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The proceeds from this magazine will go towards the upkeep and
improvement of Lawshall Village Hall, registered charity number 304911

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Village Clubs and Organisations - held in the Village Hall

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

Not in VH: Coldham Hall FC / Cricket - Contact Chris Toole; loftytoole@yahoo.co.uk or
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Route 10: Tuesdays, 7 April, 5 May - Melons Green, 12.50-1.05pm

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Just a Thought....

Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian Independence Movement, said, "Where there is love there is life." Which is why God is both the source and sustainer of life because "He is love" (1 John 4 v 8).

At Easter we particularly remember the greatest expression of that love in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ - planned even before He created the world! (Revelation 13 v 8).

However, if it is the case, as some say, that because 'God is love', everyone is welcomed into heaven, or as some others say, 'When you're dead you're done for', then the Lord Jesus Christ would never have been heard of, because He wouldn't have needed to come. He specifically came to deliver us from the eternal judgement we're facing by bearing it in our place, and even though His human nature was daunted by the prospect of the suffering He was about to experience (John 12 v 27, Luke 12 v 50), He declared that many would be drawn to willingly submit their lives to Him as a result (John 12 v 32). God's love is nowhere seen more clearly than at the cross at Calvary, in that even though we are by nature anti-God, Jesus willingly died for the sins of all who would repent and receive Him, and is why He declared that only He is the way whereby we can have fellowship with God; John 14 v 6: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no one comes to the Father except through Me". This Easter, have Christ, have God's unconditional love and have it today.

We invite you to our Sunday morning services to find out more about the truth of Jesus Christ and the reason He came to earth. Our service is from 11.00 to 12.00 every Sunday morning and we can pick up if required. We also run a "Little Treasures" Parent and Toddler group on a Thursday morning 10.00 to 12.00. Please refer to the "Little Treasures" diary page for further information on the website: www.lawshallfreechurch.org.uk



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What's On in Lawshall April 2026

Coming up...

Wednesday 1st 10.30am - 12.30pm	Community Café in the Village Hall	p8
Tuesday 14th 7.30pm	Lawshall Parish Council in the Village Hall	
Wednesday 15th 10.30am - 12.30pm	Community Café in the Village Hall	p8
Friday 17th 7pm	Bingo in the Village Hall	p6
Friday 24th 2pm	Community Friday in the Village Hall	
Sunday 26th 9.30am - 12.30pm	Lawshall Community Woodland meet at the Foundry	p29
Sunday 31st 4pm	Quiz at the Swan	

Regular events...

Monday 2pm	Carpet Bowls in the Village Hall (13th and 27th in April)	
Monday and Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Table Tennis in the Village Hall	
Tuesday 10 - 12.15am	Pilates in the Village Hall	p14
Wednesday 4.45-6.15pm	Fish & Chip Van in the VH Car park	
Wednesday - fortnightly	Knit, Knot & Natter at the Swan	p13
Friday 3-4pm	Fresh Fish Van - John Skelly visits Lawshall	

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 6th and 20th May	Community Café in the Village Hall
Friday 15th May	Bingo in the Village Hall

LAWSHALL VILLAGE HALL

IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS...

COMMUNITY CAFÉ - On the first and third Wednesday of each month

BINGO Monthly on the third Friday of each month 7-9pm. Next session Friday 17th April. £8 entrance (cash only) to include one book of four games, cash prizes. 18+. Refreshments and snacks on sale and BYOB.

QUIZ AT THE VILLAGE HALL - Sunday 17th May 3pm £12 per table of up to 6, or buy tickets individually and join an all-comers' table.

FAMILY FUN DAY 6th June further details to follow

STRAWBERRY TEA - Saturday 4th July

TABLE TOP SALE - Saturday 26th September

HARVEST SUPPER - together with All Saints' Church details to be confirmed

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING - Saturday 28th November £20 including refreshments

TURNING ON THE VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - details to follow



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

Sort Code: 20-16-12

Account number: 43282163

Reference: **Your name**

Account type - business



When asked by your app whether this is a regular payment, opt to pay monthly on the 1st. To complete your application, email Leanne Hornby your address so that she can register you and allocate your all important lottery number. leanneandpeter2@gmail.com



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2nd Prize £20	J Gazley	77
3rd Prize £10	O'Dell & Ross	359
4th Prize £10	K Rogers	13
5th Prize £10	U Matheson	262

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.

Quiz Time!

At Lawshall Village Hall

Sunday 17th May 3pm



£12 per table, maximum six per team

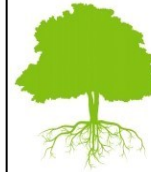
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Lawshall Community Woodlands Forest for Our Children



Spring is well into her stride, and this shows in our gardens as well as out in the countryside. In Golden Wood fresh green leaves are beginning the work of another year's tree growth. Bird song can be heard from every quarter as breeding territories are defined and defended. Flowers are growing and budding up for a wonderful display as well as providing food for bees, butterflies and other insects. The two ponds are also busy with life.

On the face of it everything seems to be fine. However, we already know that flea treated dogs in ponds cause havoc with the aquatic wildlife which is why we are so extremely grateful that owners keep their pets out of the water. Therefore it is with some shock to read that pet fur collected by birds to line their nests also poses a danger. Research suggests that these pesticides which contain neonicotinoids, were found in blue and great tit nests which were lined with some pet fur. The conclusion was that it led to a higher number of unhatched eggs as well as greater mortality among chicks which is something that would not spring to mind and is another unintended consequence of the use of these powerful flea treatments.

The government has finally stated that controls on the use of these chemicals would be tightened for their use in agriculture. Effective but more benign alternatives must be developed as continued research into their effects demonstrates that the neonicotinoids undermine various essential functions in insects including pollinating bees.

In terms of our pets, perhaps vets no longer prescribe flea treatments as liberally as previously. Our current cocker has never been prescribed these treatments, and he is now almost ten years old.

Adrian Walters



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.

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Care Manager, Mrs Teresa Strudwick says that: "The Willows is a care home where all clients are treated as individuals with dignity and respect and where client comfort and safety come first".

If you would like further information on admission arrangements and fees, please contact our Care Home Manager on 01284-830665 who will be pleased to answer any questions and arrange a tour of our Home.

We look forward to welcoming you to the

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LAWSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD KEMP



At this month's Parish Council meeting, our County Councillor, Richard Kemp, confirmed that he would be retiring from his seat at the election in May. Richard has been involved in all forms of local government since 1974 and was one of the founding members of Babergh District Council. He has stood as an independent councillor for the Melford division of

Suffolk County Council since 1993. He has always been a tremendous help to the village, with many financial contributions and other assistance over the years, and was a regular attendee at our monthly Parish Council meetings. His contribution to Lawshall Parish, Babergh District, and Suffolk County Councils over more than 50 years of service will be much missed, and we wish him well in his retirement.

MEADOW MANAGEMENT – SUPPORTING OUR POLLINATORS

Since 2022, Babergh District Council has been managing some areas of grass as meadows, letting the grass and native wildflowers grow to support wildlife, in particular pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies. This involves leaving the grass uncut from late Spring until Autumn.

We have been asked if there are any areas managed by BDC where residents would be interested in moving to this scheme. Any new area would be trialled for one year.

The principal areas managed by BDC in Lawshall are: the recreation ground accessed via Churchill Close, the grassed areas in the centre of The Glebe, and the grassed areas in front of Hall Mead, opposite All Saints' Church. Not all areas may be suitable or desirable, and residents may prefer that the grass is kept short. Residents are encouraged to contact the Parish Council with comments for or against this initiative, so that we can gauge response. Land owned by the Parish Council (e.g. Walchers Meadow) already has areas under meadow management and we are not looking to change this.

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Green Light Trust



We always love this time of year at Green Light Trust as the signs of Spring start to appear.

Our participants have been enjoying foraging in the woods and Ollie from our Step by Step group collected natural objects and transformed them into sensory shoebox.

He gathered: wooden cookies with numbers and pictures on them, wooden cookies with rough sandpaper and a soft fleece fabric, sticks which can be used to tap together and make a sound, and fir cones drizzled with essential oils.

For those of you interested in our Norfolk site, last week we started coppicing work over at Strumpshaw, as asked to by the RSPB. Our adult groups are cutting down & processing the wood to form stakes for the perimeter to be laid as a dead hedge. Once trees have been coppiced, they need fencing off to allow them to shoot and reduce the risk of being nibbled by deer. The aim is to get this area coppiced before the end of March, so it's all hand's on deck!

And finally, another reminder that our fire and glass walk is at the end of March. Even if you can't make it yourself we are still encouraging our supporters to give via our JustGiving page.

Phoebe Lucas

Marketing and fundraising officer

District Councillors for Chadacre Ward:



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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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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

These are discussed in meetings, but the Parish Council can only submit their own responses. Residents can find out more detail and use 'Application search, track and comment' at www.babergh.gov.uk/planning.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/05345

Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of an agricultural building. Location: Land To The North Of Corner Farm, Lawshall Road, Lawshall, IP30 0JP. Lawshall Parish Council have no objections to this application (by majority vote.)

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/25/04984

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of use from arable agricultural land to Birds of Prey displays, Experiences and Small Reptile Exhibits), including visitor parking, aviaries, reptile and reception buildings. Location: Land At Audley End, Melford Road, Lawshall, Suffolk. Lawshall Parish Council objected to this proposal due to lack of information on expected traffic levels and other issues relating to Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan Policies LWL17 and LWL21. Being considered by external planning committee (date to be confirmed.)

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 5no self-build/custom build dwellings. Location: Land At Melford Road, Lawshall. Objections from Lawshall Parish Council. Does not comply with Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan Policies LWL1, LWL2, LWL3 or LWL13. Being considered by external planning committee (date to be confirmed.)

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - DC/26/00284

Proposal: Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/19/04663 dated 21/02/2020

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Lawshall Little Saplings



After the Easter holidays we are looking forward to seeing our friends at Pre-School again and welcoming the new children starting with us. We know that they will soon settle in and enjoy learning through play as much as we do.

In April we will be taking part in an Art week to celebrate World Art Day. We will be exploring how artists create their work and having lots of (messy!) fun making our own art, especially when we mix our own paint colours.

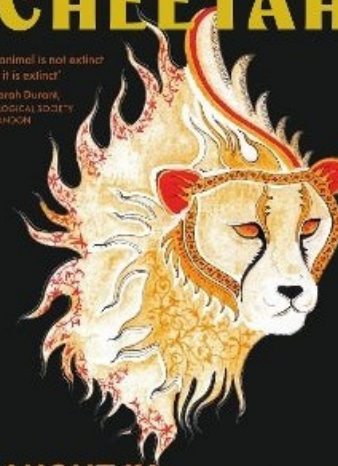
We love animals and this month we will also be learning all about different types of frogs, their life cycle, what they eat and where they live. Most importantly we will be learning what we can do to protect them.

We currently have spaces for 2-4 year olds and we would love to welcome more little explorers into our safe, nurturing environment. If you are looking for a Pre-School where your child can play, thrive and grow, please arrange to come and visit us. To arrange a viewing or for more information please get in touch:

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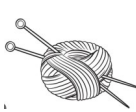
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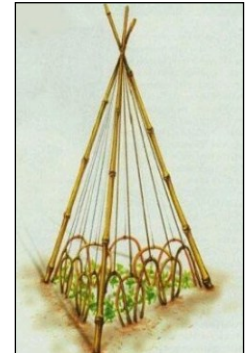
Spring is finally arriving! It seems to have been a long (dull and wet) winter. In the weeks ahead, I am looking forward to continuing to reshape some areas of my garden and trying out ideas, that I have dreamt up over the dull winter months.

Tulips take centre stage at this time of the year. However, if you want them to come up in the garden year after year, without having to dig them up and dry them, plant them in late autumn a good 20cm deep.

Looking out on my garden, with the spring bulbs bursting to life, it's easy to forget how much there is to do.

The gardening work calendar starts to lengthen from this month. Here are some of the things we should be getting on with:

- Start mowing the lawn on a higher cut, weather permitting and reseeding where necessary.
- Plant tomatoes in a greenhouse.
- Sweet peas can be planted out at the foot of a wigwam.
- Enjoy instant colour by planting Primulas and Polyanthus in pots and at the front of borders.
- Continue deadheading spring bulbs and bedding, so they don't waste energy setting seed.



Whatever happens in your garden, remember to take time to enjoy them! If you would like to join our meetings, please contact me on the email below.

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Unfortunately Our final game of the season against Benhall St Mary was called off at short notice, bringing our league campaign to a close. The squad have worked hard throughout the season and shown great commitment week in, week out.

Isaac Thomas unfortunately missed some games due to injury but still finishes with an outstanding 20 goals in 18 matches, as it stands 2nd overall in the league.

Sunday Morning Side

Another fantastic result for the Sunday team against title chasers Cedars Park Rangers. A run of solid performances really paid off as the lads secured all three points in a hard-fought 1-0 victory.

Robert Haydon scored the decisive goal in the first half. Both sides created plenty of chances, but the team defended well and held on for an excellent win.

A vital point was earned against Bury Titans who are top of the league also looking to push for the title, Goals from Callum Richardson and Robert Haydon secured the point finishing 2-2

Veterans

It's been a frustrating season for the Veterans side, with several games cancelled due to the weather and opponents unable to raise a team. This has meant we haven't had a consistent run of matches.

After two failed attempts to play our cup fixture, we unfortunately had to forfeit the tie. Kings Park were also unable to raise a side for a scheduled league match, which goes down as a home walkover.

We are hopeful that we can get more of our remaining league fixtures played. Next up is Bramford at home in Lawshall on Sunday 22nd with a 2:00pm kick-off - come along and support if you fancy an afternoon of local football.

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Our first visits to Shimpling Park Farm also took place last month. Year 5 spent the day exploring the farm, orchard and learning about how they heat the farm with woodchip boilers, while Year 3 learned about different types of farms, explored the farmyard, and rounded off their visit with a lively scavenger hunt.

Forest School sessions have continued, with the children relishing the chance to toast s'mores over the campfire.

Year 5 have also begun thinking ahead to their transition to upper school next year. Several pupils have already taken part in taster sessions, and we have welcomed visits from prospective schools. Year 6 took part in a drama-based morning focused on the theme of transition as part of the Brain Smart initiative.

We have announced the winners of our *No Mow May* poster competition. *No Mow May* is a conservation campaign encouraging people to put their lawnmowers away for the month of May. Allowing grass to grow gives wildflowers the chance to bloom, supporting vital pollinators such as bees and butterflies. It's a simple way to boost biodiversity and create habitats for wildlife. If you can't leave your whole lawn uncut, perhaps you could leave just a small patch. Keep an eye out for the winning posters around the village over the coming months.

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

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For general enquiries please contact:
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Bird Notes

At the end of February, well after I had submitted the notes for the March magazine, we had a chiffchaff in the garden. A couple of days later I could hear a blackcap singing from the hedge on Lawshall Row. Both these birds will have been here over the winter- it was too early for them to have migrated, especially as the predominant weather was coming from the north and west at that time. A friend told us she had noted both species singing in Golden wood too at that time. More and more warblers are staying here all year as our winters become meteorologically less severe, making it safer to stay rather than risking the long migration.

On a walk round Golden wood recently, I noticed a group of chaffinches, dropping to the ground from the ash and hornbeam trees, feeding on something on the ground, then returning to the trees. I have no idea what they were feeding on but it was very nice to see so many (probably about 20- mixed males and females). Our breeding population of chaffinches in the wood is not that high so these must have been birds from elsewhere. I have seen much larger flocks of winter chaffinches in the past, though this a sign that Golden wood is in good health.



Chaffinch

The pair of blue tits that have spent a lot of time in our garden over the cold season, making use of the permanent food supply, have now taken over the same nest box that they used so successfully last year. I am assuming it is the same pair, and hope they can repeat their success again this time - by starting their nesting so early they could raise three broods if the spring and summer are good with plenty of caterpillars.

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