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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 Mondays 7.30pm, Contact Julian on 07976 313 137

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Just a Thought....

Many in this world today still ask of Jesus Christ the same question that the Pharisees asked of Him some 2000 years ago, which is, "By what authority are You doing these things?" Mark 11 v 28.

However, like many today, they were not really asking for information: their question was filled with contempt and accusation. They were not searching for understanding: they were making a hostile inquiry, seeking to undermine Him.

Earlier in Mark 11 we read that they were "looking for a way to kill Him" (v18), so we know they were not looking to be enlightened - and Jesus knew that too.

Nevertheless the question is a good one to ask, providing we are not hostile and really want to know, by what authority Jesus said and did all that He did, and continues to do today.

In a world where there are umpteen teachings and authorities, it can be hard to know which way is right or true. We need to know why we should listen to Jesus Christ and follow Him. He will gladly show the way to anyone who is an honest seeker trying to understand. He said, "My teaching is not Mine but His who sent Me. If anyone is willing to do His will he will know whether My teaching is from God or whether I speak on My own authority." John 7 v 16-17.

Jesus invites us to see that He is the Son of God and that He has divine authority to heal and forgive. He also has authority to lay down His life for our sake, and to take it up again (John 10:17-18). Jesus has done all this for our salvation, and this is the most important truth to know

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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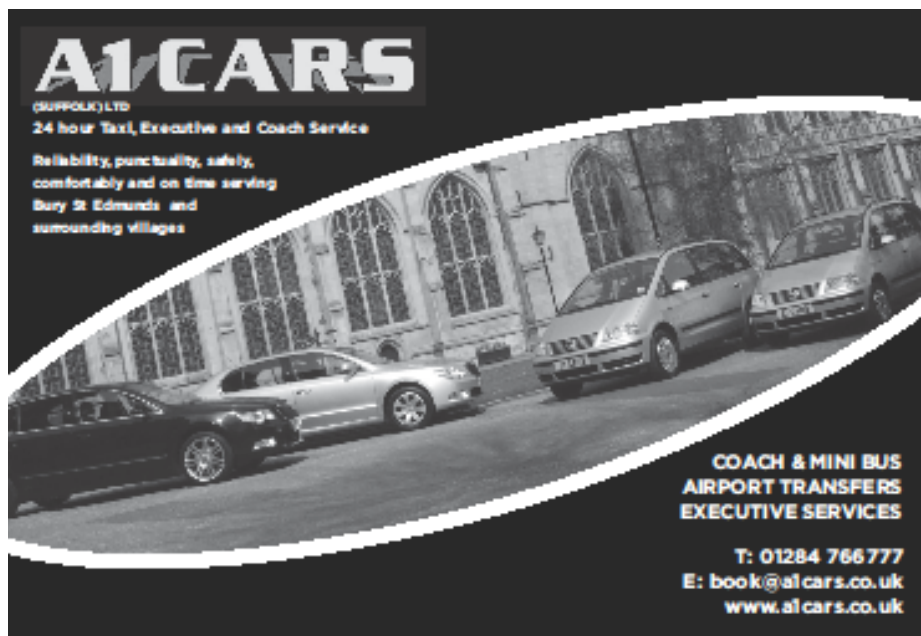
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What's On in Lawshall August 2026

Coming up...

Sunday 2nd August 2pm-5pm	Memorial for Dave Jack in Lawshall Village Hall	p26
Wednesday 19th 10.30am - 12.30pm	Community Café in the Village Hall	p6
Thursday 20th 7.00pm	Lawshall Ladies - Creative Cards in the Village Hall	p34
Saturday 29th August 10am - 4pm	Threshing Day at Cooper's Farm	p18
Sunday 30th August 10am-4pm	Farming Fun Day at Cooper's Farm in aid of BHF	p19
Sunday 30th 9.30am - 12.30pm	Lawshall Community Woodland meet at the Foundry	p31

Regular events...

Monday 2pm	Carpet Bowls in the Village Hall (10th and 24th in August)	
Monday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Table Tennis in the Village Hall	
Tuesday 10 - 12.15am	Pilates in the Village Hall	p14
Wednesday 4-6pm	Fish & Chip Van in the VH Car park	
Wednesday - fortnightly	Knit, Knot & Natter at the Swan	
Friday 3-4pm	Fresh Fish Van - John Skelly visits Lawshall	

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 2nd and 16th September 10.30-12.30	Community Café in the Village Hall
Friday 18th September 7.00pm	Bingo in the Village Hall
26th -27th September	Art Exhibition in All Saints' Church

LAWSHALL VILLAGE HALL

IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS...

COMMUNITY CAFÉ - Usually on the first and third Wednesday of each month. However, in August, Café' will be on **Wednesday 19th only**.

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

HARVEST SUPPER - Saturday 3rd October together with All Saints' Church

TABLE TOP SALE - Saturday 10th October - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

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

TURNING ON THE VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - Saturday 5th December



Community Café

Join us on Wednesday 19th August

10.30 – 12.30, Lawshall Village Hall

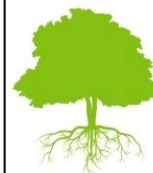
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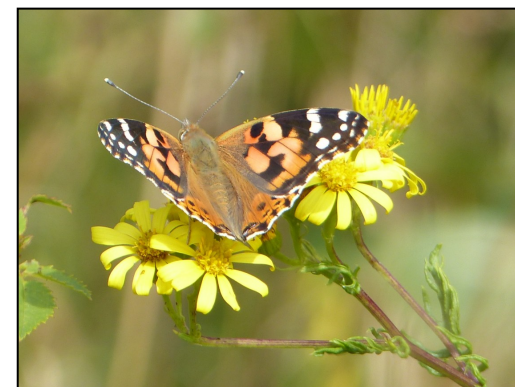


As an additional service to café patrons, we now collect small recyclable items such as batteries, printer cartridges and light bulbs.

All proceeds to Lawshall Village Hall



Lawshall Community Woodlands Forest for Our Children



With harvest well underway on the huge farm fields it is worth remembering that these arable areas are largely 'deserts' for much of our wildlife. Farmers do a great job in producing food, but some are now adding field margins and/or legume fallows to their field management. It is almost impossible to estimate the importance of these areas to our wildlife although professional surveys are undertaken to record the benefits.

We have always managed our two relatively new woodlands with wildlife in mind. Doubtless there are those who will view with askance the ragwort that grows there, yet thirty-nine species of invertebrate depend entirely upon this plant while many others benefit too.

We always ensure that any hay that is to be cut and baled for livestock winter feed is free from ragwort because of the alkaloid poison which remains in the hay but cannot be detected by the horses eating it. In large quantities the poison destroys the liver. Its botanical name *Jacobaea vulgaris* is rather at odds with St James, after whom it is named, as he is the patron saint of horses, but it refers to his saints day when it is in flower. While growing it has a very strong and rather unpleasant smell so that most animals leave it alone although sheep and goats can eat small quantities with no ill-effects. The name ragwort alludes to the ragged leaves. As a countryman of a certain age, it has taken me a lifetime to come to accept ragwort as a vital component of our diminishing flora.

The management morning at the end of this month will be in our small Crooked Wood at Lawshall Green.

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4th Prize £10	W Harris	382
5th Prize £10	D Siddaway	264

If **you** would like to support your Village Hall lottery download an application form from the village hall website at

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Or contact: **Leanne Hornby on 01284 830895**

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



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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

Willows Residential Home

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Lawshall Village Show

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's show with a good response despite the challenging weather. We have some really talented residents in our village. Thank you also to the staff and students of All Saints School and Little Saplings for their displays of artwork.

Thanks must also go to the many helpers, before, during and after the show. It cannot be done without you!

Wendy

Prize Winners:-

Flower Class.	Simon Hughes
Floral Art.	Hazel King
Vegetable Class	Ric Edelman
Home Produce	Debbie Thomas
Men only	Tom McClelland
Hobbies	Sue Jones
Children's.	Hope Mackie



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Lawshall Parish Council is hoping to make some improvements to the play-ground at Walcher's Meadow and welcomes residents thoughts about this. Please look out for updates on Facebook and in Round and About to get involved.

CAR PARKING ISSUES

Please be reassured that Lawshall Parish Council are working closely with All Saints Primary School and other organisations to find workable solutions. We will provide updates as we can.

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.

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/01818

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Conversion and extension of cartlodge to form 1no. self-build dwelling. Location: The Limes, Hibbs Green, Lawshall, IP29 4QG. Lawshall Parish Council objects to this application as the proposal does not comply with Neighbourhood Plan Policies LWL1 - spatial strategy, LWL3 - housing mix and LWL4 - dwelling extensions.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/02500

Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Erection of an ancillary annex. Location: Meadow Croft, Melford Road, Lawshall, Suffolk, IP29 4PX. Lawshall Parish Council have no objections to this application.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - DC/26/02521

Proposal: Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of planning permission DC/24/04368 dated: 07/10/2025 - Raising of the existing roof. Erection of 2No two storey front extensions, 2No two storey rear extensions, 2No rear dormer windows, 1 No one and a half storey front entrance extension. Removal of double garage and erection of a detached two bay carport. Location: Chegada, Melford Road, Lawshall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 4PX. Lawshall Parish Council object to this application as the proposal does not comply with Neighbourhood Plan Policies LWL3 - Housing Mix, LWL4 - Dwelling Extensions and LWL2 – Settlement Boundary.

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Lawshall Little Saplings



By the time you read this it will be the school holidays and we will have held our graduation ceremony for our Little Saplings moving on to 'big school'. We are so proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success in their new schools.



We are also incredibly proud of our first Ofsted inspection report since opening. This was under the new, more rigorous framework. We achieved a strong standard in two areas, and the expected standard in four. The inspection report recognised the kind and nurturing environment which our staff provide, which enables our children to become independent learners who are curious and enthusiastic about the world around them.

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All Saints' Church

Services in August:

2nd August 4pm Family Service with 'Sing Lawshall School Choir'
30th August 6.30pm Communion Service



Forthcoming Events:

26th -27th September Art Exhibition at All Saints
3rd October Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

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 Wendy Harris 07900617833. For more information on the services and other events being held by All Saints' Church in Lawshall, please check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AllSaintsLawshall

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APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/01476

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of 1no. self-build single storey dwelling and ancillary outbuilding. Location: Land To The West Of, Bury Road, Lawshall, Suffolk. Lawshall Parish Council objects to this application as the proposal does not comply with Neighbourhood Plan Policy LWL2 – settlement boundary. The revised plan is substantially enlarged and moves the house further away from the existing 5 self builds, so it should be considered in isolation. Awaiting decision.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/25/04984

(AMENDED AND RESUBMITTED)

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 planning Committee 22/07/26.**

From Lawshall to the Iranian Desert

The evening was stiflingly hot, but those of us who went along to the Village Hall were soon engrossed in all that Ric Edelman and Nigel Hughes had to tell us about their search for the Asian Cheetah. The evening was an enlightening and thought-provoking success. Ric read a couple of passages from his book ***Cheetah Caught in Conflict*** and talked about the inspiration behind the work, while Nigel gave an illustrated talk about the three visits Ric and Nigel had made to the Iranian Desert. Everyone present clearly enjoyed this village event. Thank you Ric and Nigel. - *Julia*



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Bird Notes

It is just the middle of July as I write these notes in order to meet the printer's deadline, but you could be forgiven for thinking that it might be the middle of August. Because of the very hot and dry weather all the grass is parched and brown, all the grain crops in the fields are ripening early, and everywhere looks bone dry.

All the butterflies are out earlier than usual, which means that the caterpillars and other insects would have been around earlier too and they are a major food supply to the birds as they are rearing their young.

The birds around me seem to have done very well - the house martins are on their second brood already and we have seen and heard up to twelve swifts screeching over the Glebe. I'm thinking that this group of swifts must include some of this year's birds as the most we saw last year was seven, nevertheless a move in the right direction for their survival.

A male blackbird brings his fully grown offspring into our garden regularly, our blue tits have raised one brood from the nest box, and the greenfinches and goldfinches are accompanied by youngsters. This indicates to me that they have all been successful despite the very hot, dry weather and the fact that a major food resource became available much earlier than normal. I had always believed that the birds started to breed according to day length rather than temperature or food availability. I might have to rethink that theory!



If the hot and extremely dry weather continues it might become a serious concern for young and old birds alike as the ponds dry up and a lot of the wayside plants wither. If you do consider putting out water and food for the birds please make sure that they are both replenished daily and that the area is kept clean to avoid disease spreading.

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The Sunday Side and Veterans recently held their end-of-season awards evening alongside a Race Night at The Red House. It was a fantastic evening, and we would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the event. Thanks to the generosity of everyone involved, an impressive **£640** was raised for the club, Special thanks to Pauline for her continued support for the club.



Congratulations to our award winners:

	Manager's Player	Players' Player
Sunday Side	Micky Boswell	Callum Richardson
Veterans	Stuart Fowler	Justin Crissell

The **Paul Parish Sportsman Shield** was jointly awarded to **Jamie Crissell** and **Stuart Fowler**.

Pre-season training is now underway for both senior teams, with a number of friendly matches taking place throughout August as preparations continue for the 2026/27 season. Fixture details can be found on our Facebook page, and spectators are always welcome.

Our youth season has also concluded another successful season with our End of Season BBQ. We would like to thank all of our volunteers, coaches, sponsors, parents and players for their continued commitment and support. The growth of the club would not be possible without the fantastic community that surrounds it.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to **Laura and Lawrence at The Swan** for kindly donating pizza vouchers for our raffle. Their generosity, along with the support of all our local sponsors and businesses, is greatly appreciated.

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Lawshall Garden Club

August will hopefully give us some respite from the high temperatures of July and also some much needed rain for our gardens! Dahlias are now coming into flower, regular deadheading will encourage them to form many more flowers over the next few months.

Acid-loving plants like Azaleas, Camellias and Rhododendrons, start to form their flowering buds in this month so, 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.

Cut back any new growth of Pyracantha, to display the berries better, and this will also 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.

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

- Deadhead roses and border flowers.
- Trim hedging.
- Feed tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers as well as 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.
- Prune shrubs such as Buddleia, Holly, Pyracantha and Philadelphus



Things not to do

- Do not put off going on holiday, ask a neighbour to take over the watering. Also remember that the smaller the pot the more water is required, so it is wise to limit the amount of small pots.
- 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! Debbie Parker (Treasurer)

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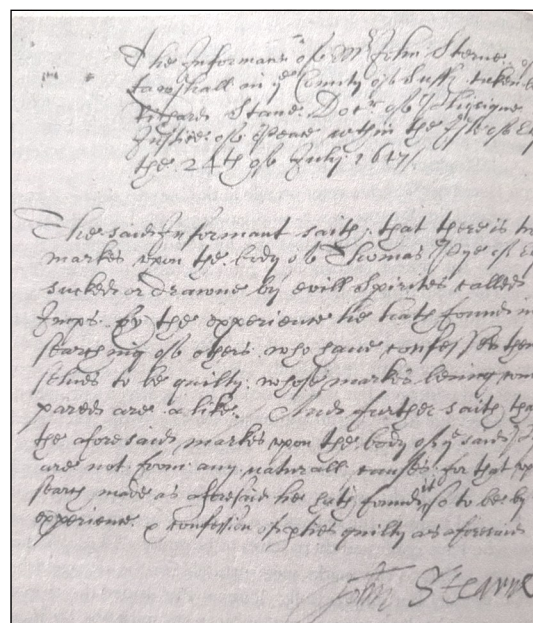
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Left: Matthew Hopkins interrogates Elizabeth Clarke (not from Lawshall!) and Rebecca West. This woodcut was printed in 1647 and was once owned by Samuel Pepys.

In about April 1647 John Stearne came home to Lawshall, he had a child Anne, aged two. He also revisited Rattlesden, the scene of so many horrific discoveries the previous year and cursed by misfortune. Stearne died early in 1670 and was buried at Lawshall on 20th January.



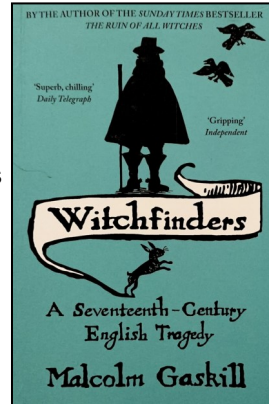
Left : John Stearnes' deposition to Dr Richard Stane at Ely, 1647, in which he gives his diagnosis of marks found on the body of Thomas Pye.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES ~ JULY 2026

This month we are going to step back in time to the middle of the 1600s! My ancestors were not living in Lawshall then but were no further away than Alpheton, and I am sure they would have been well aware that John Stearne, who lived in Lawshall, was working with Matthew Hopkins who was known as the Witchfinder General! It must have been a very difficult time for many women living at this time. Matthew Hopkins and John Stearne worked together during the English Civil War in the 1640s, mainly in East Anglia. Hopkins called himself the "Witchfinder General", while Stearne was his chief assistant and later wrote about their work.

Together, they travelled from town to town investigating people accused of witchcraft. They questioned suspects, searched them for supposed "witches' marks," and used methods such as prolonged watching to try to obtain confessions. Many of these practices would now be considered unfair,



unreliable, and abusive.

Their investigations led to the trials and executions of around 200–300 people, most of them women, making this the largest witch-hunt in English history. Although some local authorities supported them at the time, others criticized their methods. After Hopkins died in 1647, Stearne continued witch-finding for a short period before the panic gradually faded.

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