

DECEMBER 2025

LAMBLEY LIFE



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 1 December
Christmas Lights switch on 6.00**

**Saturday 6 December
Food Doctors (Sold Out)**

**Sunday 14 December
Litter Pick School Car Park 10.00**

**Friday 19 December
OAP Xmas Lunch in the Church**

**Friday 19 December
Carols and Cheese & Wine**

**Tuesday 20 January
Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

**Tuesday 17 January
Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

**Monday 23 February 2026
Beat Surgery in the Church at 2.00**

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 December 2025 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 more donations this month - thank you particularly to "Newark News" for a fantastic donation of £600 this month.

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!

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.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with any of the activities around the village such as the churchyard gardening, path retrievers (we need more volunteers), litter pick or any other activity you can enquire by contacting Lambley Life.

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

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Church Fri 19th December 2025 at 07:00 p.m. for 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to the Salvation Army Concert in the Church. Please note the

"Cheese & Wine Party" in the Village Hall is an informal "Advance Ticket" event.

The £10 tickets, include the Buffet, Wine or Fruit Juice, and will be available after

Remembrance Day from John Garton. Please SMS Text Enquiries to 07484-287519

RESULT!

Lambley you should be proud of yourselves! We have been fundraising this year and what a year!

BONFIRE NIGHT

A brilliant night was had by all (around 3000 people attended). We had a bus running from Gedling Country Park which relieved most of the previous traffic problems we had had in the village. The display to Disney tunes was magnificent - thank you Dynamite! There is a lot of hard work goes into this event - a committee of just five - and a big thank you to Sara Harraway as lead. A total of a whopping

£13131.66p

We will keep you informed of the projects it will be spent on together with the Parish Council.

Below are just a few of the beautiful pictures taken on the night.



LAMBLEY QUIZ NIGHT

As usual we had a full house of 25 teams for the Quiz Night on 21 November. We catered with hot pork and beef cobs After a very close finish

The Weekendrs won the fight!

This team is led by Wendy Elliott who has been a support of the night from year one and always brings a raffle prize - well deserved Wendy!



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FUNDRAISING FOR 2026

As you may have heard Notts County Council will no longer allow us to attach our Christmas lights to their lighting columns! They say this is a standard rule of theirs that nothing can attach to their posts despite us having done this since we had the Christmas lights installed! As a result we have lost two sets of lights this year - the one on the corner of Church Street and one on Main Street.

We now have to raise £15000 to put in our own columns.

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.

The Bonfire Committee have also agreed with the Village Hall Committee to make up the shortfall for the commissioning of a much needed new front door for the Village Hall.





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The Heart of Christmas Giving

As the festive season approaches, many of us feel the familiar mix of excitement... and a little pressure. Christmas has always been a time of generosity, but with the rising cost of living and financial uncertainty affecting so many families this year, the idea of giving can feel more challenging than ever.

Yet when we think back to our own childhoods, what do we really remember? It's rarely the toys that came and went. It's the moments: baking with a grandparent, walking through frosty fields, carol singing with friends, or the thrill of staying up late to watch a Christmas film with hot chocolate in hand. These are the memories that warm us decades later. Young people today might call it the 'Christmas vibe'!

This Christmas, perhaps we can lean into that truth and give gifts that don't rely on budgets, wrapping paper, or shopping queues—gifts of time, experiences, and togetherness.

Meaningful, low-Cost (or no-cost) gifts for children:

A 'Yes Day' Voucher

A simple homemade coupon promising a morning or afternoon where the child chooses the activities (within reason!). Children treasure the sense of being in charge!

Nature Adventure Pass

A voucher for a winter woodland walk, den-building afternoon, or bird-spotting outing. Pack a flask and maybe make it a tradition!

Baking Time Together

Promise a special baking session - gingerbread, mince pies, or even homemade pizzas. The smells and laughter last far longer than any toy.

Sleepover under the Christmas lights

Let children camp out in the living room with blankets, fairy lights, and a Christmas film. It feels magical and costs nothing.

Craft Morning or 'Make Something Day'

Create decorations, cards, or a keepsake. Children love proudly displaying or gifting something they've made themselves.

Experience Jar

Fill a jar with handwritten ideas; 'Walk to the postbox at night to see the stars', 'Board game marathon', 'Trip to Lambley lanes with hot chocolate'. They can pick one whenever they feel like a a treat.

Sharing Christmas as a Community

Christmas is also a time when Lambley truly shines as a village. Joining together for Carols and the various Church services is a chance to pause, reflect, and feel connected to one another.

Whether you come with family, friends, or on your own, you'll find a warm welcome and a moment of stillness amid the bustle of the season.

(Can you add the specific dates and times in this section pls?)

A Christmas with Heart

Choosing experiences over 'stuff' doesn't mean giving less - it often means giving more. More connection, more memories, more joy that lingers long after the decorations come down.

In a year when finances are stretched, perhaps returning to the simple, heartfelt gifts of time, both at home and in our community, is exactly what your Christmas 2025 needs.

Merry Christmas to all our community from the staff and children at Little Lambs Lambley.





Welcome to the December Edition of the Reed Pond Ramblings.

We are really excited that the funding for the Wilder Trent project has enabled us to start to shape the habitats of the Reed Pond Nature Reserve. By sensitively thinning some of the Alders that have self-set mainly around the edge of the pond to the north side. This has enabled more light into larger areas of the woodland floor and will be perfect to establish some of our native plants such as bluebells, wild garlic, wood anemone, wild primrose, greater stitchwort and red campion. All of which are beneficial to local wildlife. Some of the early flowering plants such as bluebells provide a much-needed early sort of nectar for bees and insects.



We have purposefully ensured to leave a more shaded wooded area to the top North corner of the pond (nearest to the footpath) so that we can increase the different types of habitats and therefore encourage further species diversity.

The grant money from Thriving in a Wilder Trent project will also fund the removal of some of the reed bed which has started to take over both the pond. This will take place on the 20th and 21st November and will create better views from the West bench into the pond, something that frequent users of the reserve have commented to the committee in the past.



On the 22nd and 23rd November the Reed Pond Group had a very productive weekend joined by several volunteers creating different habitats in the reserve. Despite the rain and cold, spirits were high!

We were joined on Saturday by Cllr Jody Stoll who has also generously donated £500 from the Vision Fund to help support the Reed Pond Nature Reserve. We would like to say a BIG thank you to Cllr Jody Stoll, who took great interest on the day about talks around the Lambley reed pond's long history and also about the reserve itself and our plans to enhance the ecology for the area.



During the two days we created several dead hedges and log piles, both in the wooded area and adjacent to the fencing around the pond. Over time these will decompose but will create shelter and nurseries for a diverse range of animals, from birds and insects to small mammals and amphibians. A hibernaculum was also built where amphibians can hibernate over winter and the channel and culvert were cleared.

We would like to thank everyone who gave up their weekend to undertake work in the Reed Pond: Cllr Jody Stoll, Autumn, Janet, Sofia, Sarah, Christine, Bonnie, Karen, Ian and Steve!



The Reed Pond Committee meets at the Lambley Village Hall every second Tuesday each month at 7pm. We are always looking for more committee members to join. Please contact Bonnie on 07951739669 if you are interested.



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

Firstly, I would like to confirm that I am the new LAC Inspector covering Gedling having joined Neighbourhood Policing in July 2025. I took over from Insp Heather Harding and I would like to thank her for her contributions and supporting the team.

We remain grateful for having the opportunity to contribute towards the Lambley Life Magazine and provide you an update on Lambley and the surrounding areas. We continue to receive feedback about Speeding across the Gedling South area. Gedling Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) continue to conduct monthly speeding operations in various areas across the divisional area. We aim to be intelligence led and officers will identify suitable locations based on intelligence reports from the public and whilst liaising with local Councillors. On Monday 17th November 2025 during a Day of Action, local PCSOs conducted a Speeding Operation across our local area between 1800 and 2130 hours with no speeding offences recorded.

In addition, in October 2025, the Police conducted a multi-departmental speed related operation. The Forces Roads Policing Unit (RPU) were in the area under the command of Police Sergeant Carrington whose team issued 14 Traffic Offence Reports for various speeding offences including excess speeding, seatbelt offences and driving without due care and attention. PCSO Trevor Parkinson complemented this with a Speeding Operation in the locality as well. Overall, it was a successful operation with officers taking positive action for offending.

We continue to support the Community Safety Watch (CSW) scheme and Cllr Gregory has a strong contingent of volunteers which also supports our police enforcement initiatives.

PCSO Trevor Parkinson (trevor.parkinson@notts.police.uk) has recently delivered a further training session at Richard Herod Centre for the Community Road Safety (CRS) for colleagues for 'Friends of King George V Community Group' on Sunday 16th November 2025. As a result, 4 new members of the public volunteered their services who will also support voluntary speeding operations across the area.

The team have held a number of monthly Beat surgeries in the last quarterly period across the area and we continue to listen to your issues and concerns. Gedling SNT cover Lambley, Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph and we aim to have one Beat Surgery in each of the main areas. We will continue to run Beat Surgery once a month in all three areas on a revolving basis. This is to ensure we the public have fair access to the police and equally importantly, we understand the different concerns our communities face. I am pleased to report the following

Beat Surgeries will take place over the next three months:-

- Burton Joyce Surgery – Wednesday 1st January 2026 at 1400 hrs at Burton Joyce Library, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire
- Lambley Beat Surgery – Monday 23rd February 2026 at 1400 hrs at – location to be confirmed (will update on ALERTS)
- Stoke Bardolph Surgery – Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 1400 hrs at Stoke Bardolph Community Centre, Stoke Lane, Stoke Bardolph, Nottinghamshire
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There are no particular crime patterns or trends that are of a concern. If you see something concerning, please report to 101 in a non- emergency, or 999 if a crime is taking place.

I would continue to encourage residents to sign up to the Notts Alerts scheme (www.nottsalerts.co.uk). We are committed to better understanding local concerns, and we value the two way communication. It's also a great opportunity to have your say on policing where you live.

As always if you would you like to contact the local NPT you can contact PCSO Parkinson on the above email address or PC 2358 Mark Szeremeta on Mark.Szerameta@notts.police.uk part of your local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

With Christmas and New Year coming up, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents and the community a very peaceful festive period and thank you for all your support over this past year. May 2026 be a peaceful and prosperous year for us all.

Thank you

Steven King, Gedling Neighbourhood Policing Inspector

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In October, Laura Parker gave us a talk on 'The Archaeology of Nottingham Castle'. She first gave us a brief history of the castle followed by an interesting and entertaining review of the findings of the excavations that took place during the renovation of Nottingham Castle 2014-2018.

There is no meeting in December so our next event will be the AGM and Social meeting on January 26th 2026.

New members and guests are always welcome.

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Hon Chairman: John Smith 0115 9313066

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 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.

Following last months photo of the boys at school, this is a picture of the girls at school in the late 1940's.



LAUGHIN LAMBLEY LUNCH CLUB

Once again this was held on Tuesday 18 November in the Church 11.30 to 2 p.m. Helpers were at hand to serve a requested menu of toad in the hole and treacle sponge and custard.

The members also presented Julie and the helpers with a gift for organising the meals through the year.

We had a few less in number due to a couple of illnesses (usually 15-16 of us) but if you or anyone you know would like to come - the cost is £5 - please let Julie know. Lifts can be arranged.

The next meal will be the Christmas meal to be held on **FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER** from 11.15. This will consist of a 3-course meal, a glass of bubbly and games.

This is at a cost of £10 donation to the running of the club. If you would like to come along but haven't yet got your name down (as this is limited due to space), please contact Julie 07947627168



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SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER



The Elf Walk left the Woodlark at 12.00 on 1 November with approximately 60 fabulous elves in attendance.

The first stop was the World's End at Lowdham and then onto The Ship. Once thirst had been quenched it was along the dual carriageway to The Springfield and then the Four Bells at

Woodborough before heading home to The Woodlark for a rest and to celebrate with a lemonade (really???)

On the day £581 was collected in buckets and the total raised as a whole was £1707 for prostate cancer research - Well Done everybody.





LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Lambley Christmas Lights 2025

As in previous years, we are again organising a cheerful display of Christmas lights in the village, in order to dispel the wintry gloom and cheer everyone up. We always receive a lot of very positive feedback about the lights and there is no doubt that they help to attract visitors and raise the profile of the village.

Obviously the lights have to be paid for and so, as we did last year, we are looking to our local businesses and individuals to support the village by making a donation towards this cost. Any amount would be greatly appreciated by the Parish Council and the village as a whole.

Kindly contact our Parish Clerk Ewa Strumnik on 07725 834442. Cheques should be made payable to **Lambley Parish Council**. Alternatively you could transfer directly into our account but please contact Ewa with the details.

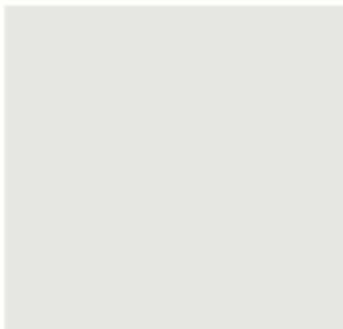
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We have nearly made it to the end of the year and the Government has finally decided to remove the largely symbolic well paid administrative role of all the counties Police and Crime Commissioners and the estimated 100,000 plus will then be diverted into our Nottinghamshire neighbourhood policing.

One thing we have already learned that the Police do allow cctv at the entrance to your drive from the highway but is best to have an accompanying sticker informing people of it. Several high profile anti-social behavior crimes have been solved by the use of strategically placed trail camera footage from potential break ins dog fouling to illegal flytipping and we thank all the residents whose footage identified the culprit putting dangerous broken glass in a very unsafe wheelie bin on a public footpath where children pass daily to School.

If your camera position is out of wifi range don't worry you can purchase a yearly 4G sim card that comes with the camera and you activate it and then you can view your property when you are on holiday and they will alert you to any movement plus they now have excellent resolution even at night. This all gives you extra peace of mind and makes it more difficult for the opportunist sneak thief or distraction burglary as I found in my case.

On this theme you will all be very worried of a new theme involving burglaries where treasured high performance motorbikes are stolen to order. Please be vigilant at all times of the year but especially in the run in to the Christmas festivities. Where you will have bought expensive toys or electric items for your children – gone are the days when children were happy with a few oranges in mesh material at the bottom of your bed to open on Christmas morning – now it's the latest iphone 17 or tablet.

If you are not on our Lambley Neighbourhood Watch please think of joining and the bonus is that is monitored 24 hours a day and does not need someone to moderate as happens in our other village social media site.

On another worrying trend you may have seen your keyless cars are not that safe after all as these decoders are being traded at £20,000 with other criminal gangs – finally they have been made illegal to sell on the internet but the best protection is to use a faraday pouch rfd device the kind you put your credit cards in to avoid being scammed but why don't we go back to their good old car crook lock or some physical deterrent ?.

There is growing evidence that points to criminal gangs becoming more desperate and the latest advice being not to take your car keys up to your bedroom with you is an example of this but leave them in a more accessible place so to reduce harm to yourself and your family if a break in occurs – “so are we safer in our home now than 10 years ago I will leave you to ponder that statement”.

Once again stay safe and report suspicious activity you witness to our whats app group.

The Woodlark Inn

Christmas Menu

Starter

Smoked salmon, orange, pickled fennel & capers (gfo)

Ham hock & pea terrine, caramelised onion chutney, croutons & butter (gfo)

Roasted figs, goats' cheese, honey & pine nuts (gfo)

Traditional prawn cocktail, marie rose sauce, lemon wedge, iceberg lettuce (gfo)

Wild mushrooms, garlic butter, toast & a brie wedge (gfo)

Main Course

Roast turkey

Dauphinoise potatoes, roasted carrots, brussels sprouts, red cabbage, stuffing, pigs in blankets & gravy (gfo)

Confit of duck

Dauphinoise potatoes, roasted carrots, brussels sprouts, red cabbage, red currents & gravy

Venison & red wine pie in shortcrust pastry, vegetables & dauphinoise potatoes & gravy

Salmon filet, dauphinoise potatoes, fish & white wine cream sauce, brown shrimps & samphire (gfo)

Smoked cod, orzo pasta, mediterranean vegetables & basil oil

Mushroom, brie & cranberry wellington, vegetables & dauphinoise & cheese sauce

Dessert

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Lambley Women's Institute

The village bonfire night was amazing and we were certainly kept on our toes serving nearly 400 hot dogs and about a tanker load of mushy peas but as we were a bit more prepared than last year we managed to keep everyone fed before they moved on to the bonfire and fireworks.

Our speaker for November was Janice Rose. Janice worked for Marks and Spencer for 35 years before being made redundant in her 50s. She decided that she was not yet ready for retirement and as she had spent most of her career in the lingerie department of M & S Janice took the mighty leap to start her own lingerie business.

Initially running her business from home Janice now has a unit in Sutton on Trent offering a bespoke fitting service and employs 6 staff. Janice thought she knew all about bra fitting until she set up independently and discovered that all bra manufacturers insisted on delivering specific training for their products as size and fit varies hugely.

The team has experience in fitting women and girls for everything from first bra to maternity and nursing bras, post surgery bras and bras for later life. Janice has a wealth of knowledge and we were both surprised and fascinated to learn the importance of getting the right bra size and the complications of an ill fitting bra and also how our shape and size change throughout life so it's important to get measured regularly. Janice now works with a breast plastic surgeon to offer support to post surgery women. She brought along quite a few samples of lingerie so that we could see the different shapes and fit and also some post mastectomy implants. She demonstrated the way we should put a bra on to avoid causing damage to the bra and the take away message ladies was

LEAN, LIFT AND SCOOP!!

Janice has now extended her range of lingerie to cover hosiery products and a wide range of sports underwear.

It was a really helpful and educational talk and really showed how little we as women know about breast care.

We will be decorating the bus shelter for Christmas and will be serving mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate at the Christmas light switch on when we love to see so many old friends and make some new so do come along and say hello.

Our next meeting is Monday 15th December which is our Christmas party night with entertainment from singer Eleanor Mattley.

We meet for social time at 7pm and the formal meeting begins at 7.30 We are a friendly group of women who would love to welcome new members with new ideas.

Visitors are also always welcome so please come along and meet us. For further information/enquiries contact Michelle 07943334616, email nightingale633@gmail.com

Upcoming meetings

Monday 15 December
Christmas Party &
Entertainment

Monday 12 January
The Hat Lady
Yvonne Henson

Monday 9 February
Terry Lock
Gedling Country Park

Monday 9 March
WI Birthday Party and
Entertainment

LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL – WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT

Parish Council Report

At our November meeting we heard from Ian Taylor who is leading the campaign against the BESS (battery storage) project off Spring Lane. The UK Health Security Agency has reported on a similar scheme in Lincolnshire and was very critical of their fire safety proposals. The Spring Lane scheme has yet to produce their proposals and it seems that their initial outline plan could not satisfy UKHSA. Your Parish Council supports Ian in this important work. We await further details.

The Flood Warden Team have been in action this month making sure that the trash screens at Dam Yard and Park Lane were clear so that the Beck would not overtop its banks. We hope that the new “Leaky Dams” in the Top Dumble also contributed. Thanks to all those Wardens who turned out to help.

The roads and footpaths in the village are hazardous at the moment because of fallen leaves. Please be careful, they are very slippery. We have asked Gedling Borough Council to sweep them regularly. We are also asking motorists not to park over a road gully during bad weather. The Wardens have to keep the gullies clear of leaves to prevent the roads from flooding.

You will have seen that the Christmas Lights switch on will have been at 6.00pm on 1st December. The cost of putting the lights up increases every year and we are asking businesses and individuals to contribute towards this. If you are able to offer us any financial support, please contact the Parish Clerk, Ewa Strumnik (details on the back page). Thank you to those who have already supported us.

Jackie Loftus has just informed us that she has to leave the Council because of work and family commitments. She assures us that she will still be active in village events. We would like to thank Jackie for her participation over the years and ask if anyone in the parish would consider joining us. If you are interested in this level of local democracy, please contact Lawrence in the first instance.

The December meeting of the Parish Council has been brought forward by one week to 8th December so the Lambley WI can hold their Christmas Party on the 15th.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Lawrence Milbourn

Chairman, Lambley Parish Council.

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The Memory Tree

This has now been situated in the Reed Pond near the arc of seats in the South East corner of the pond. It was commissioned on behalf of the family of Mike Morris who sadly passed last December and had been a previous Parish Council Chairman who left a sum of money to the Parish some of which has gone into the Memory Tree. His family love it and are very pleased with the result. It was designed and built by Peter Brown of Epperstone. In the future leaves can be purchased to be inscribed with memories of a loved one.

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Thank you to all who helped to clear the litter on 5 October - there was everything from a car bumper to a bin liner of dead rooks!

**NEXT DATE SUNDAY 14
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If you would like to help please contact Keith 07508 380924

2025

Lambley Village Hall Association

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Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

Note: 7th=Flower Arranging Class

Note: 6th=Food Doctors Concert

Note: 19th=Lambley Carol Concert + C&W

Note: Change, 8th=Parish Council, 15th=WI

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Wed	4	11	18	25
Thu	5	12	19	26
Fri	6	13	20	27
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Sun	1	8	15	22

Note: 7th=Priv Party

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Note: 18th=Childs 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

 = Pilates 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 (Thursdays)19:30-22:00 - Main Hall

 = Lambley School Closed, Holidays, or Inset Day

Comm Room = Parish Council(3rd Tues), Reed 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 09:00 to 13:00 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

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN STROGANOFF

Ingredients (Serves 6)

700 gm (1.5 lbs) boneless skinless chicken thighs or breasts
6 strips of thick cut bacon, chopped
1 tbsp olive oil
1 large onion diced
3 cloves garlic minced
1 lb white mushrooms sliced
1250 ml chicken stock
1 tbsp Worcester sauce
1 tsp Paprika
1 tsp dried thyme
1 tsp salt
½ tsp black pepper
1 tbsp cornflour mixed with 2 tbsp cold water.
250 ml sour cream



Method

In a skillet over a medium heat, cook the chopped bacon until crispy. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside.

In the bacon fat, saute the onions and garlic until softened, about 2-3 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook until they begin to release moisture, another 3 minutes.

Transfer the onion/mushroom mixture to the bottom of your slow cooker and layer the chicken on top., Add the chicken stock, Worcester sauce, paprika, thyme, salt and pepper. Cover and cook on low for 6-7 hours or high for 3-4 hours. Once the chicken is tender, shred it gently in the cooker using two forks. Stir in the sour cream and cornflour, mix well and cook on high for an additional 20 minutes on high until the sauce thickens. Service on a bed of rice with vegetables. Garnish with chopped parsley.

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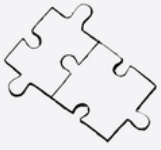
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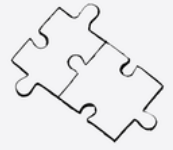
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DINGBATS

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Fairy, Wolf
& Duckling



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZZES

Answers to Dingbats:

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INDIA

The Invisible Man

Passage to India

SARA'S SUDOKU

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Lambley Nature: Dec 25 Wildlife Tips

- Heads up for the RSPB Birdwatch – to be held over the last weekend of January – it's our largest garden wildlife survey and you and all the family are invited to record the bird and mammal activity in your gardens.
- If you have a wildlife pond and it freezes over, make a hole in the ice so that insects and frogs who live in the bottom of garden ponds can breathe.
- Better still create your own shallow pond in your garden – it doesn't need to be large either, frogs will lay spawn in these ponds early in the season. The pond will be deeper if you want to attract toads and newts.
- Keep birdbaths clean if they have frozen over, just pour on some warm (not boiling water, or the container might break) to defrost.
- We have heard that that birds are not eating nyger seed and it was growing mouldy.
- buy red and white millet instead. This is the favourite food of both house and tree sparrows and is equally nutritious.
- Make sure your bird feeders are cleaned regularly and thoroughly disinfected keep well stocked up with fresh suet and mixed / sunflower hearts and high energy mix seed. High calorie fat balls make a great meal! – always observe in the late afternoon that nest boxes are not occupied by a roosting bird before cleaning out the box.
- After this clean out the bird box also install new boxes on walls or tree trunks facing North or Easterly direction away from the prevailing wind. You might like to have a go at making your own – look at the RSPB website for [diy](#) ideas.
- Try not to disturb your compost heap as there might be hedgehogs hibernating, frogs, slow worms and insects sheltering there!
- Why not support nature from the comfort of your armchair, by looking at wildlife websites, maybe donating or signing up to volunteer for local projects? Think about buying a cheap pair of binoculars 8 x 30s they will last you a lifetime.
- You will be aware of a shortage of holly berries for your Christmas festivities – songbirds are finding food especially difficult to come by after the last of the garden windfall apples and fruits like sloes and damsons have been eaten in the hedgerows by blackbirds, Scandinavian thrushes like redwing and fieldfare will be arriving in noisy flocks or even badgers.
- In harsh weather look out for rare birds venturing into your garden to eat or drink water. This is the best time of Year to see bullfinches.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

SERVICES DECEMBER 2025

Sunday Dec 7th	Holy Communion	11.00
Saturday Dec 13th	Messy Church	15.00
Sunday Dec 14th	Morning Praise	11.00
	Carols by Candlelight	18.00
Sunday Dec 21st	Holy Communion	11.00
Wednesday Dec 24th	Crib Service	17.00
	Christmas Eve Communion	23.30
Thursday Dec 25th	Christmas Day Communion	10.30
Sunday Jan 4th	Holy Communion	11.00

PRAYERS

This month we pray pupils and staff at Lambley Primary School. We pray also for those working in Health and Social Care and in the Emergency Services that they will have time for their own preparations amidst the busyness all around them.

We also pray for those who are elderly and/or housebound - Christmas is not always an easy time if you are lonely or isolated. If you know of anyone who is alone please take a few minutes to check that they are warm enough and have all that they need to see them through the days when there may be no carers to support them.

Christmas is also a difficult time for those who have been bereaved in the months coming up to what we often call the "festive season" or during the Christmas time itself. Please see the In Memoriam section below.

IN MEMORIAM

In December we remember the following people whose names appear in our Memorial Book in church:-

3rd December	Elizabeth Sadler	2005
4 th December	Leslie Graves	????
5 th December	Norman Todd	1995
	Gareth Goodwin	2021
	Geoffrey Robert John Watts	2022
7 th December	Eric Porter	2022
10 th December	Walter Walker	1972
	Henry Watson	1996
11 th December	Winifred Kirk	1992
	Jean Allwood	1996
13 th December	Doris Hale	1989
	Ellen Holland	1996
	James (Jim) Ingram	2024
17 th December	Robert Ellis	1992
18 th December	Nellie Beaumont	1996
20 th December	Eric Cowdell	1996
	Ken Ingall	2023
21 st December	Christopher Wickes	1992
23 rd December	June Meakin	2010
24 th December	Winifred Thompson	1996
25 th December	Gwen Smith	1999
27 th December	Edwin Stevenson	1998
29 th December	Ethel Cooper	1996
	Clara Wright	2016
31 st December	Jim Holmes	2014

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Jobs in the garden for December

1. Protect terracotta pots from cracking in freezing weather by bringing them indoors or wrapping in bubble polythene.
 2. Rake up accumulated fallen leaves in borders that could be harbouring slugs and other pests.
 3. Plant bare-root roses and other deciduous shrubs plus ornamental trees.
 4. Hang bird feeders near roses to attract hungry birds that will also pick off any overwintering pests.
 5. Cut stems of berried winter shrubs, seasonal flowers and evergreen leaves for festive decorations and wreaths.
 6. Prune climbing roses between now and February.
 7. Hard prune overgrown shrubs and hedges while they are dormant.
 8. Check stored bulbs and corms regularly for any signs of rot.
 9. Move plants in pots to sheltered spots if the conditions turn very cold.
 10. Pile straw or bracken around the base of tender shrubs or climbers to protect them from falling temperatures.
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