

# LAMBLEY LIFE

## FEBRUARY 2026



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Tuesday 17 February  
Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

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

**Tuesday 17 March 2026  
Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

**Tuesday 21 April  
Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

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

**Saturday 20 June  
Woodlark Beer Festival**

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

**Saturday 12 September  
Woodlark Beer Festival**

**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 February 2026 edition of Lambley Life magazine. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year - it seems to long ago now!

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.

If anyone would like to put an advert in the magazine please get in touch.

**Sofia is in charge of the magazine for March and most of April so please get your articles in on time - thank you - Julie**

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.**

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## **Local Business Woman collects MBE from Prince of Wales at Windsor Castle for Services to the Business Community in Nottinghamshire.**

Dawn Edwards of Lambley, this week collected her MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) from the Prince of Wales at an Investiture Ceremony at Windsor Castle. Dawn was awarded the honour in the King's Birthday Honours List 2025 for Services to the Business Community in Nottinghamshire.

Over many years Dawn has played a pivotal role in supporting the Business Community, both in Nottinghamshire and the wider East Midlands Region. mentoring entrepreneurs, fostering leadership development, and championing business growth initiatives that have strengthened the local economy, often in Volunteer and unpaid roles.

She is a former Board Member and President of the East Midlands Chamber, supporting businesses during the Covid pandemic, and more generally through signposting to grants and other forms of aid to strengthen business resilience. In April of this year she was appointed as Regional Chair (East Midlands) for the Federation of Small Businesses and is a Board member on Carlton Neighbourhood Board.





Speaking about the honour, Dawn said: *"I am truly humbled to receive this recognition. Nottinghamshire has an incredible business community, and I will continue to do whatever I can, whenever I can to ensure that Nottinghamshire, and the wider East Midlands business community gets the support and profile which it so richly deserves, and is the go to place to do business. The visit to Windsor Castle and meeting His Royal Highness is an experience I shall never forget".*

Background: Dawn was brought up in Calverton, attending Colonel Frank Seely School and is the daughter of the local chimney sweep. She took her first job at the age of 16 as an apprentice at Wrangler UK. Study towards professional qualifications, including an MBA at the age of 29, and redundancy from Home Brewery in Daybrook was the catalyst to step into the world of Entrepreneurship, forming Challenge Consulting, a Leadership & Management training & consultancy company, from a back bedroom in her home. The business continues to thrive almost 30 years on, with clients in many different sectors from manufacturing to construction, many of whom are household names. Dawn is a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership, and is on various advisory boards.

# ***FUNDRAISING FOR 2026***

The fundraising for the Christmas lights in the future has got off to a great start!!

Unbelievably half of the £15000 required has been raised/donated.

£5000 from the Bonfire proceeds

£1500 from the Mike Morris donation

£1000 from a fantastic villager

(who wishes to remain anonymous)

£170 raised by the Woodlark at the Christmas Quiz

WI donation £83

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.

## **Christmas Lights Fundraising Thermometer**



**£7753 so far**



## CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

We will be doing churchyard maintenance on **Saturday 7 February 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.

Below is what we achieved at the January session - doesn't it look better!

There are further jobs to tackle in February and March so please feel free to come and give a hand.

Contact Katja for more information: 07912 360998



## Next Stop Please!

Unfortunately the No 61 took a wrong turn onto Orchard Rise instead of Church Street. However, after coming face to face with the gate, the driver managed a turn at the end and embarrassment saved!





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## Neighbourhood Watch

Current priorities in your area from Inspector King of Gedling Police Through analysis of crime, consultation with partners, the PCC crime survey and feedback from our community, we have identified the following policing priorities.

Antisocial behaviour – a longstanding priority for the team and including begging, motorcycles, speeding and behavioural ASB.

Acquisitive crime – including burglary, robbery, shoplifting and theft.

Drugs – including drug dealing and associated crime and cannabis cultivation.

Actions on our priorities

Antisocial behaviour – Most recent figures suggest a fall in ASB across Gedling but we are in no way complacent. Days of action have taken place during November and December alongside the force's Off-Road Bike Team.

Anti-social use of motor vehicles is also being tackled through a public space protection order. We are allocating additional time and resources to focus on repeat offenders and hot spot areas as early as possible. This will maximise investigation opportunities, increase the likelihood of prosecutions and ultimately reassure victims.

Acquisitive crime – identified as a priority because of the impact these crimes have on victims. Additional resources are allocated for patrols and proactive days of action aiming to promote awareness of shoplifting, particularly in the busy period prior to Christmas. We are working hard on securing Criminal Behaviour Orders for the small number of persistent offenders responsible for much of the offending in Gedling. These orders ban individuals from specific areas and if flouted can lead to prison sentences. In November, one of our most persistent shop thieves breached their Criminal Behaviour Order and was sentenced to 36 weeks' imprisonment. Following a recent spike in vehicle crime, a proactive operation was commenced which resulted in the arrest of a suspect believed to be responsible. Since this arrest, there has been a dramatic decline in offences.

Drugs – identified as a priority because of the impact drugs and associated crime can have on communities. Neighbourhood officers continue to target this issue through intelligence-led warrants on properties, as well as proactive work to prevent the 'cuckooing' of people's homes by drug dealers. Key arrests, charges and custodial sentences continue to successfully disrupt the illegal drugs trade and closure orders will be sought against problem properties.

*It's Back ...*

# COWSLIP SUNDAY IN LAMBLEY

## Sunday 3 May

11am to 3pm at Lambley Village Hall

Come and join us for a **FREE** day of activities for Lambley's very own unique celebration of springtime and May Day

The day will include ...

- Demos & Workshops from Notts Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers
- Heritage Photograph Display from Lambley Historical Society
- Live Music from Sheepish Grin
- Family Storytelling
- Crafting and Knitting Activities from the team at the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington
- plus sumptuous cakes and drinks from Lambley WI

**Cowslip Sunday** for 2026 has been organized by the Framework Knitters Museum as part of its outreach work around the county and in recognition of Lambley's framework knitting heritage.

More information about the Museum can be found at  
**[www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk](http://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk)**





# The Reed Pond Ramblings

From the Lambley Reed Pond Group

Welcome to the February Edition of the Reed Pond Ramblings.

This year at the Reed Pond we will be mainly focusing on the regeneration of the pond. In a recent ecology survey the pond was given a rating of poor. The pond has become full of silt. Silt builds up from years of decomposition of dead leaves, plants material and the run-off from the surrounding fields and land. The build-up of silt in the pond has led to a reduction of the water depth and has caused



plants material and the run-off from the surrounding fields and land. The build-up of silt in the pond has led to a reduction of the water depth and has caused murky oxygen deprived water. Cleaning the silt away will allow the water to become oxygenated again and will help aquatic and plant life.



It will return the pond to its original size/depth and prevent it from becoming too shallow and drying out. More oxygen in the pond and less decaying materials makes better conditions for fish, amphibians and plants to thrive.

This will encourage more birds and maybe with some luck we might see the swans returning to the Reed Pond once more.



We will be reducing some of the reeds that block the view from the Eastern bench so people can sit quietly and watch the day-to-day goings on of the pond.

A specialist in pond regeneration will help us decide the best and safest ecological way to clean up the pond. This of course will cost money!

So, any donations will be happily received towards the cost of the pond regeneration.



We have recently received donation from a local who wishes to remain anonymous, and the Reed Pond would like to say a big thank you for their kind generosity.

If anyone has any knowledge in ponds and can help or would just like to know more about what's going on at the Reed Pond in 2026, please come along to our monthly meetings.

They are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. We are a friendly bunch and would love to see you.

**MICHAEL PAYNE MP**



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We did not have a meeting in December so our first evening talk will be on Monday Feb 23rd at the Woodborough Institute Hall on Roe Lane, starting at 2.30pm (note the new venue and time). Gary Stevenson will give a talk entitled "You were here" – Nottinghamshire maps. This will be a geographical survey through time from 1500 to 1900 of maps of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (including Lambley), but there will be some actual maps to look at too.

### **Our new 2026 programme continues as follows:-**

- Mar 23 Tom Andrews: Captain Athelstan Popkess, the Greatest Policeman
- Apr 27 David Longford: Framework Knitting and the Celebration of May Day
- May 12 Guided tour of the Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum
- June 09 Guided walk round Southwell
- July 07 Guided tour of the Walks of Life Museum, Tuxford
- Sep 28 Graham Hayes: The Da Vinci inventions
- Oct 26 Chris Weir: Lace, Slums & the Occasional Riot! Making old Nottingham
- Nov 23 Keith Small: The History of Tobacco and Its Effect on Nottingham

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 month's photo shows an aerial view of Main Street featuring the old Co-op and the Robin Hood taken in 1964.



## LAUGHIN LAMBLEY LUNCH CLUB

We had a wonderful time at the Christmas meal on 19 December - it seems so long ago!

Together with Santa's helpers in the form of Ann, Bonnie, Gina, Jenny, Julie M, Katja, Karen and myself we catered a three course meal for 29 in the church and were able to take a main course out to three more residents who were unable to attend.

There were crackers on the table and hats were worn and jokes told. The bubbly that was served probably helped!



Dont forget if you are single and a pensioner and you would like to come along the charge is £5 and our next lunch is

**Tuesday 17 February at**

**11.30 onwards**



We would also like to give special “thank you” to:  
Andy Musson for the supply of the potatoes  
Andy Stanley for the sponsorship of the bubbly  
Cathy and Phil Sparrow for the sponsorship of the turkey  
and to Paul and Tracy Meadows for the provision of  
the lovely gift bag to each attendee and a  
big THANK YOU to Garry Perkins who seranaded our meal  
all the way through with Christmas songs.

Many thanks to all from the Laughin Lambley lunch club  
members.



## APPETISERS

### MIXED OLIVES(gf)(v) 4

Mistoliva.

### SEA SALT & OLIVE OIL FOUASSE(v) 5

Balsamic Reduction, Cold pressed Rapeseed Oil.

### LIGHTLY SPICED HALLOUMI FRIES(v) 8

Chilli & Beetroot Relish.

### CRISPY CHICKEN WINGS(gf\*)8

Chipotle Sauce/Sriracha sauce or Sour cream.

### SALT & PEPPER SQUID 9

Wasabi Mayo, Charred Lime & Rocket Salad.

### TIGER PRAWNS(gf\*) 9.5

Charred Pineapple Salsa, Mango Chilli Dressing & Fresh Coriander.

## DESSERT

### STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING(v) 8.5

Butterscotch Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream.

### WHITE CHOCOLATE CRÈME

### BRÛLÉE(gf\*)(v)8.5

Raspberry Coulis, Vanilla Bean Shortbread Biscuits.

### DARK CHOCOLATE FUDGE BROWNIE(v)8.5

White Chocolate Soil, Rum Soaked Cherry & Cherry Sauce.

### OLD FASHIONED TRIFLE(gf)(V)8.5

Amaretto & Raspberry Jelly, Bourbon Custard, Clotted Cream, Hundreds & Thousands.

### VANILLA BEAN CHEESECAKE(V) 8.5

Vanilla Bean Cheesecake & Blackberry Compote.

### CHEESE BOARD(gf\*)10.5

Selection of 3 Cheeses, Grapes, Biscuits & Chutney.

(v) vegetarian (v\*) vegetarian on request (gf) no gluten ingredients (gf\*) gluten ingredients can be omitted. We cook with all allergens in our kitchen and cannot eliminate the risk of cross contamination. Please speak with the team regarding allergies or dietary requirements.

## MAIN COURSES

### TERIYAKI CHICKEN THIGHS 18

Singapore Noodle, Pickled Red Chilli, Toasted Sesame Seeds & Fresh Coriander.

### SLOW ROASTED BRISKET(gf\*) 22

12 Hour Braised Brisket, Fries, Corn on The Cob, Slaw & Gravy.

### SLOW ROASTED PORCHETTA 19

Slow Roasted Pork Belly, Thyme & Lemon Stuffing, Fries, Corn on The Cob, Slaw & Gravy.

### SMASHED BURGERS(gf\*) 17

Two 30z Burgers, Smoked Streaky Bacon, Lettuce, Gherkins, Cheese, Burger Sauce, Fries & Slaw.

### CRISPY CHICKEN BURGER(gf\*) 17

Spiced Crispy Chicken Thigh, Smoked Streaky Bacon, Lettuce, Gherkins, Cheese, BBQ Sauce, Fries & Slaw.

### VEGGIE BURGER(v) 16

Moving Mountains burger, Lettuce, Gherkins, Cheese, Burger Sauce, Fries & Slaw.

### FISH & CHIPS 9.5/16

Lightly Battered Cod Fillet, Peas/Mushy Peas, Chunky Chips, Lemon.

### BREADED SCAMPI 9.5/16

Peas/Mushy Peas, Chunky Chips, Lemon.

### DIRTY MAC N CHEESE17

Brisket, Smoked Bacon, Crispy Onion & Sriracha.

### ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH(gf)(Ve)18

Stuffed Butternut, Wild Mushroom, Spinach, Chestnuts, Crushed Potatoes & Seasonal Greens.

## SIDES

FRIES+Cheese £1 4

TRUFFLE FRIES 4.5

ONION RINGS 4.5

SIDE SALAD 4.5

NEW POTATOES 4.5

SEASONAL GREENS 4.5

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## Caring for your hair in winter by Sally Melbourn

Winter weather can be tough on hair. Cold air outdoors and warm heating indoors can leave hair feeling dry and lifeless, so a little extra care goes a long way.

As shown in the photograph, using heat styling gently is important. Keeping straighteners and dryers on a lower setting and taking time with brushing helps protect hair and prevent damage. Using a good conditioner or occasional nourishing treatment can help replace lost moisture, especially on long hair.

It is also best not to wash hair too often in the winter as natural oils help keep both hair and scalp healthy. Gentle handling, patience and a calm approach can make all the difference in the colder months.

With a few small changes, a trim every eight weeks can help keep the hair in better condition throughout the winter months.



Contact Sally  
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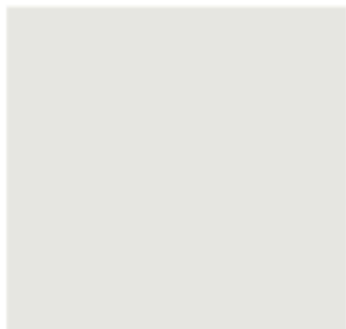
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Our speaker for January was Yvonne Henson aka The Hat Lady. Yvonne lives in Caythorpe and works from a studio in her garden. She explained she had always been a very keen crafter, sewing since childhood and combined this with her love of hats to initially start to make hats which she sold at markets but her ambition was always to become a qualified milliner which she managed to achieve during the Covid lockdown by means of on-line learning.

The course that Yvonne took meant she qualified as a British Milliner which means that she creates and makes hats from scratch where anyone who qualifies as only a milliner rather than a British Milliner imports the hats and then adds bespoke decorations.

Most of Yvonne's clients go to her because they want a specific size colour or style of hat and some have been customers for many years, buying hats for annual events like Ascot. Yvonne explained that there are 3 basic designs of hat; Fascinator, Hatinator and Hat, examples of all of which she had brought along with her. In fact she displayed a large selection of hats in various styles which she had made. One of her tips was to always buy a hat before an outfit as hats are the harder match to find.

Yvonne told us that part of her training was to understand how different shapes of hat suited different face shapes and sizes which was fascinating and many of our ladies who were convinced hats didn't suit them were given different shapes of hat to try with stunning results. One interesting little fact that none of us were aware of was that fascinators should always be worn on the right side of the head! Who knew?

Our members were asked to bring along a favourite or special hat to display with one particular, much loved hat showing the ravages of a pretty wild time in Benidorm much to Yvonne's and the ladies amusement. Don't dare think WI ladies are a tame bunch!

At this meeting members were also asked to return voting slips for the resolution they would like to see go forward to be supported nationally.

The proposed resolutions this year are:

1. Accessible Public Toilet Facilities to Promote Dignity Health and Social Inclusion
2. Action on Women's Homelessness
3. Nearer to Nature
4. Love your Vulva-self checking is your best defence against vulval cancer
5. Every Child Needs a Friend

We also voted on where we would like to see the money raised in lieu of sending Christmas cards go and it was overwhelmingly agreed that it should go towards the village Christmas lights fund. Although it's not a huge amount every little helps.

The ladies were also asked to suggest venues for our summer coach trip so we have a few options to consider.

All in all as always it was a busy meeting with lots of chat and laughs.





Our next meeting is **9th February** when Terry Lock will be updating us on developments at Gedling Country Park.

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](mailto:nightingale633@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming meetings**

Monday 9 February  
Terry Lock  
Gedling Country Park

Monday 9 March  
WI Birthday Party and  
Entertainment

Monday 13 April  
AGM

# LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL – WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT

## January Update

The Parish Council met on the 19th January with a full attendance from the Councillors. Unfortunately, our County Councillor, Jody Stoll, and our District Councillor, Helen Greensmith, were unable to attend. In an email, Councillor Stoll assured us that he was working hard to resolve the pothole problem on Park Lane and in other areas of the Borough. Since our meeting, we are aware of many incidents on Park Lane where motorists have suffered punctured tyres. We are actively pursuing action on the unacceptable state of the road.

We are also aware of the problem with the bridge over the Bottom Dumble. We have contacted the Footpaths Officer to try to find out NCC's plans for its repair. We have had no response so far.

We had detailed discussions about next year's precept, the amount you pay on your rates to enable the Parish Council to fulfil its responsibilities. We are required to set a net zero budget. To accomplish this we could increase the precept by a large amount or we could prune back our planned maintenance for things like the cemetery and the playpark. We have decided to adopt the middle ground by asking for a modest increase in precept and making up the shortfall from our savings account. This means that we will have to work even harder to top up our savings by organising profitable community events.

We have had the annual review of cemetery fees and have decided not to increase them this year. They are comparable to those of other cemeteries in the district.

We have had another flooding event this month. Unusually, it was not caused by the Beck overflowing but by the drains unable to cope with the volume of water flowing down them. We saw water flowing out of the road gullies rather than down them. This led to Main Street flooding across its full width. The Flood Wardens decided not to close the road but to control and guide the traffic through the water. After 2 hours the levels started to drop. An additional problem was that the sewers began to overflow, particularly at the start of Park Lane, near the Severn Trent Pumping Station. Severn Trent have been informed.

It was good to hear that a number of people have been in contact with Julie Gregory about purchasing leaves for the memory tree. I hope it will be a very successful project. Our next meeting will be on 16th February 2026.

Lawrence Milbourn  
Chairman, Lambley Parish Council



## 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.

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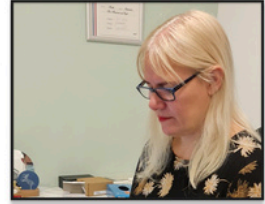
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## LAMBLEY NATURE WILDLIFE TIPS FEBRUARY 2026

- 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 (Pauls Scarlet) / rowan can be good choice trees for small gardens and will provide food and shelter for wildlife for years to come.
- Rowans (sorbus) have spectacular foliage colour in Autumn are an essential addition to any thriving wildlife friendly garden.  
Silver birch also mitigates against traffic pollution (the latest research shows).
- Towards the end of the month, 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 by planting early flowering shrubs or erica carnea type heathers. These can be planted in troughs and pots too. Leave 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 and even frogspawn will start to appear in your ponds if the weather warms up, bumble bees maybe on the wing on sunny days and even insects.

- The best way to attract wildlife to any garden is to dig a shallow pond and fill it with pond plants – it will attract insects by adding purple loosestrife.

## LAMBLEY NATURE WILDLIFE TIPS FEBRUARY 2026

If buying a nestbox always buy the swengler 1b nestbox – its pricey “but will last a lifetime” made from woodcrete – don’t buy the cheaper ones – they are not woodpecker proof !!!!

Situate them on a North or East facing wall or tree.

- Hygiene is so important – clean your bird feeders regularly and feed birds in different areas – throw away that bird table is advice from RSPB it just attracts pigeons. Try to find a cage for your bird feeders.

- 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](mailto:lambleylife@gmail.com)



### LEN WRIGHT

'Len Wright passed away peacefully on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 with family around him. Pat, David and Sharon would like to thank all of Len's friends and family who attended the funeral. We are sure Len would have been so pleased to see you all.

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Love Pat, David, Sharon and family

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## CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

We will be doing churchyard maintenance on **Saturday 7 February 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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Our next date for the Litter Pick will be  
**Sunday 22 March 2026**

Meeting in the school car park  
at 10.00 a.m.

If you would like  
to help please  
contact Keith  
07508 380924

Just some of the  
litter  
collected on 11  
January



2026

## Lambley Village Hall Association

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Wed	4	11	18	25
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Note: 7th=Priv Party, 1st&amp;8th=Childs Party

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Sun	5	12	19	26

Note: 24th=WI Event

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May


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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), 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 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

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# APRICOT FRANGIPAN

## Ingredients

Approximately 30 dried apricots

250 g butter

250 g sugar

4 eggs

175 g ground almonds

60 g plain flour



## Method

Put the apricots in approximately 300 mls (half a pint) of water and bring to the boil and then simmer for 30 minutes or until they are soft. Then take out and leave to cool.



Meanwhile make the pastry - as I am gluten free this is a GF pastry (as are **all** the recipes you see on this page!)

Line an 11" flan case and bake blind for 15 mins at 180C - take the lining out and bake again for five minutes.

Line the case with apricot jam and then half the apricots.

Cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.

Beat in the eggs one at a time.

Mix the almonds and flour together and then fold into the mixture.

Spread over the apricots/flan base. Bake for approximately 30 minutes at 180C and then place the remainder of the apricots on the top and place back in the oven for 10 minutes or until the centre of the flan is set.

Sprinkle with icing sugar to serve hot or cold - delicious!

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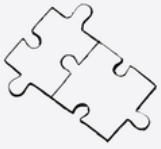
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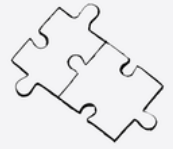
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# PUZZLE CORNER



## SARA'S SUDOKU

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# ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZZES

## Answers to Dingbats:

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The Cat in the Hat

Changing of the Guard

### SARA'S SUDOKU

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# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

<b>SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH FEBRUARY 2026</b>		
<b>Sunday 1st February</b>	<b>Baptism</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>Sunday 8th February</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>Saturday 14th February</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>3.00 - 5.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday 15th February</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd February</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>Sunday 1st March</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>11.00</b>

## PRAYERS

This month we pray for all the people who give up their free time to help maintain the grass verges around the village, work in the church yard, and look after the Reed Pond nature reserve. Their efforts contribute greatly to making Lambley a lovely place to live, where nature is able to flourish alongside us all.

## MESSY CHURCH

Will take place on Saturday 14th February 3.00pm - 5.00pm

## ENQUIRIES ABOUT WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS AT LAMBLEY CHURCH

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

We are remembering the following people in February:-

Date	Name	Year of death
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Jean Elizabeth Martin	2022
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Winifred Ackrill	1992
	Edna Spencer	1996
	Edna Kirk	2004
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Sylvia Martin	1993
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Frank Kirkham	1996
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Bella Selby	1996
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Gladys Alfrey	2003
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Henry Pearson (Priest, Rector of Lambley 1912- 1966)	1972
	Doris Wheatley,	2001
	Arthur (Jim) Hall	2006
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Joy Plumb	1999
	Margaret Ross	??
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Kathleen White	2004
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Sylvia Ewen	2000
	Pamela Leeson	2006
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Amy Selby	2002
	Kenneth Eric Walsh	2010
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Colin Campbell	1980
	Melvin Sturtivant	2001
21 <sup>st</sup> February	John Marriott	1968
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Nancy Holmes	1998
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Margaret Ellemore	2010
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Christine Marie Arthur	2023
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Harry Thorpe	1983
27 <sup>th</sup> February	John Watson	2006
	George White	2008

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

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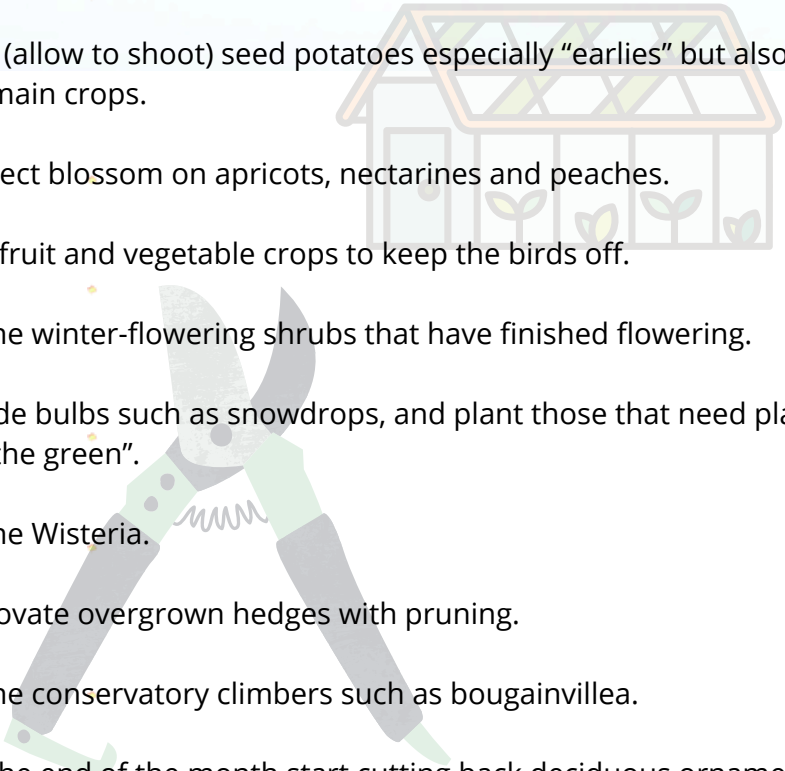
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## Jobs in the garden for February

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds and sow some vegetables under cover.
  2. Chit (allow to shoot) seed potatoes especially “earlies” but also good for main crops.
  3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches.
  4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off.
  5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering.
  6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting “in the green”.
  7. Prune Wisteria.
  8. Renovate overgrown hedges with pruning.
  9. Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea.
  10. At the end of the month start cutting back deciduous ornamental grasses to allow new growth to come through.
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