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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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Route 10: Tuesdays, 18 November, 16th December - Melons Green, 12.50-1.05pm

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Early every Monday or Friday morning alternating weekly with blue bin & black bin
(Tuesday/Saturday morning collection in week following a bank holiday).

Editorial

Hello everyone and welcome to the December edition of Round & About Lawshall. It is hard to believe that this is the final edition of 2025!

In this month's magazine you will find another wide selection of articles, reflecting all that has happened in Lawshall over the last few weeks. There are also several announcements about festive activities, so do keep your copy of R&A to hand!

As the year draws to a close, the Village Hall Committee would like to extend its sincere thanks to all those who have supported the Village Hall this year. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group who maintain the grounds and I was blown away earlier in the year by the speed with which so many of you volunteered to help deliver this magazine. In addition to those who give their time, we would also like to thank everyone who subscribes to the lottery, advertises in the magazine and hires the hall. A big thank you too must go to our caretaker Sharon Marshall, who is so ably assisted by her husband Darren. All of you are helping to secure the future of our essential village resource.

Congratulations to P Driscoll, who won November'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 p11 for information on how to sign up. Multiple tickets can also be purchased if you would like to increase your chance of winning!

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas,

Julia

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Just a Thought....

Someone has said: *"To the natural human mind the life of Jesus is bracketed by two seeming impossibilities - a virgin's womb and an empty tomb. Jesus entered our world through a door marked, "No Entrance," and left through a door marked, "No Exit.""*

God declared through the prophet Isaiah that He would take on a human body and be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7 v 14), and about seven hundred years later He kept His word when Jesus was born of Mary (Luke 1 vs 26 -35). However, just as on that first Christmas, there was no room for Jesus in the inn, not much has changed since, as the world never wants to make room for Christ at Christmas or in everyday life.

Jesus declared that He was hated by the world because He said that peoples' deeds were evil (John 7 v 7). After a life of doing only good they proved His words true by having Him killed. They put His body in a tomb and sealed it with a huge stone to shut Him out of our lives forever. But God removed the stone and raised Him from the dead to prove that Jesus will not be shut up or shut out of His plans. One day Jesus will return to this earth again; but He will come as a judge not as a saviour. And the way to be ready is to willingly submit your life to Him today. Will you continue to shut Jesus out or will you let Him in? *There is no other name given amongst men by which we must be saved. Acts 4 v 12*

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For an informal chat and role description, please contact Peter Ward at:

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What's On in Lawshall December 2025

Coming up...

Saturday 6th December 6pm	Lighting of the Village Hall Christmas tree and communal carols	p6
Saturday 6th 2pm-6pm - Sunday 7th 2-4.30pm	Christmas tree festival	P 13
Tuesday 9th 7.30pm	Lawshall Parish Council in the Village Hall	p9
Saturday 13th 10.00am - 4.00pm	Winter Wonderland at The Foundry	p17
Wednesday 17th 10.30am - 12.30pm	Community Café in the Village Hall	p6
Wednesday 17th 7pm	Carols in The Swan	
Friday 19th 7pm	Bingo in the Village Hall	p24
Sunday 21st 4pm	Quiz at The Swan	p4
Sunday 28th 9.30am - 12.30pm	Lawshall Community Woodland	p31

Regular events...

Monday 2pm	Carpet Bowls in the Village Hall, December 1st and 15th	
Monday and Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Table Tennis in the Village Hall	
Tuesday 10 - 12.15am	<i>Pilates in the Village Hall Not on in December - resumes in January</i>	p18
Wednesday 4.45-6.15pm	Fish & Chip Van in the VH Car park	
Wednesday - fortnightly	Knit, Knot & Natter at the Swan	p25
Friday 3-4pm	Fresh Fish Van - John Skelly visits Lawshall	

Dates for your diary...

Friday 16th January	Bingo in the Village Hall
Wednesday 21st January	Community Café in the Village Hall
Friday 23rd January	Community Friday in the Village Hall resumes

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IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS...

BINGO

Monthly on the third Friday of each month 7-9pm. Next session Friday 19th December. £8 entrance (cash only) to include one book of four games, cash prizes. 18+. Refreshments and BYOB.

SWITCHING ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS and pop-up choir, Saturday 6th December 6pm at the Village Hall,

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



Switching on the Lawshall Christmas Tree Lights

Saturday 6th 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!



Green Light Trust

We hope everyone in the village is enjoying the change in seasons as we edge closer to Winter!

We are especially excited as we prepare for Father Christmas visiting us at The Foundry....

On Saturday 13th December, join us at Green Light Trust for a magical Winter Wonderland! Father Christmas will be paying a special visit to the Foundry where he would love to meet your little ones and give them an eco-friendly gift to take home.

There will be other fun and festive activities too, S'mores and chestnuts by the open fire, hot chocolate and sweet treats, and handmade craft stalls.

£6 for children meeting Santa and £2 for general entry.

Visit our website for more information and to purchase your tickets:

www.greenlighttrust.org/event/woodland-wonderland/

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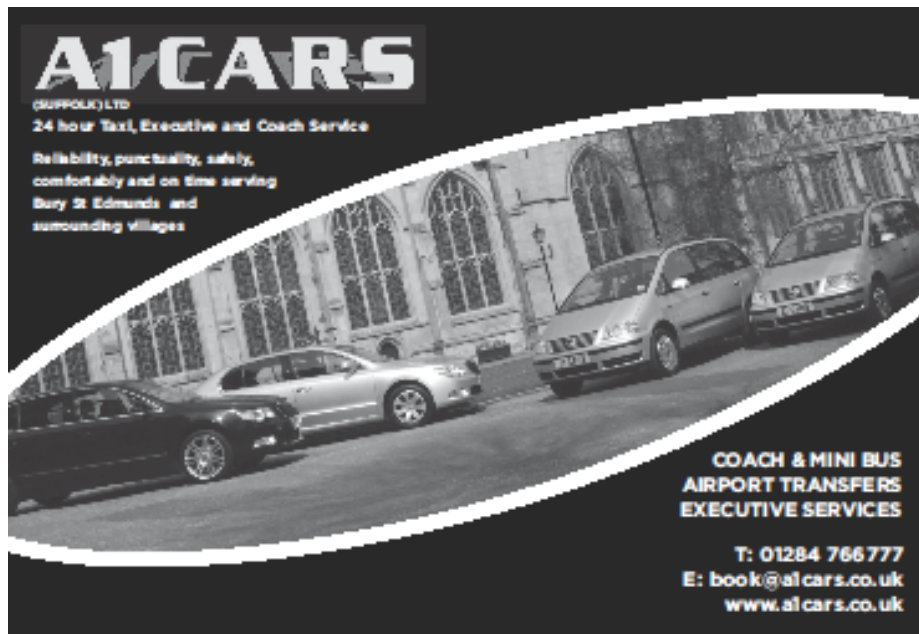
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November 2025 Draw**

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2nd Prize £20	C Cooper	170
3rd Prize £10	J Edgar	430
4th Prize £10	Mrs Fallows	422
5th Prize £10	M Dance	200

If **you** would like to support your Village Hall lottery download an application form from the village hall website at
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December 17th
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LAWSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On Sunday 9th November, family and friends of the late Ray Debenham joined members of Lawshall Parish Council to dedicate a bench to his memory. The bench has been situated in Walcher's Meadow, looking over the wildflower meadow there.

Mark Anson, Chair of Lawshall Parish Council, thanked everyone for coming and described Ray's contribution to the village, through his seat on the Parish Council and his willingness to use his machinery, materials and time to maintain, repair and improve the village.

Elizabeth Clarke, Ray's sister, extolled his remarkable memory and his knowledge of the village. From the siting of drains, culverts and previous repairs, to who the local landowners were and how to get hold of them. He spent his entire 67 years in Lawshall and with that came a deep understanding of the village and its people.

She remarked that the bench had a lovely outlook over the wildflower meadow and was almost within sight of Ray's home at Coopers Farm. He would be much missed, but the bench was a reminder of his contribution to the parish.



CLOCK UPDATE

Lawshall Parish Council is frustratingly awaiting further repairs to the war memorial clock.



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- ✓ Lock doors and windows.
- ✓ Use lights or timers when you're out.
- ✓ Report any suspicious activity to the police immediately.
- ✓ Keep an eye out for neighbours.

Let's look out for each other and keep our village safe. Please share this message so everyone stays aware.

POTHOLE REPORTING

Please take action to report potholes at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-online> so that the district council is aware of the work that needs doing and can get these fixed. Remember to include a what3words reference if possible so that the location can be found easily.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

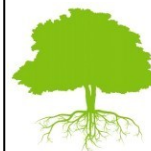
Planning applications are discussed in meetings, but the Parish Council can only submit their own comments. There is an 'Application search, track and comment' tool at www.babergh.gov.uk/planning which residents can use to find out more detail and make their own comments.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/04294

Proposal: Householder application - Extending existing bedroom to line with front of bungalow, rising roof of garage, converting garage space to bedroom with ensuite, render to rear walls, cladding applied to front walls, erection of boundary wall with railings & piers, erection of 1.8m high side boundary fence. Location: 5 Churchill Close, Lawshall, IP29 4PQ. No objections from Lawshall Parish Council.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/03201

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a 3 x wooden clad stables, tack room, hay store and storage where existing static caravans were positioned. Location: Folly Farm, Folly Lane, Lawshall, IP29 4TJ. No objections from Lawshall Parish Council.



Lawshall Community Woodlands Forest for Our Children

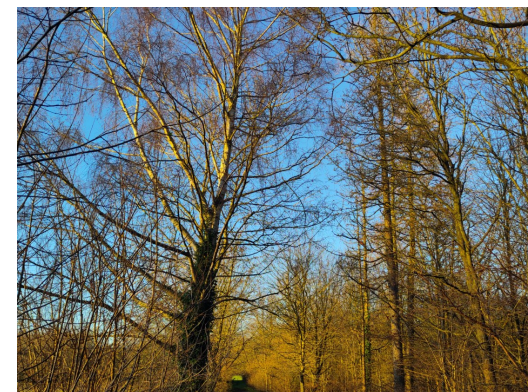
Although the calendar year is rapidly drawing to a close, the woodland year actually begins in October with coppicing and marks the beginning of the busy winter schedule when nature is largely dormant.

It is perhaps a time to reflect on these community assets and although we are now a relatively small band of volunteers, when the trees were being planted from 1993 onwards we could count on the help of up to eighty people - a veritable forest of planters! At that time the woods consisted of row upon row of ugly plastic tubes but out of them have arisen the wonderful woods that now benefit our community and the planet. If you are in need of a little 'downtime' the value of a quiet walk in those woodlands should not be underestimated.

This month's management morning on Sunday the 14th of December is in Crooked Wood near Lawshall Green, where this community project began. We shall be stacking cordwood and clearing the top-wood into habitat piles. The aim is to let more light into the woodland to encourage the return of the wildflowers which colonised the field before the trees grew and shaded them out.

The woodlander volunteers wish everyone a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your new year's resolution could be to join us in caring for these tremendous village assets.

Adrian Walters



The Suffolk Mermaid Mobile Fish and Chip Van is under new management and will be in the Lawshall Village Hall Car Park on Wednesdays from 4.45 to 6.15pm.



Willows

Residential Care Home



The Willows is a friendly residential care home for elderly ladies and gentlemen and is part of the Extrafriend group of care homes.

We are situated in the village of Lawshall which is about 6 miles south of Bury-St-Edmunds, Suffolk. Set in 2 large tranquil landscaped gardens and surrounded by countryside, The Willows (Originally a farmhouse) has been sympathetically and tastefully extended and refurbished and is now home to 25 residents.

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APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/03831

Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission. (Access to be considered, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale to be dealt with under Reserved Matters Application). Erection of 5 no self-build/custom build dwellings. Location: Land At Melford Road, Lawshall. Objections from Lawshall Parish Council. Does not comply with Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan Policy LWL1, Policy LWL2, Policy LWL3 or Policy LWL13.

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED– DC/25/03203

Proposal: Householder Application. Erection of an extension to existing annexe. Location: Freors, The Street, Lawshall, IP29 4QA. No objections from Lawshall Parish Council.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/25/04806

Proposal: Householder Application. Erection of a new garage / annex for ancillary use. Location: Appleberry House, Folly Lane, Lawshall, IP29 4TH. Comments invited by 21st November 2025.

DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/24/03245 - Condition 3 (Biodiversity Enhancement). Location: Amber Cottage, The Street, Lawshall, IP29 4QA.

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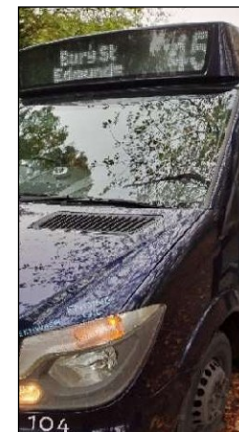
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All Saints' Church Tower Repairs



Work has started on repairs to the tower, with builders setting up lighting in mid November and scaffolding due to follow shortly afterwards. While work is undertaken, an assessment of the roof will also be carried out. Please support as many of our fundraising activities as you can as we try to raise more than £30,000 needed for the tower alone.

Jean Clements

All Saints' Church

December services at All Saints' Lawshall:

- Wednesday 17th December 7.00pm: Carols at the Swan Inn
- Tuesday 23rd December 6.30pm: Carol Service 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.

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Little Saplings would like to say a big thank you to all who supported our recent Firework event. We raised an amazing £1,123.17 which will support the continuing provision of exciting and enriching activities and experiences for the children in our care. We hope you enjoyed the fireworks as much as we did!

We have been noticing how the seasons change the world around us and we have been wrapping up warm and enjoying playing in our lovely outdoor area. We particularly like helping to clear up the leaves – and then jumping in them!

We are looking forward to sharing our annual Christmas event with our families. We always have so much fun making crafts, taking part in Christmas activities and creating lots of Christmas sparkle! We will be holding a fundraising raffle at this event, please contact us if you would like to buy tickets or support us with a raffle donation.

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Michael Holt Michael.Holt@babergh.gov.uk



Dcllr **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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Lawshall Garden Club 

Well, we have come to the end of another year in our gardens. I am looking back at what has worked in my garden, as well as what did not go as I planned and what I am planning ahead for 2026!

There are always jobs for the winter months, such as making sure your tools are clean and safely stored and clearing leaves from lawns and the tops of pots to prevent disease, which can damage grass and plants.

Pots and taps can be damaged by frost, so keep them protected and make sure they are also nice and clean, ready for planting up next year.

Birds will need feeding over the winter months, so make sure your feeders are clean and well stocked. Try to prevent ponds and bird baths from freezing over so that wildlife can drink and bathe when they want to.

Apple trees should be pruned at this time of year too, allowing for removal of diseased and damaged areas, opening up canopies to allow light in and reducing size if required. Apply a winter wash to fruit trees to prevent pest and disease problems affecting next year's crop.

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

You can also get ahead by sowing pelargonium seeds and some early crops too. Pelargoniums need a relatively long growing period to flower in their first year. If you have a propagator put it by a window to get maximum light. Sow the seeds into small pots and cover with vermiculite or sieved compost and place in the propagator.

Finally, don't be too quick to cut back some of the summer growth from 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 in the future, make notes, because spring will be here before you know it!

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

Debbie Parker LAWSHALL GARDEN CLUB TREASURER
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Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9th November villagers gathered to remember those service men and women who died during two world wars and subsequent conflicts. It was a solemn and moving occasion, with the laying of wreaths followed by two minutes' silence outside the All Saints' Church porch. Members of the armed services past and present, together with family, friends and other residents of Lawshall then moved inside the church for a short service. Many who were there commented on the care that had been taken to decorate the church both inside and out. Particularly striking was the external decoration of the porch, organised by Wendy Harris. The photograph here really does not do it justice, but hopefully readers were able to appreciate it during the lead up to remembrance when walking past.

Julia



BOOKS WANTED



We are collecting second hand books for a Church book sale in spring 2026, to raise funds for repairs to All Saints Church.

All donations gratefully received to be dropped off to Jan and Simon at Pantile Cottage (next to School House), or contact

Simon Hughes on 074 69048832 or

Wendy Harris on 079 00617833

Books can also be dropped off at the Community Café on Wednesday 17th December

Bird Notes

Suffolk has done rather well for rarities this autumn, with the shrike family being at the head of the list. First we had the red tailed (or Turkestan) shrike which stayed for some weeks. This was only the second such shrike to visit Suffolk, however, another one showed up a week or so later - this time a juvenile.

Next we had an Isabelline shrike come over the water to see us, another rare visitor to Suffolk. The third species of shrike seen here was a great grey shrike at Knettishall, and though we do get to see one or two of these most years they are always a pleasure. Shrikes are usually not all that difficult to track down once you know roughly their location due to them returning to the same spot repeatedly to impale their insect prey on barbed wire or large thorns before devouring it.



Isabelline Shrike

The smaller migrant birds have also featured well on the lists of Suffolk's keener birders. The warblers especially demand more skill in identification, especially as their plumage tends to be fading at this time of year and there is less song now. We have been blessed with several Pallas's warblers this



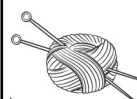
Pallas's Warbler

year: these tiny birds show a wide stripe down the centre of the head as well as eye-stripes. We also had a dusky warbler - in some ways similar to the Pallas's but without the central stripe and, as the name suggests, a much darker and more subdued feather colour. Yellow-browed warblers showed themselves in several places in the county too, mostly in coastal areas.

These small woodland birds appear here most years, but numbers vary year on year.

This is just a summary of some of the wonderful variety of birds you could see on a day at one of Suffolk's reserves. You don't need to be an expert as there will usually be someone around willing to help with identification.

Cliff Cooper



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Lindsay Bennett ☺



Veterans Team

The Veterans side had just one match this month, though for **Gary Armstrong** it was double duty — playing a full 90 minutes for both the Veterans and Sunday sides on the same day! His commitment to the club deserves special mention.

The team travelled to Chelmondiston full of confidence after two excellent wins, but despite goals from **Stuart Fowler**, who netted twice, they were beaten 7–2 . **Simon Cooper** produced several outstanding saves and was named **Man of the Match** for his efforts in goal.

U7's

Some of our U7's took part in the Ipswich Town Foundation 3v3 festival, Kyren, Hudson, Harry and Elliot have a brilliant time with lots of fantastic goals scored, Ian and Stuart were really proud of the team we will look forward to more events at Ipswich Town.

Come and Support Your Local Team

Upcoming fixtures are listed on our **website and Facebook page**, and supporters are always very welcome. Hot drinks are available at home games — it's a great opportunity to enjoy some local football and support your local team.

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Stu Fowler

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Our older pupils have had a particularly busy few weeks. After several weeks of rehearsals, Year 6 joined other schools from the Bury area to perform *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Theatre Royal, delighting a packed audience of friends and family. We were incredibly proud of their performance. Meanwhile, Year 5 spent a morning in Golden Wood coppicing willow as part of our Seed to Tree programme. We also sent a strong team of Year 5 and 6 pupils to represent the school at the Bury Schools Games rugby competition.

Our whole-school Diwali enrichment day was enjoyed by all. The children immersed themselves in the traditions of the festival through art, dance, cooking, and storytelling. Each class also enjoyed an Indian drumming workshop led by our wonderfully talented visitors.

Last week, the children observed a two-minute silence for Remembrance Day, following two weeks of dedicated poppy selling around the school by our Year 6 pupils.

If you have a little one and would like to find out if All Saints' is the place for them, please get in touch for a chat or tour with Mrs Lamb, our headteacher: 01284 828223.

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Coldham Hall FC

October was a busy month for all three Coldham Hall sides, with plenty of goals, commitment, and great team spirit on display across the board.

Saturday Team – Ipswich & Suffolk League Division 5

The Saturday team faced some tough opposition in both league and cup fixtures. They began the month with a 4–2 defeat to Claydon Reserves, though the scoreline did not truly reflect the game. The lads put in a determined performance against a side sitting top of the table.

A 4–1 cup defeat to higher-division Laxfield followed, but the team responded in style with two excellent league wins - a 5–2 victory over Thurston and a 4–1 win against Achilles. Those results lifted Coldham Hall up to fourth place in the table. Top scorer **Isaac Thomas** has been in remarkable form, scoring **20 goals in 11 games**, making him the division's leading marksman.

Sunday Team – Bury & District Sunday League

It has been a mixed run of results for the Sunday side, but with plenty of excitement along the way. They started the month against Bury Bear, racing into a 3–0 lead by half-time with two of our veterans getting on the score sheet: Stuart Fowler and Chris Drewery. The second half proved more challenging as Bury Bear fought back, but a fine last-minute save from stand-in goalkeeper **Kieran Brinkley** secured a 4–3 win and three points.

The team then faced Cedars twice in quick succession. After previously knocking them out of the cup, Coldham Hall were on the wrong end of a 3–0 defeat in the return cup fixture. That result left the side needing at least a point to progress from the group stage, but despite a strong performance against Chedburgh, they were narrowly beaten 4–3.

Their final match of the month saw another meeting with Cedars Park Rangers, the league's in-form team. After trailing 3–0 at half-time, the lads showed great determination to fight back, but a deflected shot sealed a 4–3 defeat.



Cedars Park Rangers V Coldham Sunday remembrance minute silence