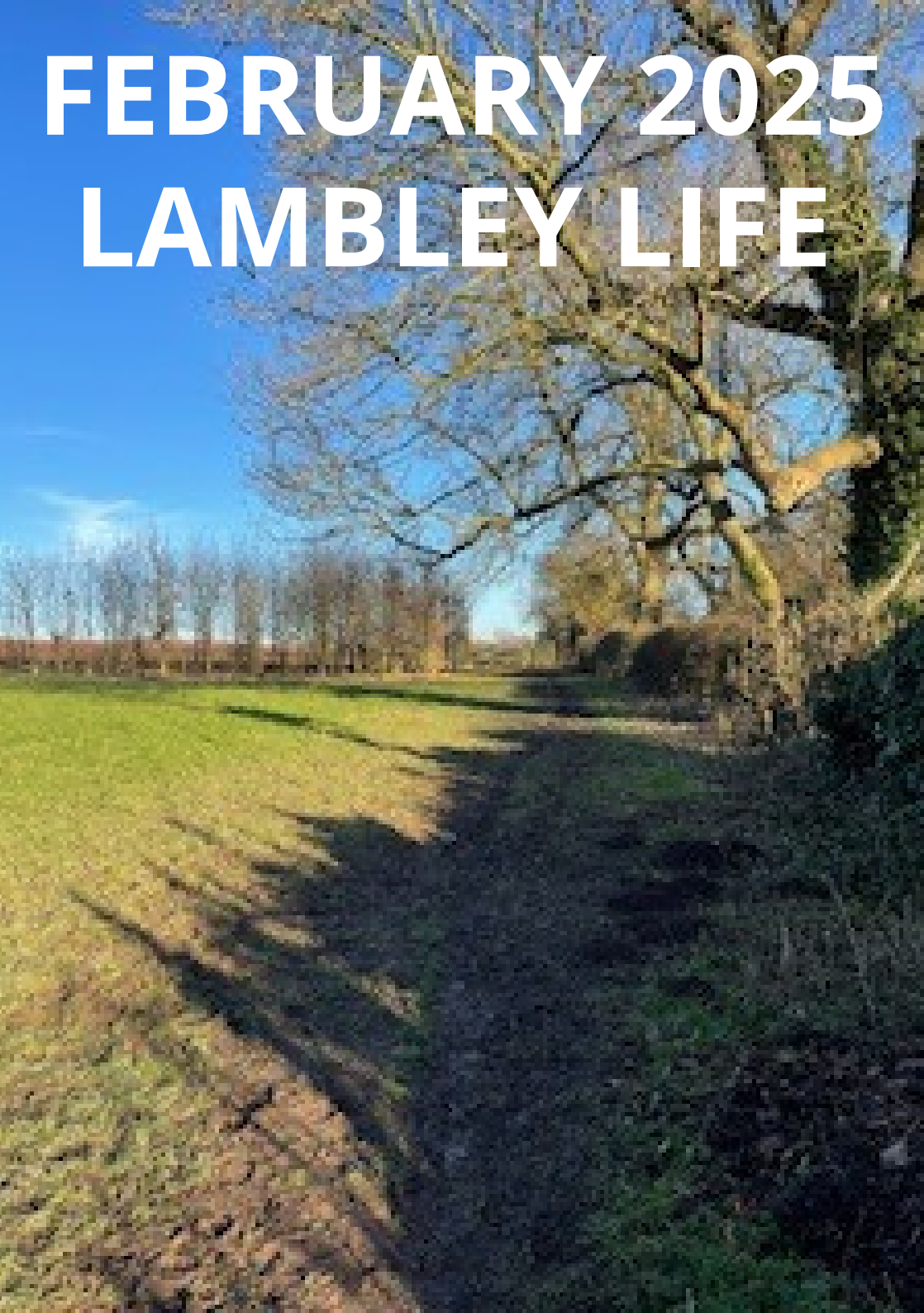


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Again please contact Lambley Life as above.

WELCOME TO 2025!

Welcome to the February 2025 edition of Lambley Life magazine.

We hope you have now all got over the festivities and back to normality!

We still need your pictures for the front cover of anywhere in and around the village or Lambley related.

HELP!

Your magazine needs you (and/or your ideas)

As from 1st January our printing costs have gone up considerably - this is not surprising as they have not risen since August 2022 when the magazine started. The sponsorship of the advertisers has, until now, just covered the costs - hence the **FREE** magazine. I hope you will notice that we have several new advertisers in this edition and if you contact them could you please make it known that you have found them in the Lambley Life magazine. This will not only let them know that we are useful but also encourage them to keep their adverts in the magazine.

We still need more advertisers/sponsors to enable this magazine to keep going in its current format even if you don't want to advertise monthly - it can be done every other month or quarterly.

Thank you to those who have already pledged sponsorship/donations to help with the costs.

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.

The Lambley Life Team

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Lambley Nature: February 2025 Wildlife Tips

- It's still the time to plant any trees/hedging! Buying a smaller, bare-root plant is cheaper than pot grown. Guelder rose, small hawthorn trees / rowan can be good choice trees for small gardens and will provide food and shelter for wildlife for years to come.
 - Rowans also have spectacular foliage colour in Autumn.
 - Silver birch also mitigates against traffic pollution (the latest research shows).

 - Towards the end of the month, you could cut back old flowering stems (sedum, teasels) and place them in a quiet corner of the garden, so that any insects like ladybirds which have been living in them can find new homes.
 - If bad weather persists, move your occupied bee hotels into sheltered out-buildings or sheds until the weather warms up in late March/April.
 - Help insects even by planting shrubs or winter flowering heathers. These can be planted in troughs and pots too. Leave early flowering wildflowers such as lesser celandines – they can be good early nectar source and are such a welcome sight after winter! Always try to grow native daffodils (lent lily).
 - Why not consider cleaning/ recycling/upcycling your old plant pots, to use less plastic and fewer resources? There are plenty of websites with great ideas!
 - Listen out for bird song, download an app called “Merlin” for bird song id. There might also be birds looking for places to nest like robins, early frogs will start to appear in your ponds (returning after hibernation), bumble bees are on the wing on sunny days and all sorts of insects/bugs too.
 - The best way to attract wildlife to any garden is to dig a shallow pond and fill it with pond plants – not only will it be an added feature, but you also may get the bonus of a female frog laying spawn in it and later tadpoles.
 - There could be small birds roosting in your nestboxes over winter, so check at dusk whether birds like wrens are using them before cleaning them out for the 2025 season.
 - You can still put up more nestboxes – they should face North or East. Never South facing as the nestlings overheat in them.
 - As always, keep birdbaths and your bird feeders clean and filled!
 - If you want to attract hedgehogs to your garden and you have a wooden fence by only, cutting a hole at ground level, the size of a CD disk will allow access
 - If you go to Reed Pond, you will see the Group have planted native hedging saplings for wildlife and a dead hedge around the new orchard area in the North meadow.
 - If you have the pruning's from your trees and hedges, creating a dead hedge looks neat but at the same time encourages wildlife into your garden.
(see information how to construct a dead hedge) on the internet
- Please send in your wildlife photos – it would be great to share what you see around the village! lambleylife@gmail.com

Lambley Primary School

A new term...

As we start the new term, we get to look back on a wonderful Christmas holiday. The hard work of the autumn term completed, the children and staff headed off for festivities with families and friends. The Christmas holiday is definitely my favourite time of the year. Not only for the countless mince pies but quality time with loved ones; time where you can put one another at the centre of your thoughts. We are all such busy people in our day to day lives and Christmas reminds us to slow down and focus on those people and things that are most important and matter most. I look back on this Christmas with a real sense of happiness. I hope you do too!

With the festivities now behind us, the children have returned for the busy spring term. The spring term is full of excitement but I have always felt it is the biggest, most important term of the school year. The autumn term is about new routines and settling to a new year and the summer provides more opportunity for outdoor learning, sports and celebration but the spring term is the term where we focus on the work ahead and cover the largest amount of the curriculum. We know and have learnt the new routines, we know what lies ahead and now we give one hundred percent to everything that we do so that come the summer we are celebrating real success.

Already this term, we have welcomed new children to school. Moving mid-year is not always easy but the caring and welcoming nature we have developed at the school has helped these children settle straight into life at Lambley. Visitors and prospective parents keep commenting on the caring and nurturing nature they find when they visit Lambley; the perfect environment for their children to thrive.

Alongside our work on the curriculum, the children have had some wonderful opportunities to extend their learning. Our choir have recently spent the day in Birmingham at Young Voices whilst two year groups have recently been to the Space Centre in Leicester. Not only do these experiences enhance the learning but they also support the pupils' social and emotional development (which is just as important). As the headteacher of the school, I am always happy when the children talk about these experiences with real enthusiasm and take so much learning from the day. I am also incredibly proud that we always receive such wonderful feedback from providers and hosts about how the children work, behave and support one another. A great start to the term, with much more to follow!

Writing this has also reminded me of just how much we have to look forward to this term. I cannot wait to see what these incredible children achieve this term and I look forward to telling you more next time.

Kind regards

Lee Christopher

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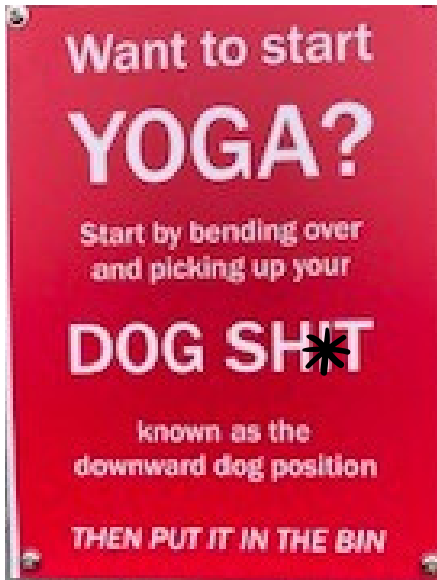
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THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM - DOG POO!!!

It is becoming apparent around the village at the moment that there are some people, particularly with medium/large dogs, that are not picking up after their pooch! This has been noticed lately on the pavements from Dark Hole to Flamstead Avenue and around Orchard Rise. There is also a lot of poo left on footpaths noticed along the footpath between Orchard Rise and the bridge in bottom Dumbles and the lane between the top of Mill Lane and Catfoot Lane. See the notice below that one frustrated resident has erected! Speaks for itself really. **PICK IT BAG IT BIN IT!** Don't throw it or leave it hanging. There are now plenty of dog bins around the village for disposal. Don't forget if you are seen and reported the fine is up to £1000.



I met a little dog
on the bottom of my shoe
hello little doggy
how do you do - your do?

I'm sure you can explain
this colour by your diet,
was it also on the can
when your owner went to buy it?

All these little calling cards
scattered all around,
has no one ever told you
not to leave it on the ground?

If only your poor owner
had the brain power of a flea,
they wouldn't let you leave these messes
lying around for me!

Jillian Marshall – Feb 7th 1939 – Dec 20th 2024

On January the 10th a service was held celebrated the life of Jill with her extended family, five grand kids, two great grand kids, as well as many friends and neighbours from the village.

Jill loved all the good things that the joys of life bring, her garden at Cocker Beck which has been John and Jill's home since 1977, walks in the fields and the Dumbles around Lambley, but especially her family and was the loving wife to John Marshall, her husband, for over 60 years.

Pretty much every day Jill, or Jilly as she was also known, was off for "come on, walkies!" with Elizabeth and her beagles, Billie and her basset hound, Jean and the Jack Russell and boxer, John and, in more recent years, with Jonathan or Sarah, often with Chester the dog, either here in the village of Lambley or Woodborough or on family vacations in Pembrokeshire, The Lake District, Norfolk or Northumberland along the beaches and coastal footpaths.



John, Sarah and Jonathan would like to thank all of you for your care and support over the past few years as Jill battled with dementia and request any tributes be directed to Alzheimer's UK at the following site link.

www.lymn.co.uk/obituaries

Thank you also the The Lambley, Jubilee Court care home in Hucknall, A.W.Lymn, Gedling Crematorium, as well as all involved in the beautiful service to celebrate and remember Jill.

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We did not have a meeting in December so our first evening talk in 2025 will be at 7.30 on Monday Feb 24 at Lowdham WI hall when Karen Winyard will speak to us. This talk entitled "In and out of Wedlock", looks at the movement to reform the legal system for married women's rights and four women in Nottinghamshire who contributed to the groundswell of public opinion.

2025 Programme Summary

- Feb 24 Karen Winyard - In and out of Wedlock
- Mar 24 Matthew Lymn-Rose - 117 Years of Saying Goodbye
- Apr 28 Keith Small – The River Trent in History and in Life
- May 15 Visit to the Nottingham Museum store
- Jun 21 Guided walk round Bennerley Viaduct
- Jul 15 Guided tour of Shardlow and the Heritage Centre
- Sep 22 Ann Featherstone - Mashed potato sandwiches and bottle top tinsel
- Oct 27 Laura Parker – Archaeology of Nottingham Castle
- Nov 24 Maureen Taylor – Bess of Hardwick

New members and guests are always welcome.

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Hon Secretary: Kay Winfield 0115 9313646

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.

This photo shows the wedding of Alice Thompson (daughter of William and Rebecca Thompson who kept the Nags Head) and James Martin in 1911, outside the Nags Head (now The Lambley). By 1921 James and Alice had taken over running the pub. James died in 1931 but Alice continued to run the pub, aided by her son William, until her death in 1955.



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February: The Month of Love and Little Hearts

As the shortest month of the year, February may arrive in a flurry of winter chill, but it brings with it a warmth that comes straight from the heart. Known as the 'month of love', February surrounds us with pink and red hues, heart-shaped trinkets, and, of course, chocolates galore. For young children, it's a magical time to feel loved and to learn how to share love in simple, meaningful ways.

This month is the perfect opportunity to wrap our little ones in love and teach them the importance of kindness, compassion, and connection. Here are some heartwarming ideas to make February special for the children in your life.

♥ A Love-Filled Countdown ♥

Turn February into a month-long celebration of love by creating a 'Kindness Countdown'. Each day, have your child complete a small act of love or kindness. It could be drawing a picture for a neighbour, saying something kind to a friend, or giving a family member an extra-big hug.

♥ Creative Valentine's Crafts ♥

Children love to create, and Valentine themed crafts are a perfect way to channel that creativity. Use sheets of paper or card, crayons or felt pens, stickers, and glitter for homemade cards. Let them cut out heart shapes and decorate them with kind messages. These can be shared with friends, teachers, or even local residents in the village, spreading love far and wide.

♥ Sweet Story time ♥

Snuggle up with your little ones and read books that highlight love and kindness. Stories like *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney or *Love Monster* by Rachel Bright are perfect for this time of year and can

be ordered through the local library service. Reading books such as these together not only build bonds but also teach children about expressing affection.

♥ Heartfelt Baking Fun ♥

Baking is a wonderful activity for children, and Valentine's Day is the perfect excuse to whip up some heart-shaped treats. Simple biscuits, decorated with pink and red icing, can be a fun and tasty project. Let them get creative with sprinkles and toppings while teaching them about sharing their treats with others.

♥ Love Notes Around the House ♥

Help your child write little 'love notes' to family members, friends, or even themselves! These can be as simple as "I love your laugh" or "You make me smile." Hide them in lunchboxes, school bags, or under pillows for little surprises throughout the month ♥

♥ Outdoor Heart Hunt ♥

If the weather permits, organise a 'Heart Hunt' in the garden or local park. Cut out paper hearts in various sizes and colours and hide them for your children to find. Add clues or kind messages to each heart for a fun twist.

♥ Celebrate Self-Love ♥

Teach children that love starts within. Encourage them to list things they love about themselves or create a 'Love Jar' where they add daily notes about what made them feel good or proud. Building self-esteem is an essential part of helping them give and receive love.

♥ Family Movie Night ♥

End the day with a cosy family movie night featuring heartwarming classics like Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown or The Secret Life of Pets. Pair it with a bowl of popcorn and lots of cuddles for a 'sweet' evening together ♥

♥ Acts of Community Kindness ♥

Get children involved in spreading love beyond the home. Create care packages for Nottingham shelters, donate toys or clothes, or make thank you cards for those who support our village community.

♥ Create a Love Tree ♥

Cut out a big paper tree and hang it on a wall or door. Each day, add a heart-shaped 'leaf' with something your child is grateful for or a kind act they've done. By the end of the month, your tree will be full of love and positive energy.

♥ Wrapping Our Children in Love ♥

In February, love is all around us. For young children, the focus doesn't have to be on romantic love but rather on the beauty of caring for others and themselves. Whether through crafts, baking, reading, or acts of kindness, this month is an opportunity to instil values that will last a lifetime.

So, wrap your little ones in love this February. With hearts full of joy and hands busy with creativity, this 'month of love' will be one they'll remember for years to come ... and don't forget to make a little time for love and friendship yourself too!

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We have a range of volunteer led interest groups covering both physical and social activities. Our active groups include Table tennis, Badminton, Tai Chi and the fastest growing sport of Pickle Ball! We also have four walking groups to cater for all abilities and fitness and a specific group that has completed the Robin Hood Way in stages and is now working on the Notts Clock walk in monthly sections. Other groups encouraging new learning and friendship include Photography, Social History, Quiz and Reading and then there are several groups providing opportunities for eating and drinking!

We have a monthly general meeting 10.00am on the second Wednesday of the month at Calverton Village Hall which usually features a speaker talking on a wide range of topics. There is also the opportunity to hear about what's happening in the groups and sign up for events taking place as well as chatting and making new friends in the coffee break!

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LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL - WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT

Happy New Year

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and will agree that the decorations and events in the lead up to Christmas within the village helped to forge a sense of community. Not least the wonderful lunch which took place on 18th December for those who were elderly or vulnerable. There were many volunteers who helped to bring this together including Julie Gregory who does so much for the village and is of course one of the Parish Councillors (thanks Julie). The Christmas lights may now be removed for another year, but hopefully the sense of community prevails throughout 2025 and it is something that I know most of us in Lambley cherish.

Flooding update

The village was once again underwater earlier this month and it was not the start to 2025 that we were hoping for. That said, the Flood Wardens once again did an amazing job, with several of them being out most of the night. It is hard to know how to thank them for their efforts, however as one of them said to me recently, the cups of tea being offered when you are freezing cold, and the acknowledgment that they are doing a good job is thanks enough. This alone says a lot about the people who volunteer for this essential role in the village.

Cllr Milbourn, (Flood Team co-ordinator), also advised that the water this time caused a power outage resulting in the Severn Trent Pump not working for several hours. We will be contacting Severn

Trent about this, since it leads to sewage on the roads and pavements. The pump is, in any event, too small for the village (something which Severn Trent accept), and we will therefore continue to press for this to be upgraded.

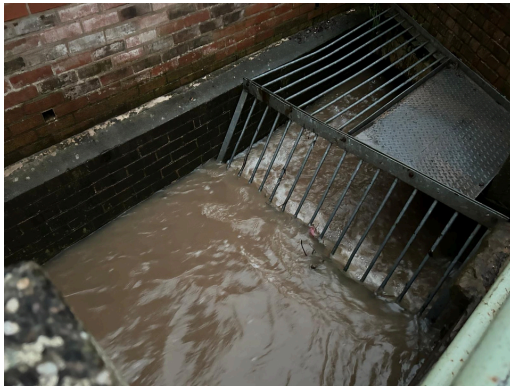
With prevention of flooding in mind, a scheme is being proposed to place 10 leaky dams into the culvert up stream in the Dumbles. Trent Rivers Trust have been helping with this and have identified opportunities to address trees in such a way that they will bend into the ravine in the upper Dumble and act as natural dams to slow the flow of water as it comes into the village. These, they tell us, have proven to be valuable within Burton Joyce. The dams not only improve over time in terms of slowing water, but they also catch debris to prevent it coming further down stream and blocking the trash screens - which are the cause of flooding often both at Dam Yard and at Church Street/Park Lane. We are keen, therefore, to proceed with this and are currently seeking funding from Nottinghamshire County Council. We should know more in the next few weeks.

Cemetery

We will be continuing with the boundary clearance in the cemetery having to date done around half way. The remaining half will be cut back in the coming months and we are hopeful that this will be completed by the end of March (prior to the nesting season).

Thefts

You may have heard about a theft which took place recently on Spring Lane. A locked outbuilding was broken into and tools taken. Please be vigilant and ensure that you report any suspicious activity to the Police.



To the left one of the two grilles in the village that are kept clear by the Flood Team volunteers and above an example of a leaky dam with the use of fallen trees

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Yes it's another Year and another even bigger scam – they think of everything these fraudsters.

Those of us using the platform Booking.com to book their holidays or accommodation may be interested in this, holidaymakers being warned they could be targeted with emails or messages requesting payments from hotels who have had their account taken over by fraudsters. Between June 2023 and September 2024, Action Fraud received 532 reports from individuals, with a total of £370,000 lost.

Insight from Action Fraud reports suggests the individuals were defrauded after receiving unexpected messages and emails from a Booking.com account belonging to a hotel they had a reservation with, which had been taken over by a criminal. Using this account, the criminals send in-app messages, emails, and WhatsApp messages to customers, deceiving them into making payment and/or requesting credit card details.

The specific account takeovers are likely to be the result of a targeted phishing attack against the hotel or accommodation provider, and not Booking.com's backend system or infrastructure.

Adam Mercer, Deputy Head of Action Fraud, said: "With more than 500 reports made to Action Fraud, those who have booked a holiday on the Booking.com platform should stay alert to any unexpected emails or messages from a hotel using the Booking.com platform, as their account could have been taken over by a criminal.

"If you receive an unexpected request from a hotel's account you booked with using Booking.com, asking for bank details or credit card details, it could be a fraudster trying to trick you into parting ways with your money. Contact Booking.com or the organisation directly if you're unsure.

"Remember to report any suspicious emails by forwarding it to report@phishing.gov.uk, or if you receive a fraudulent text message, you can forward it to 7726."

How can you protect yourself?

Booking.com and Action Fraud are providing the following advice on how to spot signs of fraud and protect your Booking.com account:

- No legitimate Booking.com transaction will ever require a customer to provide their credit card details by phone, email, or text message (including WhatsApp).

Sometimes a hotel provider will manage their own payment and may reach out to request payment information, like credit card details – before providing any information, always verify the authenticity of communication between yourself and the hotel's account.

· If you receive any urgent payment requests that require immediate attention, like a booking cancellation, immediately reach out to the Booking.com Customer Service team via the details on the official Booking.com website and/or app to confirm.

Any payment requests that do not match the information in the original booking confirmation should also be double checked and confirmed with Booking.com Customer Service before proceeding.

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One year of the Landlubbers of Lambley!

Lambley's very own sea shanty group celebrated its first birthday recently, and it's been an eventful year as we've been finding our sea legs. We've had a strong turnout from the beginning which has been very welcome, and also slightly surprising considering how far we are from the sea...!

We've had a fantastic time performing at the Lambley and Woodborough village shows, the Woodlark Beer Festival, and doing a singing pub crawl on Cowslip Sunday in May. We're looking forward to many more singalongs in the future.

Whether you're a seasoned Captain or just a lowly shipmate, we'd love to welcome you to the group. We meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. No experience necessary - just a love of singing and a good sense of humour. If you'd like to join the crew, contact Andrew via landlubbersoflambley@gmail.com.

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We will be doing churchyard maintenance on **Saturday 01 February 2025** 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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Emma and Richad Wilson would like to announce that they have now taken over the licence at The Woodlark.

Many of you who frequent The Woodlark will already know them - particularly Emma who has been at The Woodlark for some time with her always bubbly attitude and happy demeanour.

There will be no change in the structure of the running of The Woodlark or its restaurant - you will still be treated to the wonderful menu and food served. Many of you will also be pleased to hear that the BEER FESTIVALS will also continue.

We wish them all the best.

We kicked off our New Year programme by learning how to do silk painting with Wendy Young. Wendy had discovered an interest in this as a way of relaxing whilst she was working as a child minder. We could certainly agree that it was very relaxing and surprisingly easy to have a go at although maybe that was because Wendy had done all the hard work and preparation for us!

Even those of us who aren't artistic or in the least bit crafty managed to find our artistic flair hidden under a bushel and there were some truly lovely creations by the more talented. It was a lovely relaxing evening with a chance to interact and chat whilst painting and is something that can easily be done at home

This Christmas we raised over £70 in donations in lieu of Christmas cards and this has been gifted to Maggie's centre and also many thanks to everyone who purchased one of our bus shelter calendars. We sold all but one so a great success with the proceeds shared between village projects and WI. Our next bus shelter project will be Valentine's themed as usual.

Our next meeting is Monday February 10th when our speaker is Sarah Carley who is the proprietor of Complexions beauty salon in Daybrook, Sarah will be speaking to us about changing career in mid life and building a successful business. At this meeting we will also be happy to accept donations of toiletries to be given to a local women's refuge.

Donations can be dropped off at the village hall from 6.30pm. Come along to one of our super friendly meetings and give us a try. Visitors are always welcome for a small charge. We meet at 7pm for tea/coffee and a chat and meetings start at 7.30pm. For further information/enquiries contact Michelle 07943334616, email nightingale633@gmail.com

"Lambley WI would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing a 2025 Bus Shelter Calendar. We raised £326 profit, which will be split equally between the WI and Lambley Village. Our hope is the money will be used towards the Village Hall maintenance as the hall is such a valuable resource for the village.

Many thanks again and a very happy new year to everyone.

Lambley WI "

Our next meeting is **Monday February 10th** when our speaker is Sarah Carley. This is also the evening for toiletry donations.

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.

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REED POND RAMBLINGS

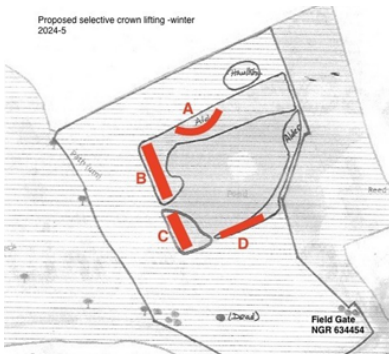
From the Lambley Reed Pond Group



Welcome to the February Edition of Reed Pond Ramblings.

Many of you have contacted the group to say what a huge difference clearing the reeds has made to the view of the pond from the benches, we always welcome positive feedback and your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those involved.

We are continuing our maintenance work around the Pond and over the next few weeks will be focusing on Crown Lifting the alder trees in the following areas designated in the photographs below. This involves removing the bottom branches of the trees. It will add more light into the area itself and also create more visibility. Hopefully with the additional light we will be able to introduce plant species near the edge of the pond to create refuges for wildlife and a more diverse habitat.



In addition to the continued maintenance of the Reed Pond Nature Reserve during the winter months, as a group we are also working through the community ideas raised in the Community Voice Questionnaire and will look to plan/implement these in 2025 and over the coming years.

Our first proactive project is the implementation of a Community Orchard in the north side of the reserve. Lambley Village has a long past history associated with fruit orchards which is most probably why Orchard Rise got its name, and we are so excited to establish one within the Reed Pond Reserve.

We are looking to introduce up to a total of 20 trees with dwarf rootstock or dwarf varieties of apple, cooking apple, pears, plums, damsons, crab apple and cherries. The orchard will be enclosed by dead hedging over time with seating for visitors to stay, relax and enjoy the area.

The pictures below show examples of community orchards that we are looking to replicate but on a smaller scale.



Lambley Nature: February 2025 Wildlife Tips

- It's still the time to plant any trees/hedging! Buying a smaller, bare-root plant is cheaper than pot grown. Guelder rose, small hawthorn trees / rowan can be good choice trees for small gardens and will provide food and shelter for wildlife for years to come.
 - Rowans also have spectacular foliage colour in Autumn.
 - Silver birch also mitigates against traffic pollution (the latest research shows).
 - Towards the end of the month, you could cut back old flowering stems (sedum, teasels) and place them in a quiet corner of the garden, so that any insects like ladybirds which have been living in them can find new homes.
 - If bad weather persists, move your occupied bee hotels into sheltered out-buildings or sheds until the weather warms up in late March/April.
 - Help insects even by planting shrubs or winter flowering heathers. These can be planted in troughs and pots too. Leave early flowering wildflowers such as lesser celandines – they can be good early nectar source and are such a welcome sight after winter! Always try to grow native daffodils (lent lily).
 - Why not consider cleaning/ recycling/upcycling your old plant pots, to use less plastic and fewer resources? There are plenty of websites with great ideas!
 - Listen out for bird song, download an app called “Merlin” for bird song id. There might also be birds looking for places to nest like robins, early frogs will start to appear in your ponds (returning after hibernation), bumble bees are on the wing on sunny days and all sorts of insects/bugs too.
 - The best way to attract wildlife to any garden is to dig a shallow pond and fill it with pond plants – not only will it be an added feature, but you also may get the bonus of a female frog laying spawn in it and later tadpoles.
 - There could be small birds roosting in your nestboxes over winter, so check at dusk whether birds like wrens are using them before cleaning them out for the 2025 season.
 - You can still put up more nestboxes – they should face North or East. Never South facing as the nestlings overheat in them.
 - As always, keep birdbaths and your bird feeders clean and filled!
 - If you want to attract hedgehogs to your garden and you have a wooden fence by only, cutting a hole at ground level, the size of a CD disk will allow access
 - If you go to Reed Pond, you will see the Group have planted native hedging saplings for wildlife and a dead hedge around the new orchard area in the North meadow.
 - If you have the pruning's from your trees and hedges, creating a dead hedge looks neat but at the same time encourages wildlife into your garden.
(see information how to construct a dead hedge) on the internet
- Please send in your wildlife photos – it would be great to share what you see around the village! lambleylife@gmail.com

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PRUNE!

There is still some overhanging shrubbery that for people of a certain height may have to duck around particularly overhanging the New Row wall. It would be appreciated if these could be cut back.

Thank you to those who have cut their overhanging foliage back .

If you have a garden hedge or anything that is overhanging or jutting out onto a public pathway, could you please make sure this is pruned.

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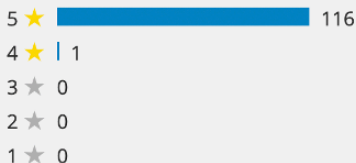
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What's on at the Village Hall

2025

Lambley Village Hall Association

Feb

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Mon	3	10	17	24
Tue	4	11	18	25
Wed	5	12	19	26
Thu	6	13	20	27
Fri	7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22
Sun	2	9	16	23

Note: 16th=Childs Party

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Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

Note: 22nd=Opera Dudes (Village Event - Hall)

Note: 23rd=Child's Party

Note:

May


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Sun	4	11	18	25


Note: 1st=Local Council Election (CR)


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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

 = Lambley Parish Council (3rd Monday) 18:30-22:00 - 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 Event - Main Hall & Comm Room

 = Lambley Reed Pond Meeting (2nd Tues) - Comm Room

 = Lambley School Closed, Holidays, or Inset Day

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

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

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

INGREDIENTS

100g/3 1/2 oz butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
175g/6oz light muscovado sugar
2 large eggs
225g/8oz SR flour (use gluten free if needed)
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
3 tbsp black treacle
275ml/9 1/2 fl oz full fat milk
Double cream or vanilla ice cream to serve

FOR THE SAUCE

100g/3 1/2 oz butter
125g/4 1/2 oz light muscovado sugar
1 tbsp black treacle
300ml/10fl oz double cream
1 tsp vanilla extract

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Butter a wide shallow 1.7 litre/3-pint overproof dish.
2. Put the butter, sugar, eggs, flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and treacle into a mixing bowl. Beat using an electric whisk for about 30 seconds or until combined. Pour in the milk gradually and whisk again until smooth.
3. Pour into the prepared dish. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until well risen and springy in the centre.
4. To make the sauce, put all the ingredients into a saucepan and stir over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved and the butter has melted. Bring to the boil, stirring for a minute.
5. Serve, pour sauce over and add cream/ice cream and **DONT look at the calories!!!!**

TIPS: Heat the spoon before you put in the treacle - it will come away easier.
I add chopped dates as well into the mixture before putting into the dish - lovely and moist.





PUZZLE CORNER



SARA'S SUDOKU

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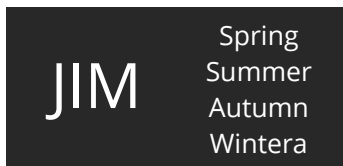
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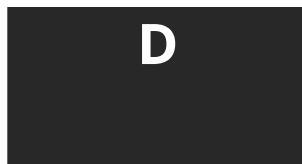


ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZZES

Answers to Dingbats:



A Man for All Seasons



Heidi

SARA'S SUDOKU

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Sunday 2nd February	Holy Communion	11.00
Sunday 9th February	All Age Worship	11.00
Saturday 15th February	Messy Church	3.00 - 5.00pm
Sunday 16th February	Holy Communion	11.00
Sunday 23rd February	Morning Prayer	11.00
Sunday 2nd March	Holy Communion	11.00

PRAYERS

This month we are praying for all the local villages where recent flooding has taken place and in particular we give thanks for the Lambley Flood Warden team, volunteers who do such a great job. They are often in action at unsocial times of day and night, and in very cold and wet weather, and are on the receiving end of verbal abuse from those who are prevented from going through flood water for their own safety.

IN MEMORIAM

We are remembering the following people in February:-

Date	Name	Year of death
3 rd February	Jean Elizabeth Martin	2022
4 th February	Winifred Ackrill	1992
	Edna Spencer	1996
	Edna Kirk	2004
5 th February	Sylvia Martin	1993
6 th February	Frank Kirkham	1996
9 th February	Bella Selby	1996
13 th February	Gladys Alfrey	2003
14 th February	Henry Pearson (Priest, Rector of Lambley 1912- 1966)	1972
	Doris Wheatley,	2001
	Arthur (Jim) Hall	2006

15 th February	Joy Plumb Margaret Ross	1999 ??
16 th February	Kathleen White	2004
17 th February	Sylvia Ewen Pamela Leeson	2000 2006
18 th February	Amy Selby	2002
	Kenneth Eric Walsh	2010
19 th February	Colin Campbell Melvin Sturtivant	1980 2001
21 st February	John Marriott	1968
22 nd February	Nancy Holmes	1998
23 rd February	Margaret Ellemore	2010
24 th February	Christine Marie Arthur	2023
25 th February	Harry Thorpe	1983
27 th February	John Watson George White	2006 2008

If anyone can help with the year that Margaret Ross died we would be most grateful.

MESSY CHURCH

Will take place on Saturday 15th February 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Enquiries about Weddings, Funerals & Baptisms at Lambley Church

Lambley Church shares an administrator with All Hallows' Church, Gedling. If you wish to make enquiries about weddings, baptisms or funerals at Lambley Church, or Interment of Ashes in the churchyard you need to contact the administrator at All Hallows'.

The best way to do this is to attend the monthly Church Office time which is held on the 1st Saturday of the month at All Hallows' Church on Arnold Road, Gedling between 10.00 and 12.00 noon. If you cannot attend in person, or need to make urgent enquiries you can leave a message on the landline 0115 648 1208 or the mobile phone 07840 510 521.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE CHURCH

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LAMBLEY LITTER PICKERS

Our next outing will be on **Sunday 9 February**. We will meet in the school car park where litter pickers and Hi-viz vests will be handed out to those who do not already have them. All are welcome and many hands make light work to keep our village looking tidy.



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Look forward to seeing you there.

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 2. Clean pots and greenhouses ready for Spring.
 3. Keep an eye on watering houseplants.
 4. Plant now to boost the winter fragrance in your garden.
 5. Inspect stored tubers of acers including Dahlia, Begonia and canna for rot or drying out.
 6. Start forcing rhubarb.
 7. Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season.
 8. Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds.
 9. Cut off hellebore leaves at the base to discourage black spot disease and show off the flowers.
 10. Monitor the water level of your pond as hard frosts can cause defects in the liner or concrete.
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EIGHT WAYS BIRDS BEAT THE BITTER WEATHER



1. Flock together during the day
2. Roost together at night
3. Eat all day
4. Feast on supplies
5. Follow the food
6. Find new food sources
7. Fluff up the feathers
8. Head to a feeder

How to help birds in winter

You can help birds by putting out food in a hanging feeder and providing fresh water. Drinking and bathing is a vital part of the daily routine of birds, so a fresh water supply is particularly important in colder weather when usual water sources could be frozen. Crucially, be sure to keep your feeders and bird baths clean by washing them at least once a week to help the birds stay healthy. Take a look at our guide to [How and When to Feed Birds in Your Garden](#) for more advice, including the best foods to attract different birds, and how to help birds stay healthy.

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