come along to the AGM on Monday 28th. Full details on p7.

With very best wishes,

Julia

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Raffle, Refreshments & Licensed Bar available from 7pm Apologies to all lottery members for the failure to update lottery winners in last month's copy of R&A. Winners from January were inadvertently copied over. Below are the winners for February (which were published correctly on the VH website), followed by the latest winners from the March draw.

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Lawshall Village Hall Draw Results February 2025 Draw					
1st Prize £50	I Copping	149			
2nd Prize £20	R Riches	104			
3rd Prize £10	M Jones	323			
4th Prize £10	J Edgar	430			
5th Prize £10	P Branch	21			
March 2025 Draw					
1st Prize £50	E Wright	292			
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3rd Prize £10	E Clarke	147			
4th Prize £10	G Cooper	107			
5th Prize £10	P Sparrow	53			
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If **you** would like to support your Village Hall lottery download an application form from the village hall website at

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

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What's On in Lawshall in April 2025

Coming up...

Tuesday 8th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall	р9	
Monday 14th 7pm	Lawshall Ladies - Watercolour Demonstration in the Village Hall	p19	
Wednesday 16th 10.30am - 12.30pm	Community Café in the Village Hall	р6	
Friday 25th 2-4pm	Community Friday at the Village Hall	p10	
Sunday 27th 9.30-12.30	Lawshall Community Woodland working to protect the hazel stools which were coppiced last winter	p25	
	* Please note there will be no Bingo in April		
	Regular events…		
Monday 2pm	Carpet Bowls, April 7th and 28th in the Village Hall		
Monday and Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Table Tennis in the Village Hall		
Tuesday 10 - 12.15am	Pilates in the Village Hall	p16	
Wednesday - fortnightly	Knit, Knot & Natter at the Swan	p21	
Wednesday 5.40 - 6.30	Please note the Fish & Chip Van is taking a break - see p10 for details		
Thursday 5-8pm - fortnightly	Mexican Food Van in the Village Hall Carpark 03/04, 17/04/ 01/05 Fresh Fish Van - John Skelly visits Lawshall		
Friday 3-4pm			
	Dates for your diary		
Friday 16th May	Bingo at the Village Hall		
Wednesday 21st May	Community Café in the Village Hall		
Friday 23rd May	Community Friday in the Village Hall		
Sunday 25th May	Community Woodland		



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Just a Thought

It's during this month that we particularly remember the most important weekend of human history, which is the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; planned from the very beginning when God created the earth (Revelation 13 verse 8). It has prompted someone to pen the following poem.

Have you ever thought of what Easter really means, of the awful cross and the resurrection scenes. Jesus came from the peace of heaven to a sinful earth, to fulfil God's promise by a virgin birth.

He came to die was His foremost thought. so that into His Father's presence we could be brought. He was beaten. He was scorned, and was spat upon too; all that He endured was for me and for vou.

As Jesus was nailed to that cross of wood. if only we clearly understood, that the pain and agony He did bear, was by His love and through His pain-filled prayer.

As you open your Easter card or your chocolate egg, please take thought of the true Easter, I beg. Jesus died that we might live; only He could pay the price. as the way back to God is through Jesus, who is that perfect sacrifice.

Jesus has done what we could not do. and provides a way to God for me and for you. So, as your thoughts are drawn to Easter today. seek Jesus to be your Saviour; He's the Life, the Truth, and the Way.

We invite you to our Sunday morning services which are from 11.00 to 12.00 to find out more about the Lord Jesus Christ and why He came to earth. We also run a "Little Treasures" parent and toddler group on a Thursday morning 10.00 to 12.00 during school term.



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New leaves begin to unfurl in the hedgerows and woodlands and some early flowering plants are in evidence providing a splash of colour. From now on nature really steps up her game for time is of the essence as by the end of June much of the activity of creating new life will be over.

The small pond has received an extensive 'make-over' and it will be interesting to watch the colonisation of this larger water body over the coming months. Hopefully great crested newts will return to use it as a breeding pond. These are protected by law which is why pond work must be undertaken during the winter months when they are hibernating on land. They have been absent from the pond for a number of years probably because it has dried out during recent summers.

At the next woodland management morning on the last Sunday of the month we will be looking to protect the hazel stools which were coppiced last winter. Do come along. Refreshments are always provided.

Adrian Walters



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Dcllr Stephen Plumb holds a Ward Surgery in Glemsford every 3rd

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Great British Spring Clean

Please come along and help out between 10.30 and 12.30 on Sunday the 6th of April to give Lawshall a spring clean. (We'll be meeting outside the Village Hall). See Facebook for further information (Lawshall Neighbourhood Group).

Useful Online Reporting Tools

Many issues can be reported online by residents at <u>https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-online</u> including potholes, overgrown vegetation, littering and fly tipping. Floods can be reported at <u>https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk.</u> Local road closure information can be found at <u>https://suffolk.roadworks.org/.</u>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications are discussed in meetings, but the Parish Council can only submit their own comments. There is an 'Application search, track and comment' tool at <u>www.babergh.gov.uk/planning</u> which residents can use to find out more detail and make their own comments.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DC/25/00103: Householder Application. Erection of rear-side single storey extension including roof lights and front porch. Fieldfare, Shimpling Road, Lawshall. No objections from Lawshall Parish Council.

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED DC/25/00002: Householder Application. Erection of single storey rear extension and front porch with open timber canopy. 1 Brands Lane, Lawshall, IP29 4SF.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITIONS DC/25/00854:

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- Friday 18th April, 9am: Walk with the cross, from the crossroads at Lambs Lane to the Church
- Sunday 27th April 6.30pm: Evening Communion at All Saints, Lawshall

Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for details of services at other churches in the Benefice.

For general enquiries please contact: Revd. Matthew Lawson 01787 310 845 or Jean Clements Churchwarden 01284 828 423. For more information on the services and other events being held by All Saints' Church in Lawshall, please check out:

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Green Light Trust

Hello to everyone in Lawshall from the Green Light Trust!

As your local environmental wellbeing charity, we like to keep you updated with what we're up to across our camps.

At the beginning of the month we celebrated World Wildlife Day, an annual day that highlights the importance of plants and wildlife. At Green Light Trust our staff and participants will often come across some weird and wonderful creatures and in recent weeks members have spotted a drinker moth, a common lizard and even a white pheasant!

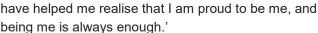
What wildlife have you seen around the village lately?

The wonderful work with our participants continues, and recently we had a participant running a craft activity at The Willows residential home. The group

made some stunning natural wreaths, perfect decorations in time for Spring.

We also caught up with one of our post-16 education participants who said:

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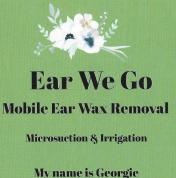
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In your garden...

As Debbie takes a break from her regular column, here are some tips I have gleaned from April editions of gardening magazines I have gathered over years. I knew they would come in handy one day!

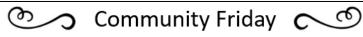
As the weather warms and our gardens spring into life it is time to get sowing, pruning and preparing for the growing season ahead.



- Prune hardy Fuchsia back to healthy buds. This will promote new growth for flowering later this summer and stop them getting woody.
- Ensure vibrant stem colour for next winter by pruning back
 Cornus and Salix hard now. Cut to just above the previous year's growth, or
 5-10cm from the ground.
- Autumn-sown Sweet Peas can be planted out, but it is not too late to sow fresh seed. Pinch out shoot tips once they reach 7-10 cm to encourage them to branch out.
- Hardy container-grown trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants can be planted now while the soil is moist and warming up.

If like me, you are more interested in growing plants you can eat, now is the time to get seriously sowing. Many herbs and vegetables can successfully be grown in pots and containers, so don't let the lack of a 'plot' put you off. My personal top tip would be to always check whether plants are frost tolerant - frosts often occur until the middle of May, so always check, and if possible, bring any seedlings you are nurturing inside at night until the possibility of frost has passed. There are many gardeners offering advice online, my Youtube favourites include Benedict Vanheems, Charles Dowding and Steve Richards, but perhaps you have your own?

Happy Gardening! - Julia



Join us on the fourth Friday of each month for a friendly get-together



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For further details contact Wendy Harris grandmacoee@yahoo.co.uk

From the Archives April 2025

It is with great sadness on behalf of myself, and his children, that I write of the death of my brother Ray Debenham of Coopers Farm. Ray's funeral was held on the last day of February and there was a wonderful turn out of people at All Saints' Church. Ray was born at Coopers Farm on Melford Road in 1958 and farmed all his life on the same land that was farmed for the past 100 years, by our father Gerald and our grandfather Spencer. Ray attended both Lawshall and Shimpling schools and then continued his education at Clare and Sudbury. There was never any doubt that he would continue to farm the land when our father died in 1973, when Ray was just 14 years old. The engineering knowledge that his father Gerald had passed onto him and an apprenticeship at Barclay Motors served Ray well for the rest of his life. He had a passion for engineering and vintage machinery as well as Burrell Traction Engines. Ray was a true village man, his knowledge of the village was put to good use during the many years he was a member of the Parish Council. He also did work in the village, grass cutting, hedge work, snow clearing and often helping people when they first moved to the village. His sudden death was a shock to us all. Many of you will have seen him driving his replica Burrel Traction Engine round the village.



Building the first of three replica engines took a number of years as it took a long time to make the wooden patterns used to create the castings. These Traction engines are a testament to Ray's dedication, engineering skills and craftsmanship.

The replicas are of the engine on the next page, one that grandfather used on the farm and was kept at the engineering works at The Foundry on Bury Road, now the headquarters of Green Light Trust.



Bird Notes

Last month I wrote that we would expect our first chiffchaffs in the second week of March. However, some seem to have arrived earlier this year as we saw and heard one singing at Lackford lakes on the 3rd March, and the first one we saw in Lawshall was in Golden wood three days later. By the 9th March we could hear at least three in the wood. Let's hope it's a good year for migrant birds and we get some summer weather!

On that visit to Lackford lakes on 3rd March we could see all the duck and geese really well as the sun was shining brightly on a cold, crisp morning. There was nothing spectacular to see, but it was nice to note the plumage so clearly on the teal, wigeon, mallard and shoveler. Strangely for Lackford, we



didn't see any snipe during our walk round - maybe that can be put down to old eyes not seeing as well as they used to. A pair of grey wagtails having a drink from a small pool made up for the missing snipe.

The reserve has had a lot of work done recently - a lot of reed has been cleared, the rejuvenating reeds will make good habitat for the small birds this year. Also, some of the small wood area has been cleared to let in more light to the ground and encourage growth of low level vegetation. The new paths also make walking round the reserve much easier.

Much of the work done at Lackford is reflected in the work done in our Golden wood by the team of volunteers who hold monthly work parties to achieve their goal of keeping the wood in a viable condition for us and the wildlife to use all year round. Please think about joining the work parties, or giving donations through the Friends of Golden wood scheme.

Cliff Cooper

Lawshall Ladies

Lawshall Ladies meet once a month to take part in a wide range of social activities.

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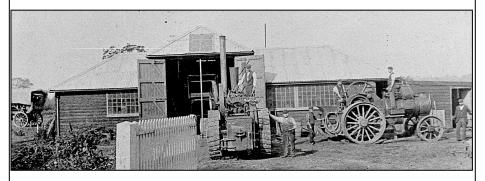


Gerald Debenham with the BUR-RELL 7HP SINGLE CYLINDER ENGINE 'Betty' CF 7108, at the back of Coopers Farm in 1931. Remarkably Betty has survived and is still in working order, she was built in 1926.

Garden Farm, Rectory Corner. Spencer Debenham with Ann Maria Debenham, his aunt, in about 1908. The lady on the left was a school teacher in Lawshall.

This photo is a good example of how properties change over the years.

<u>In December 1919, Spencer Debenham bought two meadows, a house and the Foundry in Lawshall for £450.</u> In 1925 he was described as an Agricultural and Motor Engineer, Coal Merchant and Ford Specialist.



If you enjoy looking at these old photos of the village and have any that you could share for the Archives, I would be very grateful.

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