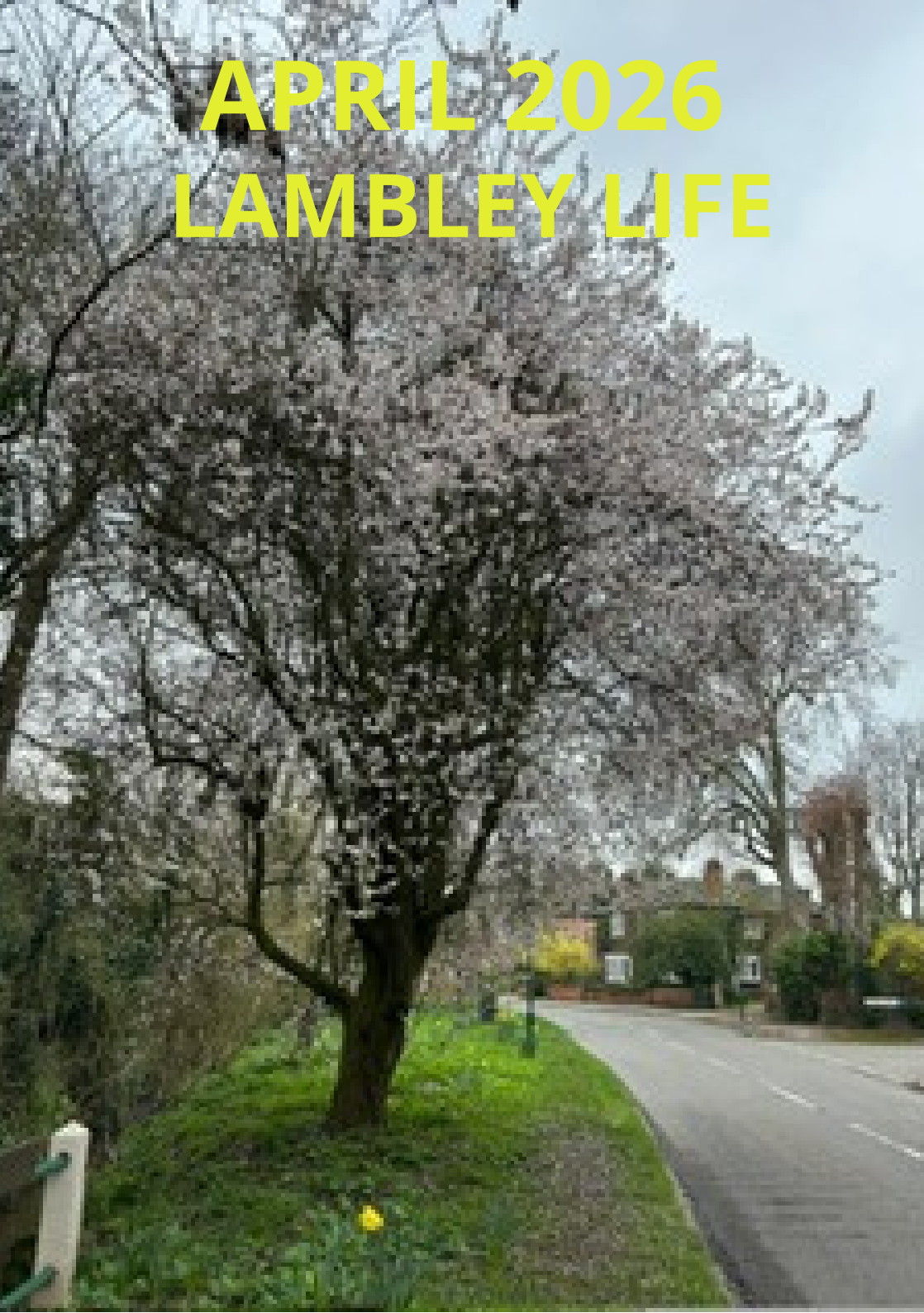


# APRIL 2026 LAMBLEY LIFE



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 13 April**  
**WI meeting - new members welcome**

**Tuesday 21 April**  
**Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

**Sunday 3 May**  
**Cowslip Sunday (see page 12)**

**Tuesday 8 May**  
**WI meeting**

**Tuesday 19 May**  
**Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

**Saturday 20 June**  
**Woodlark Beer Festival**

**Monday 31 August**  
**Bank Holiday Bonanza The Woodlark**

**Saturday 12 September**  
**Woodlark Beer Festival**

**Friday 20 November**  
**Quiz Night!**

**Further details for any of the above in the magazine**

**If anyone has any events they would like to advertise  
please let us know.**

# WELCOME TO LAMBLEY LIFE

Welcome to the April 2026 edition of Lambley Life magazine.

A **BIG** thank you to all those who continue to make a donation towards the costs of printing the magazine - it can't survive without you or the advertisers who sponsor us. It costs approximately £1 to produce each copy and we have over 600 copies a month that is at least £600 required each month to enable the magazine to keep going on a free basis. We have had another generous donation this month. I have also been asked how to donate as some villagers feel they need to contribute. Well you can contact myself (Julie) on the details below and payment can be arranged either by DD to Lambley Parish Council (details will be given) or cheque or cash.

If you use a contact from one of our adverts, please make sure that you let them know where you found their details as this will encourage them to keep advertising!

Thank you to Gina for the cover photograph of the beautiful blossom on Church Street.

**We still need your pictures for the front cover of anywhere in and around the village or Lambley related. Thank you to those who have contributed so far - your pictures will be used.**

A very big THANK YOU to Sofia for holding the fort with the magazine whilst I have been on my jaunts in Australia for five weeks. A fantastic holiday of a lifetime.

Please send your comments, suggestions, contributions to us at [lambleylife@gmail.com](mailto:lambleylife@gmail.com) or call Julie on 07947 627168. We are always happy to hear from you! To advertise or sponsor the magazine the contact details are the same.

**The Lambley Life Team**

# COWSLIP SUNDAY REVIVAL

On Sunday 3 May 2026 Lambley village will see a new revival of its lost May Day tradition of Cowslip Sunday.

Taking place on the first Sunday in May, primarily during the nineteenth century and the early part of the twentieth century, Cowslip Sunday is the village's celebration of its local landscape focussed around the cowslip, the small late springtime wildflower, with its distinctive yellow colouring. Lambley's location and natural environment enabled the flower to thrive, which villagers utilised to the full for their celebrations.

The cowslip is a small flower with huge cultural significance. It is often associated with fairy and magical activity, which Shakespeare eagerly picked up. Think of Ariel's song in *The Tempest*:

“Where the bee sucks, there suck I  
In a cowslip's bell I lie”

Or Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*:

“I must go seek some dewdrops here,  
And hang a pearl in every cowslip's ear.”

At its peak during the 1800s coachloads of visitors would visit Lambley to get cowslip posies, collected by local children during the day, as well as enjoying the rather potent cowslip wine made by villagers. With games, stalls and general revelry the day would follow traditional May time rituals.

Cowslip Sunday also highlights how May Day events were an essential part of working-class culture and a snub to the higher classes.

Historian Ronald Hutton comments how May Day activities reveal “important associations with communal values, popular celebration and a suspension of the normal, hierarchical social order”.

The fact that this cowslip related custom was held on a Sunday highlights its anti-authoritarian approach.

In May 1866 the Nottinghamshire Guardian commented:

“Cowslip Sunday, this much talked about day, was duly celebrated in Lambley. Despite the weather ... visitors on Sunday were quite in equal numbers to former years, though, if we must judge from the manners and customs of a great part of them, and their acts and language, we should conclude that the class had not improved since their last annual visit. The great cry is why cannot another day of the week be so devoted to this much-desired ramble, so that all might enjoy the pleasure more freely without desecrating the Sabbath”

This transgressive nature of the cowslip revelry is also proffered by Victorian poet John Clare, the son of a farm worker, described by biographer Jonathan Bate as “the greatest labouring-class poet that England has ever produced.” In his poem *The Cowslips*, Clare offered an understanding of the proletarian qualities of the cowslip in his poem:

“The dancing Cowslips come in pleasant hours;  
Though seldom sung, they're everybody's flowers:

A revival of Cowslip Sunday took place from 2010 to 2012 with a village procession, a community play and other activities. However, the 2026 revival will be led by the team based at the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington, a small and independent living museum.

At the Museum, visitors can explore three original cottages and out-buildings, dating back to 1829, recreating the lives of the framework knitting families that worked there. Alongside the frame shops where trained volunteers continue to demonstrate the endangered craft, on frames dating back to the 16th century. The Museum's mission is to detail and highlight the craft and graft of framework knitting, as Nottingham was built upon the wealth created by the framework knitting industry.

In his 1815 tome, *The History of Nottingham*, John Blackner, former editor of radical London paper *The Statesman*, wrote:

“So much is this town dependent upon the engine, known by the name of the stocking frame ... The town may in fact be compared to one vast engine, whose every part is kept in motion by this masterpiece in the mechanic arts”

To give you a sense of how dominant framework knitting was as an industry for Nottinghamshire, in 1812 there were 29,588 frames across the UK. 31% of that total were in Nottingham alone.

Ruddington was one of the prime Nottinghamshire sites for framework knitting due to its larger workshops, but frames could be found all across the county. By 1845, 77 villages and areas of population across Nottinghamshire were major sites of framework knitting.

Lambley was one of these important locations for the industry. In 1845, there were 381 active frames in Lambley village. Therefore it can be argued Cowslip Sunday was a unique framework knitters May Day celebration.

Cowslip Sunday and May Day itself offers a unique opportunity to celebrate the framework knitting craft both at the Framework Knitters Museum, as well as taking the Museum's practitioners, artefacts and associated artists on-the-road to evoke the city and county's framework knitting past.

A new programme entitled *Framing the City* will be our annual Museum project during May. Starting with Lambley and a new revival for Cowslip Sunday its aim will be to deliver outreach work to those villages and communities around Nottingham to highlight their framework knitting past during this celebratory time of the year.

May Day itself will be actively celebrated at our Museum in Ruddington.

The activities in Lambley will include demonstrations of their historic circular knitting machines, information about the Museum, a photographic display by Lambley Historical Society, activities by Notts Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, refreshments by Lambley WI, cowslip related knitting workshops and live



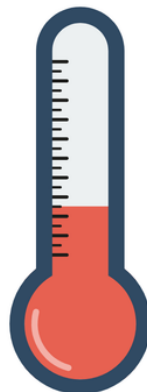
The celebration of May Day for the Framework Knitters, encompasses their unique heritage, their knitting craft and skills, the local landscape, poetry and other artistic expression. As well as hopefully being just a joyous time of fun and revelry. And if there was ever a time for some simple merriment and joy in the world, then it is so needed now.

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We have got this off to a good start as the Parish Council have allocated £1500 from the Mike Morris legacy and the Bonfire Committee have allocated £5000 of their profit to the cause. If anyone would like to make a donation or any ideas for fundraising for this so that we can have our lights next year please contact any member of the Parish Council or Lambley Life.

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Sam Gregory is swimming in a relay team in August and needs to raise £1750 and to do this we have a quiz for you!

This is your chance to support the charity and have fun at the same time.

This quiz consists of 70 clues as to the name of Nottinghamshire villages. The clues to the answers are in the form of criptic clues and there are more villages than questions! All you have to do is work them out! Please don't think you will do this in an hour - definitely not.

If you would like to take part and would like a quiz sheet please email or call me - Julie 07946627168 or [lambleylife@gmail.com](mailto:lambleylife@gmail.com) The cost of the entry is £3 and two thirds of the entry fees will go to the Charity and one third to the winner(s). The closing date will be **30 June 2026** when all entries need to be submitted back to me please.

I've signed up to swim the channel in relay in August 2026! 🌊

I'm putting in the kms at my local indoor pool, but last weekend, I had an awesome one-to-one coaching session with @swimtrekcoaching at sea lane's in Brighton.

Im swimming in aid of @aspirecharity (link below) 😊

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## **MISSING LINKS - just to get you warmed up!**

The answer to each clue is a word which has a link with each of the three words listed. This word may be at the beginning or the end or may be a mixture of both.

1. BOWL, LITTLE, PRINTS
2. CIRCUIT, DOORS, SHOP
3. FALL, PONY, SAND
4. BOARD, COMMENTARY, JUMP
5. MAGNETIC, POLE, SEA
6. DOT, LIGHT, NEW
7. CAP, HOUSEMAID'S, JERK
8. BED, POWER, SUN
9. CAR, CORONATION, SWEEPER
10. BIKE, CAR, PIGEON
11. ANT, SALVATION, TERRITORIAL
12. BALL, DRESSING, NIGHT
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# LAMBLEY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

We'd like to apologise if it has seemed a little quiet from the Lambley Playground Group over recent months. Please be assured that a great deal of work has been taking place behind the scenes, and we are now ready to move into the next important stage of the project - fundraising.

There are a number of exciting funding opportunities available to support community play projects like ours. However, many of the larger grants require match funding. For this reason, our immediate goal is to raise £10,000 locally, which will unlock access to significantly larger funding pots. If we can reach this £10,000 target, we will be eligible to apply for substantial grants through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) - a scheme that enables landfill operators to support local environmental and community projects.

Key Funding Opportunities Include:

Biffa Award – Grants of up to £50,000 for community spaces and playgrounds (projects must usually be within 10 miles of a Biffa landfill site).  
FCC Communities Foundation – Grants ranging from £10,000 to £100,000 for amenity projects.

Enovert Community Trust – Funding for community and environmental improvement projects.

Many of these grants also require a third-party contribution, typically around 10% of the total grant value, which is another reason why building our local fundraising pot is so important.

Reaching our £10,000 target will demonstrate strong community support and allow us to apply confidently for these larger funding streams. We would warmly welcome your ideas, suggestions and support as we begin this next phase. If you would like to get involved, organise a fundraising event, or discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at:

[lambleyplaygroundgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:lambleyplaygroundgroup@hotmail.com)

Together, we can create a fantastic, modern play space for Lambley's children and families.

Kind regards

The Lambley Playground Group



# The Reed Pond Ramblings

From the Lambley Reed Pond Group

Welcome to the April Edition of the Reed Pond Ramblings.

We had another beautiful day for our Reed Pond Volunteer Day on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. We planted more than 400 hedgerow whips—Quick Thorn, Hazel, Crab Apple, and Dog Rose—which will create a traditional English hedgerow offering shelter, food, and nesting sites for birds once established.



Our thanks go firstly to the Woodland Trust who donated the whips for FREE along with the canes and protective spirals. We were given advice on how to plant to establish a robust hedge which will give birds and mammals and amphibians much needed place to find amongst the contrast to the open grassland areas of the Nature Reserve.

We would like to thank Cllr. Jody Stoll for once again attending the volunteer event along with Janet and Richard Bridgford, Paul Smith and Steve Brett and the regular members of the Reed Pond Committee. Having volunteers attending on the day really helps with the amount of work we can achieve in the day.

If you would like to join our volunteer WhatsApp group, please contact the Reed Pond Committee by contact us on Facebook (Lambley Reed Pond Nature Reserve) – you can give us a follow at the same time!

If you would just like to know more about what's going on at the Reed Pond, please come along to our monthly meetings. They are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. We would love to see you!



**TOAD PATROL** – You may have noticed that a toad crossing area has been designated adjacent to the Reed Pond South entrance off Park Lane. Additional signs have also been erected to advise motorists where possible to slow down around this area. We have toads crossing this area of Park Lane coming down off the fields and cemetery to breed in the Reed Pond. Please contact Ian Kassell as he is organising a week from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> April in the evening meeting at the cemetery carpark from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Please wear weather clothing for the weather and ideally bring gloves and a torch if you are interested in attending.





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In February, we had our second meeting for 2026 in the afternoon at the Woodborough Institute Hall. Gary Stevenson gave us a talk on – “You were here” – Nottinghamshire maps. This was a presentation of a geographical survey through time from 1500 to 1900 of maps of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (including Lambley). There were also some real historical maps to look at too.

Our next meeting will continue at our usual time and place – 7.30pm on Monday Apr 27 at the Lowdham WI Hall. We have a talk on ‘Framework Knitting and the Celebration of May Day’. Susan Russell and David Longford will present an illustrated talk about their work at the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington, alongside the wider history of framework knitting and its role in the unique celebrations of May Day. This includes Lambley's very own Cowslip Sunday and will be good introduction to David's revival of the event in May.

New members and guests are always welcome.

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## Snippets from the LHS Archives

This is the next in a series of photographs and articles collected by the LHS featuring Lambley in the past. We have many photographs in our collection, but if you have any photos or recollections of people, places or events from Lambley we would love to see them. We can scan and return any photos and as much information as possible is always useful.

This month's photo shows an aerial view of the Orchard Rise estate. It was featured in an Evening Post article in 1972. More building has taken place after this photo was taken.



## LAMBLEY NATURE WILDLIFE TIPS APRIL 2026

Changeable cold weather will change this month to warmer weather which encourages our wildlife to emerge and enjoy the awakening of Spring.

You wont be surprised to see birds starting to sing after establishing territories and mating up to breed – migrant birds will return to their traditional breeding areas. Netherfield Lagoons led by a person we all knew Pete Smith has guided walks where you can see and hear all the warblers. Reed Pond have had a resident pair of reed warblers as well as 2 pairs of chiff chaffs.

Birds will be nesting in your hedges and as farmers are required not to cut their boundary hedges in the nesting season by Government we as private gardeners should comply with this also or at least cut hedges sparingly in the months of April until September.

The more powerful hedge trimmers will mean songbirds will desert their nests after any disturbance – maybe we shouldn't be tidy and just appreciate nesting birds, any cut hedge makes them extra vulnerable to winged predators like sparrowhawks who are now numerous in our gardens. Observe any nest sites at distance as predators like magpies who eat their eggs have eyes everywhere, watching you. Gamekeepers used to say every shot corvid would have egg yolk on its beak.

Butterflies such as peacock, brimstone and orange tip emerge after hibernation from ivy and outbuildings. The brimstone butterfly is a large yellow butterfly that feeds on early nectar flowers and lays its eggs on 1 plant the common or adult buckthorn so is quite the specialist whereas the orange tip female which doesn't have the orange wing tip lays its eggs on honesty or cuckoo flower (found in wet gardens).

Toads will be emerging on warmer wet evenings and we will be introducing the annual Toad Patrol at the Cemetery Car Park and Cocker Beck. All villagers are welcome to join us on evenings.

On our open farm fields you will see the European brown hare which makes its home on the grassy edges of fields or underneath bramble hedges in a shallow depression called a form where it gives birth to its young called leverets. Rabbits on the other hand are animals that dig holes in the ground where they have their young underground.

The most beneficial and underrated plant is the common nettle or dandelion which councils seem to destroy as soon as they see it emerging. Reed Pond Committee have planted large numbers of wild anemone and bluebell bulbs in the woodland to aid pollinators.

Ground ivy and dead nettles are also important as are primroses and sorrel.

Stickleback fish were starting to spawn these fish arrive in ponds on birds feet like geese or ducks.

Red mining bees are excellent for pollinating all your fruit trees and they will be looking for somewhere to breed usually in holes in walls or bamboo cane bee boxes. These bees wont sting you so are ideal to put boxes on property walls when you have children.

Swallows, house martins and sand martins will be returning from south Africa to their traditional nesting sites sadly these have been developed by the home owner so they are now homeless and unfortunately legislation has not helped their cause.

If you have an outbuilding that you haven't developed well done – the other story is we now have low maintenance pvc soffits which these birds find that their holes no longer exist – also their nests fall off in the case of house martins.

Human intervention in this country has been mainly responsible for the large decline in these birds – the same cannot be said in other European countries where swallow nest sites are protected. Due to systemic insecticide in farming practices and pesticides being used the number of insects in our skies has reduced alarmingly.

Brown field sites sadly are proven to be the most wildlife friendly areas so wildlife are in big trouble in this country.

The Woodland Trust have been monitoring the effects of global warming so we now know that flowers and trees are coming into bud 3 weeks earlier than they would in the 1970s.

## LAUGHIN LAMBLEY LUNCH CLUB



We are sad to inform you of the loss of one of our founder attendees of the Lunch Club - Kenneth Holt Platt. Ken lived on Spring Lane and passed away after a short illness on Wednesday 18 February aged 93 years. He is now united with his beloved wife Doris.

The next meal will be on **TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026** and if anyone who has not attended before please just turn up anytime between 11.30 and 12.00 to enjoy a meal, company and a game of Bingo and Sticky 13's.

The cost is £5.

**We do have a few spaces and if you don't get out much and would like a bit of company, meal and a laugh please contact me. This also applies to couples but there will be restricted numbers. Lifts can be arranged.**

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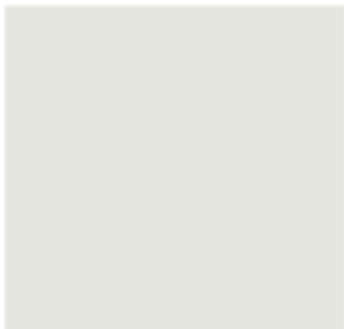
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Multi-million-pound package to turn the tide on ailing high streets, targeted in places most in need of support

31 January 2026

High streets with boarded up shop fronts and lacking essentials such as butchers, grocers and bakeries will be given a multi-million-pound boost.

The £150 million cash injection will be targeted in areas hit hardest in recent years, and most in need of being brought back together.

Part of the government's path to renewal, it will help turn the tide on this decline and restore a sense of pride people feel in their high streets and local area – which serves as a vital meeting point for communities.

Communities will bring people back into their local high streets by supporting local, independent businesses, improve neglected shopfronts and open up empty units. This will be the first step in the government's upcoming High Streets Strategy, announced earlier this week.

It will build action already taken to restore pride in our communities, empowering councils in England to say no to new betting shops and vapes stores, supporting more than a thousand local pubs that offer extra services for communities and rejuvenating over 330 of the most deprived communities through our Pride in Place programme.

This is renewal in action, led by the people who know their neighbourhoods best, and backed by the government which is choosing unity over division.

Our high streets are the beating heart of Britain — where communities come together and local businesses can grow.

Town centres have suffered from high streets falling into decline, and that is why we're taking action to turn the tide with this crucial investment and more to come.

We have listened to what people are telling us and that's why we're giving them the power and control to breathe new life back into our high streets and restore the sense of pride communities feel, building on our transformational Pride in Place programme.

More details on the High Streets Strategy, including how funding will be allocated to specific places, will be announced in the coming months.

Other steps taken by the government to regenerate high streets include:

- Introducing a new community right to buy through the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill, giving local people greater power to save valued community assets like sports clubs and pubs.

- Ending 'pub deserts' by banning the loss of the last community facility in an area.
- Action to tackle the proliferation of betting shops on high streets.

## Fly Tipping

Important Message to the Community.

It has been brought to the attention of Nottinghamshire Police that fly tipping is on the increase.

The importance of keeping our streets clean are of importance to everyone!.

Although it is illegal to dump waste of any description other than the designated waste sites, fly tipping cannot be tolerated as this could lead to other serious matters. If the persons responsible for dumping the waste can then face a fine of up to £1000.

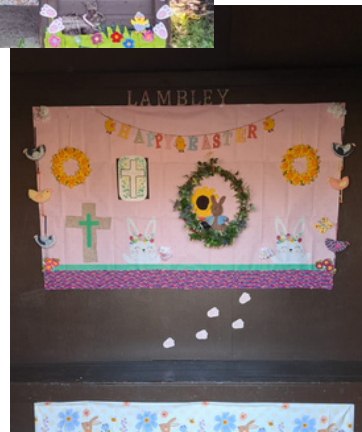
Therefore if you witness or know of anyone fly tipping you can notify your local Council, Gedling Council on 0115 9013901.

Thank you.

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## BUS SHELTER

Once again the WI ladies have excelled themselves with the decoration of our now famous bus shelter with an Easter theme!!! Well done girls.





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## Lambley Women's Institute

March was our birthday party and as always we had a lovely social night with a short business meeting before getting on with enjoying ourselves.

We were entertained by Claire, the pork pie lady. She gave us a potted history of Melton Mowbray, the home of the pork pie and how that came to be. The Enclosure Act meant that pasture for small farming no longer existed so most cottagers began to keep a pig to fatten for Christmas and to make the meat go further the pork pie came about and became a feature of Melton.

Claire was an enthusiastic and entertaining speaker enjoyed by all.

The bus shelter is now decorated for Easter and as always the crafty girls have excelled themselves.

Our next meeting is **Monday April 13th** when we have our AGM and vote on the national resolutions, pay subs for the next 12 months and agree committee members and roles followed as always with social time.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start

### Upcoming meeting

Monday 13 April  
AGM

# LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL – WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT

## Lambley Parish Council Report for March 2026

The Parish Council met on Monday 16th March. All Councillors were present and we were joined by Bonnie Bramwell, Chair of the Reed Pond Group and Cllr Helen Greensmith, our District Councillor. Apologies were received from Councillor Jodie Stoll our County Councillor and Rose Melvin.

Bonnie updated the Council on the activities of the Reed Pond Group and about their plans for the future including grant applications to enable them to dredge the pond. She was questioned by Councillors about the planting of new boundary hedges and their positioning. Bonnie was thanked by the Council for their work.

Cllr Stoll reported by email that he was actively working on points raised with him at the last Parish Council meeting and in particular he has confirmed that the footbridge over the Bottom Dumble needs to be replaced and the new bridge is in the design phase at County Hall.

Cllr Greensmith reported that the budget has been set by Gedling Borough Council and that residents should be receiving their bills shortly.

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A number of street lights have been out recently and one at the top of Spring Lane Hill has been on permanently. If you spot any problems with lights or drains etc., the quickest way to get them rectified is to report it using the “My Notts” app on a smart phone. If you can’t do this, please inform one of the Parish Councillors and they will make sure it is reported. The Clerk’s computer has recently been upgraded to run “Office 365” so we are investigating the use of Microsoft Cloud for the storage of Council files. At the moment we use “Dropbox” but recently there have been a few issues. We will report progress as and when it is made.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 20th April 2026 at 6:30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Lawrence Milbourn  
Chairman, Lambley Parish Council

## LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## The Memory Tree



Anyone who wishes to purchase a leaf for a loved one who has passed can contact the Parish Council or this magazine.

We have the first named leaf on if anyone wishes to see it.

The cost of purchase is **£100** plus inscription.

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### Lambley Path Retrievers

This is an ongoing project around the village to clear the paths of overgrowth and make them safer to walk on and the village looking tidier. We are always looking for volunteers and if you would like to help (we have lost one of our group for health reasons) and we are sure there must be some willing retirees out there - we usually meet on alternate Tuesday mornings but as we are in a winter break at the moment please watch this space for a recommencement date - please contact Katja Watmore 07912 236 998 and get added to our WhatsApp group.



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Our next date for the Litter Pick will be **Sunday 24 May**.

If you would like to help please contact  
Keith  
07508 380924

# FRIENDS OF LAMBLEY PLAYGROUND

We would like to apologise if it has seemed a little quiet from the Lambley Playground Group over recent months. Please be assured that a great deal of work has been taking place behind the scenes, and we are now ready to move into the next important stage of the project - fundraising.

There are a number of exciting funding opportunities available to support community play projects like ours. However, many of the larger grants require match funding. For this reason, our immediate goal is to raise £10,000 locally, which will unlock access to significantly larger funding pots.

If we can reach this £10,000 target, we will be eligible to apply for substantial grants through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) - a scheme that enables landfill operators to support local environmental and community projects.

Key Funding Opportunities Include:

- Biffa Award – Grants of up to £50,000 for community spaces and playgrounds (projects must usually be within 10 miles of a Biffa landfill site).
- FCC Communities Foundation – Grants ranging from £10,000 to £100,000 for amenity projects.
- Enovert Community Trust – Funding for community and environmental improvement projects.

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Many of these grants also require a third-party contribution, typically around 10% of the total grant value, which is another reason why building our local fundraising pot is so important.

Reaching our £10,000 target will demonstrate strong community support and allow us to apply confidently for these larger funding streams.

We would warmly welcome your ideas, suggestions and support as we begin this next phase. If you would like to get involved, organise a fundraising event, or discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at:

[lambleyplaygroundgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:lambleyplaygroundgroup@hotmail.com)

Together, we can create a fantastic, modern play space for Lambley's children and families.

Kind regards

The Lambley Playground Group

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## CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

We will be doing churchyard maintenance on **Saturday 4 April 2026** at 10.00 a.m. The churchyard is looking lovely so please feel free to come along and lend a hand. There is always something that needs doing. We will be doing general planting, tidying up and sweeping duties and anything that needs attention. If you would like to join us, please just turn up. If you could bring your own trowels etc... that would be great. Refreshments provided.

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Note: 11th,12th,18th,&amp;19th=Childs party

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Note: 11th=Priv Party

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JPAC Child Care 06:30 to 09:00 & 15:00 to 18:00 in Comm Room (Term Time), and JPAC Holiday Club from 06:30 to 18:00 in Comm Room & Hall (every School Holiday)

= Lambley Women's Institute ( 2nd Monday) 19:00-22:00 - Main Hall

= Pilate's Classes (Mondays in Hall - 2nd Mon in Comm Room)

= Brittany Carver Children's Dance Classes (Saturday) - Main Hall

= Nottingham Folk Dance Group (Tuesdays)19:00-22:00 - Main Hall

= Occasional event (Child's or Private Party) - Main Hall

= Landlubbers of Lambley (Thu)19:30-22:00 - Main Hall, closed, to restart

= Lambley School Closed, Holidays, or Inset Day

**Comm Room** = Parish Council(3rd Tues), Heed Pond(2nd Tues), Pilates(2nd Mon),  
LVHA Meetings 2025= 19th Nov. 2026= 14th Jan 2026, 11th Mar (AGM)

**Note:-** Village Hall is available for hire, term time, from 18:00 Weekdays, and all day Sat & Sun.

Comm Room is available for hire, term time from 18:00 Weekdays, and all day Sat & Sun.

Hire Fee:- Hall:- Morn, Afternoon, or Eve = £40, less £5 for Lambley Residents or Organisations

Comm Room:- Morn, Afternoon, or Eve = £20, less £5 for Lambley Residents or Organisations

For more information, call John Garton on 0115-926-2060, or SMS Text 07484-287519

# CHOCOLATE & CHERRY LOG

(Flourless and GF)

## Ingredients

6 oz dark chocolate  
6 medium eggs at room temperature  
175g white caster sugar  
2 tbsp cocoa powder  
300 ml double cream  
1 tin stoned cherries drained (optional)  
icing sugar for dusting  
1 tsp salted butter for greasing

## Method

Preheat the oven to 180C  
(160C fan)

Melt the chocolate in a heat-proof bowl using 30 second blasts in the microwave until just melted. Set aside to cool to room temperature.

Separate the eggs into two bowls, then whisk the egg whites with an electric mixer on high speed until they stand in stiff peaks. If you turn the bowl upside down the whites should be stiff enough not to fall out.

In the second bowl add the sugar to the egg yolks and whisk using the electric mixer on high speed for 2-3 minutes or until very thick and pale in colour and the mixture leaves a ribbon-like trail when the whisk is lifted out.

Pour the chocolate into the yolk mixture and fold to blend.

Add 2 large spoonfuls of the whisked whites and stir in gently.

Fold in the remaining egg whites gently with a metal spoon.

Sift the cocoa powder over the mixture and fold in.

Grease and line the base of a 23 x 33cm swiss roll tin with nonstick baking paper (snip the corners of the paper so that it fits snugly).

Pour in the mixture and move the tin around so that it finds its own level.

Bake for 20-25 minutes or until risen. Remove from the oven and cool in the tin.

Lay a large piece of baking paper on a flat surface and dust with icing sugar.

Turn the sponge out onto the paper and carefully peel off the top paper.

Whip the cream and coat the sponge and add some of the cherries leaving a 2 cm edge all around.

Then using a sharp knife make a shallow cut along one short edge. Then roll the cut edge over tightly to start the roll and use the sugar dusted paper to continue rolling by pulling it away from you as you roll. Finish with the join underneath.

Decorate the top as desired and enjoy.



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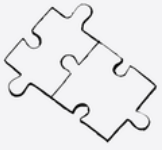
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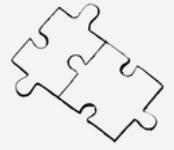
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Tulip  
Daisy

# ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZZES

## Answers to Dingbats:

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# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH EASTER and APRIL 2026		
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday - combined service at <u>All Hallows, Gedling</u>	10.00 NB changed time & venue
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Maundy Thursday Service A simple supper of bread & cheese with readings and prayers. <u>Please book with Jane Williams</u> <u>on 07990 818646</u> Bring your own drinks	6.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday Worship - some hymns, some prayers and some readings.	2.00-3.00
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Messy Easter	3.00-5.00pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Communion for Easter Sunday	11.00
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning Praise	11.00
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting	11.00
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Service	11.00
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Family Communion for Cowslip Sunday	11.00

## COWSLIP SUNDAY

The special Cowslip Sunday service in church is returning this year to complement the activities taking place at the Village Hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

The service will include the Cowslip Hymn.



Cowslip Sunday otherwise known as Lambley Sunday has been celebrated over many years - certainly as far back as 1866. Although the festival has been somewhat lost over the 21st century apart from odd occasions. According to a local historian called Stapleton "it was an interesting event - an unusual May Day custom fixed on a Sunday, usually a day frowned upon for such frivolities, which appeared to be a mass flower pick with associated side attractions.

For on this date local people and visitors from neighbouring Nottingham and nearby villages (several thousand in the early 20th century) would visit the Dumbles where Dover Beck flowed and picked cowslips."

In today's more environmentally responsible world there has been no organised cowslip picking but rather the growing of English cowslips from special seeds to begin to replace those lost over many years due to the picking preventing the plants from scattering seeds for future years. In 2024 children from Lambley Primary School Eco Club grew cowslips from seeds (donated by Redavons Rangers), many of the resulting cowslip plants went into the school grounds but a few were planted in the churchyard by some of the school children.

#### **CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE CHURCH**

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## Enquiries about Weddings and Baptisms at Lambley Church

There is no longer a monthly parish time at All Hallows in Gedling for arranging these. Please contact the Rector - Reverend Tasha Morton directly to make enquiries, by phone 07950 586 142 or email [revallhallowsgedling@gmail.com](mailto:revallhallowsgedling@gmail.com)

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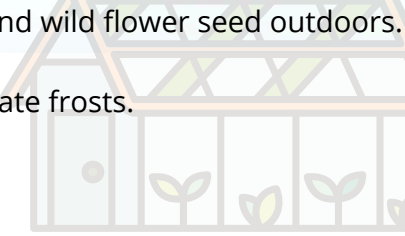
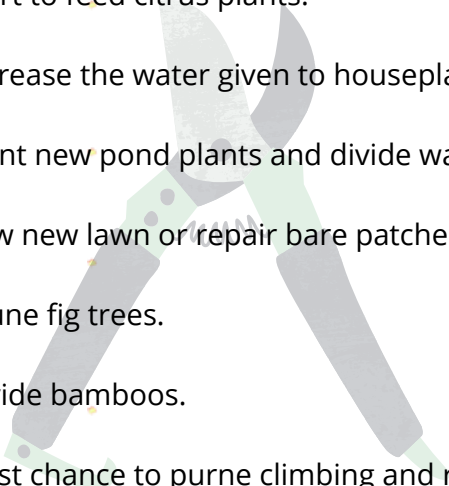
##### To make sure we can collect your items:

- Only the items you booked will be collected
- Sofas, chairs, mattresses, and other soft furnishings must be covered and kept dry
- We cannot take mattresses or sofa beds that are soiled – please use a private contractor
- Remove glass plates from microwaves before collection
- Fridges/freezers must be defrosted, emptied of food, and have glass shelves taken out
- Place your items at the front of your property, in a visible spot, by **6am on your collection day**

For more information on how to list your item please refer to GBC by phone or [www.gedling.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/bulky-waste](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/bulky-waste).  
Tel: 0115 9013901



## Jobs in the garden for April

1. Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors.
  2. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts.
  3. Keep weeds under control.
  4. Start to feed citrus plants.
  5. Increase the water given to houseplants.
  6. Plant new pond plants and divide water lilies.
  7. Sow new lawn or repair bare patches.
  8. Prune fig trees.
  9. Divide bamboos.
  10. Last chance to prune climbing and rambling roses.
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