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Lawshall Carpet Bowls: every 1st and 3rd Mon 2-4pm ; contact 07976 313 137

Lawshall Ladies : meetings once per month, days vary, 7pm for contact see p29

Table Tennis Wednesdays 7.30pm, Contact Julian on 07976 313 137

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Editorial

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

Some of Lawshall's most attractive features - its gently rolling topography and historic hedge rows - mean that the delivery of our village magazine is quite demanding. As more properties are added to the round, the job is becoming harder still. I was hoping therefore, that some residents who live down particularly long drives or at the furthest extremities of the village might be willing to help. Could you perhaps pick up a copy from the Church, the Swan or the Village Hall? Could you take in one or more copies for neighbours and then pass them on? If you can see a way in which you can help to keep our special village resource sustainable, please get in touch either by email or text or find me at the Community Café.

It has been another busy month in Lawshall, with the Community Café, Community Friday, Bingo, Strawberry Cream Tea and a Charity Bike ride all bringing residents together to both enjoy each others' company and mark the passing of a respected friend. Please see below for relevant coverage in this edition.

Congratulations to M Wilson, who wins this month's £50 lottery prize. The lottery is an important source of income for the Village Hall, so if you haven't yet joined, please see p6 for information on how to sign up. Multiple tickets can also be purchased if you would like to increase your chance of winning!

With very best wishes,

Julia

Ps the front cover this month is a traditional Suffolk Horseshoe corn dolly

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News from St Nicholas Hospice Care

It's hard to express just how much it means when our community rallies behind St Nicholas Hospice Care and so far this summer that support has been in full bloom.

In June, around 850 people took part in our Sunset Walk, only the second time we've held this special event. As the sun set over Bury, families, friends and colleagues walked side by side, some in remembrance, others in celebration, but all united for hospice care.

Just a week later, over 1,500 visitors wandered through the Hidden Gardens of Bury. More than 30 generous garden owners opened their gates, sharing hidden courtyards, colourful borders and peaceful green spaces.

Together, these events will help fund the £22,000 the charity needs to raise every day to continue its work across West Suffolk and Thetford.

If this summer's spirit of giving has inspired you, why not look ahead to 2026?

The hospice has recently launched two bucket list fundraising challenges: a London to Paris cycle ride, and a Sahara Desert Trek. Whether you fancy cycling to the Eiffel Tower or hiking under desert stars, you'll make memories to last a lifetime and raise vital funds for local hospice care.

To everyone who's walked, opened a garden gate or is planning an adventure: thank you for standing with us.

Find out more about hospice fundraising challenges here:

https://stnicholashospice.org.uk/event_categories/challenge/

Lawshall Ladies

Lawshall Ladies meet once a month to take part in a wide range of social activities. Our next meeting will be a boat trip to the Swan at Henny.

For any further information about Lawshall Ladies, please contact:

Sarah Warboys 07885 470385 or Claire Ramsey 07415 195289

District Councillors for Chadacre Ward:



Stephen Plumb stephen.plumb@babergh.gov.uk and

Michael Holt Michael.Holt@babergh.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.

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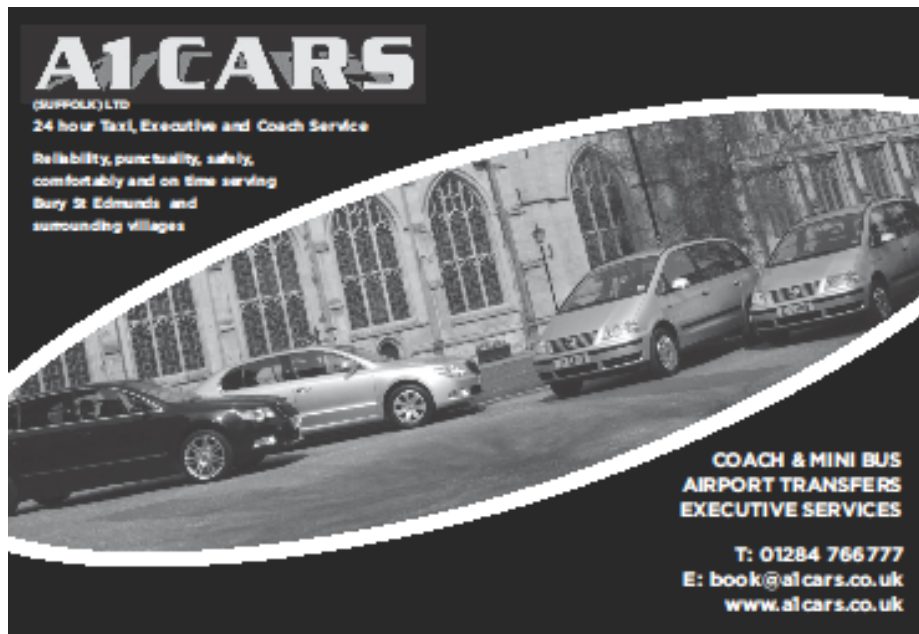
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What's On in Lawshall in August 2025

Coming up...

Friday 15th 7pm	Bingo in the Village Hall	
Wednesday 20th 10.30am - 12.30pm	Community Café in the Village Hall	p12
Friday 22nd 2pm - 4pm	Community Friday in the Village Hall	p27
Sunday 31st 9.30am - 12.30pm	Lawshall Community Woodland	p29

Regular events...

Monday 2pm	Carpet Bowls in the Village Hall, August 4th and 18th	
Monday and Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Table Tennis in the Village Hall	
Tuesday 10 - 12.15am	Pilates in the Village Hall	p18
Wednesday - fortnightly	Knit, Knot & Natter at the Swan	p23
Friday 3-4pm	Fresh Fish Van - John Skelly visits Lawshall	

Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 9th September	Next Parish Council meeting (no meeting in August)
Saturday 13th September	Duck Race in the Village Hall (see p6)
Wednesday 17th September	Community Café in the Village Hall
Saturday 20th September	Harvest Supper
Friday 26th September	Community Friday in the Village Hall
Saturday 4th October	Barn Dance in the Village Hall

LAWSHALL VILLAGE HALL

IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS...

BINGO

Monthly on the third Friday of each month 7-9pm. Next session Friday 15th August . £8 entrance (cash only) to include one book of four games, cash prizes. 18+. Refreshments and BYOB.

DUCK RACE - Saturday 13th September, 7pm - 10.30pm

HARVEST SUPPER (Together with All Saints' Church) Saturday 20th September

BARN DANCE - Saturday 4th October 7pm - 10.30 pm

After the success of last year's barn dance, the committee is delighted to have secured the return of the Catch the Pigeon caelidh band.

QUIZ - Saturday 22nd November

More details to follow. Everyone welcome! We look forward to seeing you!



The easiest way for Lawshall residents to support their village hall is to participate in the monthly lottery. A ticket costs just £2 per draw and setting up payment using your banking app could not be easier. You just need to create a payment of £2 payable to:

Account: **Lawshall Village Hall**
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Lawshall Evangelical Free Church

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Just a Thought....

The Greek philosopher Plato, living around 400 years before Christ, wrote: "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when adults are afraid of the light." An interesting comment, and being a philosopher he probably wasn't referring to physical light.

When Jesus was here on earth He gave the reason why by nature we are afraid of the light. Having declared Himself to be the Light of the world, He said that many would not come to Him for fear that their deeds would be exposed (John 3 v 20), even though He offers eternal life and has promised to receive anyone who comes to Him in repentance.

A modern hymn declares that the light of His love is shining in the midst of the darkness; and through His sufferings and death on the cross for us His love is shining at its brightest, to the extent that Jesus declared that all kinds of people would be drawn to Him when they understood it. (John 12 v 32). God commends His own love for us in that while we were still sinners - i.e. going our own way and ignoring Him - Christ died for us (Romans 5 v 8). In the words of another hymn - "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all".

We invite you to our Sunday morning service 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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July 2025 Draw**

1st Prize £50	M Wilson	126
2nd Prize £20	Mr & Mrs Mound	427
3rd Prize £10	I Grant	120
4th Prize £10	R Bolton	113
5th Prize £10	Mr & Mrs Davis	269

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

Strawberry Cream Tea

Our Strawberry Cream Tea event was a great success, with every table filled.



Those present enjoyed a delicious home-baked scone, strawberry jam and clotted cream as well as fresh strawberries.

Our guests arrived promptly and stayed well into the afternoon. Given the abrupt change in the weather, what better way to spend the time?

Many thanks to the Community Café catering team and it was my pleasure to provide the musical accompaniment.

Julia



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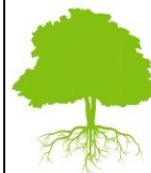
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Lawshall Community Woodlands Forest for Our Children

Rubus fruticosus or bramble is not the most popular plant in our countryside. It is a sub-species of the rose family which includes raspberries though they get somewhat better press, but they don't grow in the wild here.

Through the summer months the arching thorny branches of bramble grow at an incredible speed and catch the clothing of passing walkers. Where these arching branches touch the ground new roots grow and thus the bramble 'bush' grows larger and larger until it becomes a huge tangle of thorny scrub.

The somewhat despised bramble is, in fact, a wonderful plant for wildlife. During the spring it may harbour the nests of long-tailed tits and whitethroats. They will find many insects within the thickets with which to feed their broods. Come early summer the bramble bursts into flower, offering pollen and nectar to a huge range of insects including bees and butterflies. On a warm, still and sunny day flowering bramble will be swarming with insects.

Come late summer its botanical name 'fruticosus' literally bears fruit, and the ripening blackberries provide food for insects, birds and mammals. Its redemption, of course, is that we can also pick this free and healthy fayre although few people seem to do so nowadays. It may have something to do with the general disconnect with the countryside or the hectic lifestyles that we all seem to lead, although I always make allowances for a blackberry or two. For those interested in gathering the berries it is important to pick them in good time otherwise the Devil will ruin them! Actually, it is a flesh-fly which dribbles saliva on the ripe berries and turns them into an unappetising mush. There should be blackberries when we meet on the last Sunday of this month. Why not come along and try some?



Green-veined white on bramble

Adrian Walters



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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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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 www.babergh.gov.uk/planning which residents can use to find out more detail and make their own comments.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/02356

Proposal: Conversion of redundant cart lodge to 1no. self-build dwelling.
Location: The Limes, Hibbs Green, Lawshall, IP29 4QG. Lawshall Parish Council objected to this application as it does not comply with Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan policies LWL1, LWL2, LWL3, LWL12.

DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS APPLICATION – DC/25/00103

Proposal: Condition 4 (Biodiversity Enhancement Layout). Location: Fieldfare, Shimpling Road, Lawshall, IP29 4QE.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/02881

Proposal: Householder Application. Erection of an extension to detached garage to form garden room. Location: The Old Rooster Shed, Folly Lane, Lawshall, IP29 4DQ. Extension requested for return of comments until the 31st of July 2025.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION- DC/25/02970

Proposal: Householder Application. Erection of a modular pent shed. Location: Drakes Moat, Lambs Lane, Lawshall, IP29 4PR. Extension requested for return of comments until the 31st of July 2025.

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Ian Copping

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Bird Notes

Last month I wrote that the birds seemed to be enjoying the warm, dry weather in the early summer as they got on with their nesting. Well, this certainly has been true around our house as the hot weather continued throughout July - the nesting has continued and some pairs are on their second, or in the case of some blue tits and black birds even third, brood of the year. This can only be good for some of the species that have been struggling in recent years, a boost in their numbers now will give them more of a chance in future times when the conditions might not be so favourable to them.



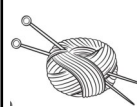
Black bird's nest

Who knows what August will bring this year, but if it turns out to be anything like normal then the season will have been a success for all the birds in my neighbourhood. We have young birds of several species coming to our feeders on a regular basis while we can still hear male birds singing to defend territories and attract a mate in order to breed again.

Despite the very dry period we have witnessed, there still appears to be plenty of insect life in the air and on the ground to provide food for hungry mouths. As with us and our farmers, the main problem for the birds is fresh water. If you are able to put out water containers for the birds, please ensure that the water is changed as often as possible and the area cleaned to prevent the spread of disease. You will be rewarded with visits from quite a few different species as they stop by for a drink or a bathe.

Butterflies are also having a much better time this year following last year's disastrously wet, cold summer. Most of our regular species are having a resurgence this year as the warmer weather helps them in all forms of their life cycle.

Cliff Cooper



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Lawshall Garden Club

August will hopefully return us to some more normal temperatures, rather than the heatwave of July! If you have a Pyracantha, that is producing lots of berries, cut back any new growth, to display the berries better and will supply good winter feed for our feathered friends. Lavender can be clipped back and the flower heads left to hang and dry in your shed.

This is the time of year when acid loving plants like Azaleas, Camellias and Rhododendrons, start to form their flowering buds. To ensure healthy and strong buds, give them a good feed and keep them well-watered, so that the buds don't dry out and fall off with the first frosts.

Hydrangeas are very thirsty and hungry plants so keep them fed and watered well if you want the flowerheads to be strong and long lasting. Climbing Hydrangeas can be pruned.

Dahlias are now coming into flower - regular deadheading will encourage them to form many more flowers over the next few months.

There are always things to do in the garden. Here is a sample of what you can be doing:

- Deadhead roses and border flowers.
- Feed tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and hanging baskets every week.
- Continue to remove side shoots from tomatoes and pinch them out after four or five trusses.
- Prune rambling roses, removing up to a third of stems that have flowered, and tie the rest to supports.
- Sow cyclamen seeds.
- Strim or mow areas of wildflower meadow, now that the plants have scattered their seeds.
- Turn compost to speed up decomposition
- Summer prune wisteria by shortening all long side shoots to about 20cm
- In dry spells avoid cutting the lawn too short. Leave the grass a little longer and it will remain greener.

However, the main thing is to enjoy your garden!

Happy gardening everyone.

Debbie Parker LAWSHALL GARDEN CLUB TREASURER

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From the Archives July 2025



The photo above, of a GYROTILLER, was taken at Harrow Green in 1938. Sadly we don't know who the two men are, if anyone recognises them please let me know. This enormous machine was built by John Fowler of Leeds between c.1927 and 1939. It had a Mann Diesel engine which was used in submarines and were used as part of the war effort to clear and reclaim land ready to grow crops. I was told that the last one in this country was sold to a collector in South Africa for over £2 million, but recently a Lawshall resident posted a photo taken in the 1990s at the Dorset Steam Fair. I would imagine this machine had a lot of attention when it was working in the village.

The following information was taken from David Burt's post on 7th June on the [Rural West Suffolk Facebook site](#). I have shared this photo to the site to add to his information below 'The Fowler Gyrotiller first produced in 1927. It was able to go through previously uncultivated land, even that covered by scrub, at a rate of 1 acre in two hours. It was used to bring previously unproductive land into agricultural use. At full depth the gyro cutters could make mincemeat of tree roots and heavy clay.

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They were blamed for bringing up too much subsoil and would have destroyed any underlying archaeology. Eight machines were working in East Anglia, with an operating base and yard at 64 Creeting Road, Stowmarket. By the mid '40s, machines were still on arable work, but the removal of hedges, plantations and

woods was increasing rapidly. The Gyrotiller (working in reverse) was the 'best' machine ever! You could reverse the skives into the bank or hedge at a slight angle, stirring out the roots, then draw forward in the same trackmark. The skives would move all the ground and level it at the same time. In the case of a very big butt end of a large tree, a contractor would use a high explosive blast to split the butt end for the skives to churn out. All roots were always left churned out on the ground surface.'



Last month, I had an excellent guided tour round Ickworth House with a lovely Lawshall Lady. Seeing pictures of the 'servants' who worked there reminded me of this photo of Violet and Florence Moss in the 1930s who worked at Coldham Hall. Looking closely at the photo it doesn't look like the Hall in the background and I seem to remember someone telling me that they sometimes went to the London house when the family were in town. Have any Moss family members got stories or photos please?

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