

MAY 2026

LAMBLEY LIFE



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 2 May
Churchyard Maintenance**

**Sunday 3 May
Cowslip Sunday**

**Tuesday 8 May
WI meeting**

**Tuesday 19 May
Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

**Tuesday 16 June
Laughin Lambley Lunch Club**

**Saturday 20 June
Woodlark Beer Festival**

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

**Saturday 12 September
Woodlark Beer Festival**

**Saturday 7 November
Bonfire Night**

**Friday 20 November
Quiz Night!**

**Further details for any of the above in the magazine.
If anyone has any events they would like to advertise
please let us know.**

WELCOME TO LAMBLEY LIFE

Welcome to the May 2026 edition of Lambley Life magazine.

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

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

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.

The front cover this month is a picture I took last year of the cowslip meadow in the top dumbles - stunning to see so many cowslips in one place.

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

The Lambley Life Team

COWSLIP SUNDAY REVIVAL

This is correspondence received from David Longford that is self explanatory:

"I am writing to you as the manager of the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington, but also as a long-term Lambley resident, with details about how the Museum will be coming to Lambley in May for a community celebration.

On Sunday 3rd May, I am bringing the Museum to my home village, with a special May Day celebration of Cowslip Sunday, Lambley's unique springtime festival.

Full details can be found here ... [Celebrating Cowslip Sunday in Lambley Village - Framework Knitters Museum](#)

As you may be aware Lambley was a very active site for framework knitting in the nineteenth century, hence the Museum's involvement in coming out to the village as an outreach project to celebrate Cowslip Sunday.

It will be a day of free activities and I hope that we can have your support for the day and to help spread the news.

I was involved in reviving Cowslip Sunday in the village a few years ago, which grew to be very successful, and whilst the Framework Knitters Museum will not be there every year, I hope that this can be the spark to ensure that it may continue as a community celebration of the village's history and heritage.

If you have any queries then please do get in touch.

Best wishes,
David Longford
Museum Manager





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The next meal will be on **TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026** and if anyone who has not attended before please just turn up anytime between 11.30 and 12.00 to enjoy a meal, company and a game of Bingo and Sticky 13's. The cost is £5.



We welcomed four new villagers to the meal on Tuesday and all enjoyed Marry me Chicken (the recipe in the magazine this month) and plum and apple cumble with custard or cream.

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

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I've signed up to swim the channel in relay in August 2026! 🌈
 I'm putting in the kms at my local indoor pool, but last weekend, I had an awesome
 one-to-one coaching session with @swimtrekcoaching at sea lane's in Brighton.
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ANSWERS TO MISSING LINKS

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

	ANSWER
1. BOWL, LITTLE, PRINTS	FINGER
2. CIRCUIT, DOORS, SHOP	CLOSED
3. FALL, PONY, SAND	PIT
4. BOARD, COMMENTARY, JUMP	RUNNING
5. MAGNETIC, POLE, SEA	NORTH
6. DOT, LIGHT, NEW	YEAR
7. CAP, HOUSEMAID'S, JERK	KNEE
8. BED, POWER, SUN	FLOWER
9. CAR, CORONATION, SWEEPER	STREET
10. BIKE, CAR, PIGEON	RACING
11. ANT, SALVATION, TERRITORIAL	ARMY
12. BALL, DRESSING, NIGHT	GOWN
13. GRACES, KINGS, MUSKETEERS	THREE
14. IRON, RAIL, SAFETY	CURTAIN
15. GLASSES, LAMP, POETRY	READING

A Wonderful Term at Lambley Primary School

When you read this, the summer term will have started but I want to look back at an incredible spring term. What a term it was! From exciting trips and special visitors to celebrations of reading, relationships and responsibility, our children truly gave us so much to be proud of. It was a busy, brilliant and thoroughly rewarding few months, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the highlights with you.

I'll start with Maple Class's fantastic trip to the Magna Science Adventure Centre in Rotherham. The children made the most of every moment, exploring all four of the centre's main pavilions — Air, Fire, Water and Earth — and even took part in a volcano workshop, making and erupting their very own mini volcanoes. The staff at Magna were kind enough to comment on how fantastic the children's behaviour was throughout the day, and our own staff were equally proud of the enthusiasm and engagement the children showed. It was a truly enriching experience that brought their volcano topic to life in the most memorable way.

World Book Day was, as always, a real highlight of the calendar. The children had a wonderful time in their pyjamas, sharing books and discussing their favourite characters and stories. For me personally, the most moving moment was seeing our oldest pupils sitting down to read with our youngest — acting as role models and igniting a genuine love of reading in the next generation. That, I think, is exactly what World Book Day is all about: one person's passion for books inspiring that same passion in someone else.

We were also delighted to welcome the Skipping Ninja to Lambley Primary! The day began with a high-energy assembly that had the children buzzing with excitement, and every class had the chance to work with the Skipping Ninja throughout the day. As a lovely parting gift, the Skipping Ninja donated 15 skipping ropes to the school — and it has been wonderful to see them put to such enthusiastic use at playtimes ever since!

March brought with it a truly special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in Willow Class. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the mothers who were able to join us for what was a genuinely touching occasion. The children worked so hard in the lead-up to the event, and it was clear from the room just how much love they wanted to share. A huge thank you also to the Willow Team for planning and delivering such a beautiful celebration. Mother's Day was marked across the whole school too, with the Friends of Lambley providing every child with the opportunity to prepare a heartfelt gift — and in doing so, raising a magnificent £277 for the school. Thank you to the Friends, as always, for your tireless dedication to our school community.

March also saw some new families join us at Lambley. We are so pleased to have them with us and are already seeing them settle in and flourish. Their classmates have done a wonderful job of making them feel at home — a real reflection of the kind, inclusive community we are so proud of here.

As well as welcomes, this term also saw us say goodbye to a couple of members of the team. Mrs. Newton, our Office Manager, left Lambley to start her well-deserved retirement and Mr. Robinson our Sports Coach, left to start a new challenge. We thank them both for their commitment to Lambley Primary School, for their work and their dedication to every child they have worked with. Thank you and good luck for the future.

We also say a temporary goodbye to Miss White who has started her maternity leave. We are so excited for her and her partner Max as they prepare to welcome their second child into their family. We cannot wait to meet the newest member of the White family in the coming months!

We are also excited to start planning for the arrival of our new starters in September. The newest members to the Lambley family have just found out that they will start with us in the new academic year and we cannot wait to welcome them to the family and see them flourish at our school.

Back to this term...Beech Class treated their parents to a class assembly that, as always, left us all genuinely in awe. The breadth of learning on display was remarkable — singing, literacy, history, computing and art all featured — and the confidence and enthusiasm with which the children shared their knowledge was a joy to witness.

Oak Class marked a significant milestone with their DAART graduation — a wonderful celebration of the hard work and personal growth they have shown throughout the term. The DAART programme challenges children to think carefully about responsibility, consequences and decision-making, and our Oak Class pupils rose to that challenge brilliantly. The DAART officer was full of praise for their effort, attitude and commitment, and it was a thoroughly well-deserved celebration.

And finally, Birch Class rounded off the term in style with a visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park — a fantastic day out that supported their learning whilst also serving as a celebration of all they have achieved. Mrs Shardlow was immensely proud of every single child, both for their behaviour and their engagement throughout the day. A truly lovely way to bring the term to a close.

Now, we are working hard in the summer term and I cannot wait to tell you more about it next time.

Kind regards
Lee Christopher, Headteacher.



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Ideas for things to do with your children in May

As May arrives in Lambley, there's a noticeable shift in the air. The days grow longer, gardens begin to bloom, and the countryside surrounding our beautiful village bursts into life.

For families with young children, this is the perfect time to embrace the outdoors, spark curiosity, and enjoy the simple pleasures that Spring and early Summer bring.

Lambley is fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful fields, footpaths and wildlife. A simple walk can quickly turn into an adventure for little ones. Encourage children to look for signs of the season - blossom on trees, buzzing bees, butterflies, and birds building nests. Creating a 'nature checklist' can make walks even more engaging, giving children a sense of purpose as they explore.

It's also time to get back out in the garden! Whether you have a large garden or just a few pots, May is the perfect time to start planting. Fast-growing options such as cress, sunflowers, and strawberries are ideal for young children, as they can quickly see the results of their care. Gardening teaches patience, responsibility, and an appreciation for nature - plus, it can be wonderfully messy!

With warmer weather, outdoor play becomes much more inviting for young children. You could consider water play stations with bowls, cups, and spoons - all perfect for sensory exploration.

Chalk is cheap! Create art on patios or pavements, encouraging creativity and mark-making - and perhaps ignite a smile on the face of those passing by the unique designs created!

Mini obstacle courses using everyday items like cushions, hoops, or logs can be great fun and ideal for children's physical development.

Picnics are often overlooked by adults as the adventure they are for children. Perhaps encourage 'role play', where children can prepare, pack and serve their own snacks.

You could also get creative; bring the outdoors in with Spring-themed crafts. Collect fallen petals, leaves, and twigs to create collages or nature pictures. Flower pressing is another lovely activity that helps children observe detail and preserve their finds. Flower press gadgets are inexpensive and readily available online, or you could easily replicate using baking paper and some heavy books. This kind of crafting can also support early learning skills such as sorting, counting, and even storytelling.

Let's go outside! Spending time outdoors has a positive impact on children's wellbeing. Fresh air, natural light, and physical activity all contribute to better sleep and mood. Try to build a gentle daily rhythm that includes outdoor time, whether it's a morning walk, garden play, or simply sitting outside for snack time.

Of course Spring and Summer are also a wonderful time to connect with others in the village. Look out for local events, fairs, or informal meet-ups where children can socialise and families can share experiences. Even a friendly chat at the park helps children feel part of their community, and can in turn benefit older members of our wonderful little village. How much joy would it bring for them to receive a handmade 'pressed flower' card through their letter box?!

In summary - embrace the curiosity young children are gifted with - every puddle, petal, and insect is something new to discover. By slowing down and seeing the world through their eyes, we can make the most of this vibrant season together, and perhaps reignite the joys of the simpler things in life in a world which can be dominated by 'doom and gloom'.

May in Lambley offers countless opportunities for learning, play, and connection - right on our doorstep. Wishing all Lambley families a joyful and sunshine-filled start to the Summer season from all at Little Lambs
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LAMBLEY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

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

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

Key Funding Opportunities Include:

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

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

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

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

lambleyplaygroundgroup@hotmail.com

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

Kind regards

The Lambley Playground Group



The Reed Pond Ramblings

From the Lambley Reed Pond Group

Welcome to the May Edition of "Reed Pond Ramblings".

Currently we are concentrating on planting a variety of plants in 2 separate areas within the Reed Pond. We aim to create a "meadow area" between the bench and the western hedge so the flowers will be visible for people passing through the reserve. Plants were specifically chosen to provide pollen and increase habitats for insects, bees and butterflies.

We are also planting an assortment of plants around the pond margins and in the pond to further enhance the diversity and environments for amphibians and other aquatic species.

The planting will take place towards the end of April/beginning of May so please keep an eye on the Reed Pond "WhatsApp" for updates and do not hesitate to come along either to help with the planting or learn more about our plans for the Reed pond.

After a slow start the annual "Toad Patrol" is in progress when toads come off the fields and cemetery to cross Park Lane and access the pond. The patrols were joined one evening by a group of volunteers from Oxton.



During the patrol little activity was noted on the road or in the actual pond as the toads seemed to prefer the temporary "pop-up ponds" that had been created in ruts in the ground by recent storms.



Wildlife is embracing Spring with an increase in birds, rabbits, and hares seen on the reserve. Both Roe deer and Muntjak deer have been seen thoroughly inspecting the fruit trees in the orchard, so the work done earlier in the year to install tree guards is paying off!

If you would like to know more about what's happening at the Reed Pond, please come along to our monthly meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall. You would be most welcome.

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Next meeting Wednesday 13 May 2026



MARK GOLDBY'S FUNDRAISING EVENTS THIS YEAR

I have lined up 7 major events and physical challenges, and I am thrilled to be fundraising for the Footprints Conductive Education Centre. The team has been incredibly supportive in securing me a place in the London Marathon this April, a dream I've always held close to my heart.

As a massive THANK YOU, all my fundraising efforts this year will be directed towards this amazing charity that transforms lives for children and families living with disabilities. I am kicking off my 'Magnificent Se7en' in April with three marathons (26.2 miles each) in just 14 days, including two on the same day in London on the 26th of April!

Here's my full schedule:

12 April - Paris Marathon

26 April - London Reverse Marathon

26 April - London Marathon

9 May - Dukeries 40 Mile Ultra-marathon

7 June - 6K Sea Swim in Marseille

19 July - L'Etape de Tour de France (170km with 5,400m climbing)

16 Aug - Leeds Ironman 140.6 Triathlon)

Mark's Magnificent Se7en for Footprints Conductive Education Centre

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In March, Tom Andrews gave us a fascinating talk on 'Captain Athelstan Popkess, the Greatest Policeman'. He explained how Captain Popkess was born in South Africa and had a very interesting earlier life including military service. He became chief constable for Nottingham City police for nearly thirty years, and oversaw the introduction of police cars, police radios, forensic science, and the burglar alarm, and much else.

May sees the start of our summer outings when, following David Longford's talk in April and Lambley's Cowslip Sunday event, we go for a guided tour of Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum on Tuesday May 12th.

We will be taken to discover how framework knitters and their families lived and worked there in Victorian times, telling the 400 year history of framework knitting, from its role in the Industrial Revolution to the infamous Luddite riots of the 1800s, and how framework knitting gave birth to the Nottingham lace industry. 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 photos or recollections of people, places or events from Lambley we would love to see them. We can scan and return any photos and as much information as possible is always useful.

This month's photo shows an undated panoramic view of Lambley. Note that the windmill at the top of Mill Lane is still there so the photo is pre-1901. Also, Steeles Orchard is a lovely space in the centre of the village.



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Lambley Nature: May Wildlife Tips

- Join the Plantlife “No Mow May!! Campaign this month
- Councillor Greensmith has kindly agreed that NCC Highways will refrain from cutting our roadside verges in May and we hope the Parish Council will do the same .
- This gives the newly emerged insects like ladybirds and bees a chance to feed on early nectar plants and also letting our cowslips grow in the village. Every year they are cut by council grass cutting machines before they even get a chance to flower or set seed. Thus if we don't do something to protect them, we are in danger of losing all our cowslips from roadside verges and Lambley with “Cowslip Sunday” was renowned for the abundance of these flowers in village folklore.

- Let some of your grass in the garden grow longer and plant honesty – it will provide egg laying opportunities for endangered butterflies like the orange tip.
- wildflowers already present in the lawn will attract pollinators if you keep off the weedkillers and the toxic pesticides which can affect our health and the health of your children.

If you have a wildlife lawn – you can add cheap wildflower plug plants to improve it further as we will be doing at Reed Pond in the meadows.

- Remember all the work you have done not cutting grass in May is lost when you resume mowing the grass in June. Think of only cutting parts of your lawn and leaving others to grow naturally you and your children will be amazed at the array of wildflowers that will emerge or turn part of it into a mini wildflower meadow better still.

Hedgehogs

Its hedgehog awareness week is from 4th to 10th May – if you have a wooden fence cut a hole in the bottom of it the size of a cd and the hedgehog will use it and it keeps out cats. Create your own hedgehog highway and most importantly leave garden edges to go wild. We are just too tidy and nature thrives on untidiness. Sadly our low maintenance lifestyle with decking favoured by TV programme Ground Force is shutting it out of our lives.

- What can you do in your own gardens to help wildlife in this Spring? Regularly change the bathing water out for birds weekly to avoid disease spread and add a layer of pebbles so small birds don't drown. Hygiene is more important than ever for our endangered finch population. A throat virus spread by contact from dirty feeders and build up of uneaten rotten food in feeders has halved the population of greenfinches. We may be killing them unintentionally with our kindness.

Top up your pond water with natural water not tap water to oxygenate it especially if you have tadpoles (feed small slivers of cucumber to them but never meat). (preferable natural water).

· Let wildflowers bloom! Enjoy daisies, dandelions, clover and many other wildlife friendly plants. Sow bee friendly wildflowers in containers like borage and flowers like echium blue bedder.

Birds will be nesting in your hedges even though you might not see them in the case of robins and blackcaps try not to cut hedges at this time.

· Many slugs and snails perished in the wet winter but if you feel you must use slug pellets make sure they are labelled "nature friendly" ones – Encourage species like blue tits /song thrushes/ hedgehogs into your garden and nature will find its own balance! A good wildlife friendly garden will have many birds species in it.

· By letting a patch of lawn go wild, you can expect to help, amongst many other species: frogs, toads, craneflies, butterflies, moths, bumblebees, bats, blackbirds, (a bird now in decline). Just watch and wait and enjoy.

· Dawn Chorus Day – 4th May – load the Merlin free App on your phone.

· Help red mason bees by leaving a dish of mud near your bee hotel – they need this mud to seal their nest cells in either bee boxes or holes in walls!

· Why not build your own insect hotel or create a small wood/log pile in a quiet corner of your garden? There are useful videos online to help you. RSPB site for help is one such example!

· Sow bee friendly seeds of cornflower, cosmos and calendula.

· Install a swift box under the eaves of your house. Not South direction it's just too hot. N/E or N location is ideal and it must be situated at a height of 4 metres plus. House martins traditionally nest on sides of houses where they build their mud filled cup nest. You can also get artificial martin nest boxes which are used by wrens and blue tits, rarely house martins sadly.

WARNING – Nesting season

· Don't put your dog fur out for birds if you use flea treatments – it has harmful insecticide impregnated in it that will kill the nestlings. Birds can find their own natural nesting material.

Should we feed our birds in the summer months after May has become the hot topic this year on the TV news. Definitely advise to ditch the free standing bird tables and don't feed nyger seeds which is imported from Africa with pesticides and is making birds ill, switch to a more natural substitute like red millet grown in the UK.

Try to clean your bird feeders weekly or find feeders that are of a good weatherproof design.

If you see a greenfinch that has a fluffed up appearance and lethargic this is a sure sign that you need to disinfect your feeders straight away.

We should feed into early June after this period the birds own natural food like insects will be available in the fields and hedgerows.

Please send in your nature tips or wildlife photos – it would be great to share what we see around the village! lambleylife@gmail.com. There will be a prize for the lucky winner !!!!! which will be announced in the June edition.

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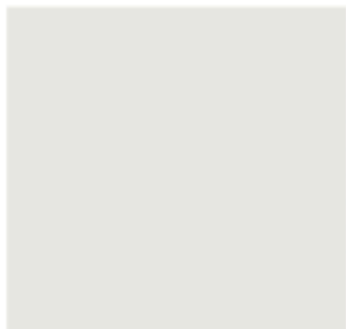
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Beer festivals are Saturday 20th June and 12th September.

Our new drop bar is now open and we are taking bookings for parties and wakes. We are also showing any kind of sports on Sky if there is interest - World Cup!!!



Spotlight on holiday fraud

A tropical beach

Holiday fraud is when a criminal impersonates trusted websites or creates fake adverts to trick you into booking a holiday and giving them your money or personal information. Criminals may even research your social media and call you out of the blue to say one of your friends recommended you to seem legitimate.

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Always research the company you're booking through and read reviews

Avoid clicking on links from social media, emails or messages

If someone calls you out of the blue saying a friend recommended you, hang up

Always use a secure payment platform from trusted retailers – avoid paying with bank transfer

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've been scammed and report it to Report Fraud.

Say "no" to rogue traders

Unwanted doorstep caller

Now that spring has finally sprung, please be alert to uninvited doorstep traders offering home repairs or garden maintenance. If an uninvited trader knocks on your door and tells you that urgent work needs doing on your house or garden, don't take their word for it. Also be wary of traders offering 'today only' offers. This is pressure selling. Reputable tradespeople often have a waiting list for work and can never normally attend on the day. You can deter unwanted doorstep traders by displaying a 'no uninvited callers' sign on your door or in your front window. You can download a free 'no uninvited callers' sign from our website.

If you need work doing, always get a second opinion from someone you trust and get at least 3 quotes before having any work carried out. You can find a reputable trader by speaking to friends/family or choose one that is part of the Buy With Confidence scheme.

For consumer advice or to report a trader to Trading Standards, please call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Visit the NCC website to download a free 'no uninvited callers' sign

Scam

scam alert We've heard reports from our friends at Bassetlaw District Council that fake Garden Waste Subscription leaflets are being sent to Nottinghamshire residents through the post.

These leaflets are not from your local council. If you receive one of these leaflets, please do not scan the QR code on the document. This is likely to be a scam.

If you have scanned the QR code please call Report Fraud on 0300 123 2040 for further advice and information. Alternatively, if you have any questions about garden waste collections, please contact your local district or borough council.

Are you savvy when it comes to button battery safety? Child safety Lithium Button batteries

Did you know swallowing button batteries can cause serious internal damage? Even 'dead' button batteries can still have enough power to badly hurt a small child. When you remove a button battery, store it securely, and recycle it properly and promptly. Make sure you know what gadgets and toys use button batteries and always check that the button battery compartment is secure.

Always be there when charging your Ring doorbell camera battery – never leave it unattended as they can catch fire I nearly had personal experience of this last year.

Always have a fire blanket in your kitchen they might just save your life.

Store spare button batteries securely and out of children's reach. Be careful when opening multipacks of button batteries to ensure they do not fall on the floor.

If you suspect your child has swallowed a button battery, dial 999 or take them to the nearest A&E department.

Voice cloning scams

Voice cloning scam alert. A chilling new wave of AI-assisted fraud is targeting older people by cloning their voices to enable the criminals to set up unauthorised direct debits.

Fraudsters start the process with a so-called 'lifestyle survey' phone call – seemingly harmless, but in fact designed to gather detailed personal, health and financial information. The criminals use this data to develop AI-generated voice clones used to simulate consent for direct debits, deceiving even legitimate businesses and financial providers.

These details appear then to be passed or sold to other criminal operations who, with the details, can easily circumvent banks and set up payments without the victim's knowledge.

Unfortunately, victims often do not realise payments are being taken.

To help protect yourself and your loved ones from this type of scam, we are encouraging everyone to speak to friends and relatives about scam calls.

It's always a good idea to check bank statements regularly for unusual transactions and if you spot anything suspicious contact your bank immediately. Any scams should also be reported to Report Fraud. (formally known as Action Fraud).

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LAMBLEY WI PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

It wasn't until I started to look back through our programme and minutes that I realised how much we have done this year. So, a few reminders of our many activities.

Sheila very kindly agreed to be our Vice President and has continued to steer us in the right direction with her long history of WI knowledge and continues in her role as pastoral care.

Lesley has continued to juggle both the role of treasurer and our catering supremo, which is no mean feat!

Alison continues to organise us and make sure we follow the rules in addition to being the fount of all knowledge.

Carole has continued with boundless enthusiasm and imagination to give us a hugely varied programme of events from plants to horse rescue, picnic and games to the cake maker to the King with bra fitting on the way!

Mallory is our membership secretary and techie guru.

We have continued to maintain our membership numbers and welcomed several new ladies and continue our monthly write up in the Lambley Life magazine in addition to a Facebook presence, but are always open to suggestions on how we attract new members.

We have had two coach trips over the past year. A summer trip to Stratford upon Avon in glorious sunshine and our cannula Christmas market trip, this time to Burleigh House as well as our openair theatre trip organised by Julie (Gross) to

Tolethorpe and two events organised by Julie (Gross) and Alison to Southwell Minster and our Christmas meal at the Willow Tree, Burton Joyce, which was a great opportunity to chat and get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

Sadly we have effectively seen the end of the Willow Group with the bingo event later this month probably being the final joint social. However, several of our ladies have continued to participate in Federation events.

We have continued to support the food bank and toiletry donations for a local women's hostage and, looking forward, we are exploring the possibility of supporting Emmanuel House with warm clothing for the homeless.

Throughout the year we have provided refreshments for all the village events which helps to showcase the WI and our role in the local community and generates funds for us to be able to pay for good speakers at our Monday evening meetings.

Several of our ladies contributed to the village show and were very successful, so let's hope we get more entries this year and wipe the board!

Personally I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work and commitment throughout the year, and for you all putting up with our shenanigans and sometimes mini disasters and look forward to more of the same in the coming year.

The role of President was uncontested and so remains.

Michelle Church
President

Upcoming meetings

Monday 11 May
Richard Pincott -
the Field Detective

Monday 8 June
Richard Arter
Steel Band

Monday 13 July
David Bell
Farnfield Honey

Monday 10 August
Picnic & Games

LAMBLEY PARISH COUNCIL – WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT

Lambley Parish Council
Chairman's Annual Report 2026

Another successful year for the Parish Council. We have a full complement of Councillors with the addition of Cllr. Jane Proctor and Rose Melvin as a co-opted member.

Rose and a small team have taken on the job of fund raising for the playground and are making some progress. Thanks to the team for their efforts.

The Reed Pond team have been working hard for the benefit of the Parish. Their efforts have made a big difference and the Reed Pond Reserve is looking splendid. They have great plans for the future and we look forward to seeing this wonderful facility going from strength to strength. One addition that the Parish Council has made is the memorial tree situated in the Reed Pond Reserve. This was made possible by the Mike Morris memorial fund.

The bonfire and fireworks event was another resounding success (no pun intended). It raised much needed funds; money going towards the Christmas lights and replacement doors for the Village Hall. Many thanks to Cllr. Sara Harraway and her team of volunteers for the planning and delivery of such a logistically complicated event.

The cemetery has taken up a lot of time, effort and finance. The boundary has been cut back and a regular maintenance program has been arranged. Tim, our lengthsman, has always done a good job keeping the grass in check but we hope our maintenance program will make the cemetery an area to be proud of. Thanks to Cllr. Kevin Stevenson for all the hard work he puts in on record keeping and liaising with undertakers and grave diggers etc.

At one point this year, it looked as though we might not have our usual Christmas lights. The County Council decided that we could no longer power the lights from the street lamps and that we would have to install power columns for each lit tree. In the end they relented and allowed us to go ahead for 2025 but we need to make these new arrangements for 2026, The total cost of this is estimated at £15,000 and with the help of the Mike Morris memorial fund we are well on the way to get this work done for the coming Christmas.

Thanks again to Cllr. Chris Starr for co-ordinating this work.

We are fortunate that the village has not suffered from a lot of flooding since last April. The flood warden team has only been out a couple of times and has not had to close the road completely. Motorists have been very understanding and seemed to be very pleased that we were there to help them through the water.

There still seems to be a misunderstanding about the nature of the flood water. It is always severely polluted with raw sewage and great care needs to be taken with hand and welly washing following a flooding incident. Severn Trent are aware that the inability of our pumping station is the reason for this problem but have not yet funded a solution. They have, however, recently appointed a Flood Liason Officer for the local community, so we hope this might be the first step in getting something done. We hope that the leaky dams that the Parish Council have funded have played a part in protecting us from severe flooding. Time will tell.

No progress has been made on the Joint Use agreement with the School and the County Council. The new heating system still doesn't seem to be working properly and the monitoring software is problematic.

We still have both speeding and parking problems in the village. These were lessened while Park Lane was closed but soon increased again when Park Lane reopened. The speed watch team, organised by Cllr. Julie Gregory, have started up again and the local police are informed of any drivers breaking the speed limit. Parking is still a problem at school start and close but has been helped by the assistance of the new landlords of The Lambley. If you have to park on Main Street, please be aware that the flood wardens need access to the road gullies(drains), so please don't park over a gully or you might find the road and your car under water.

We are still waiting to hear from Gedling Borough Council about the Battery Energy Storage Scheme planned for Spring Lane. The plans were passed by the planning committee but they imposed a large number of conditions on the applicant. The applicant, Grenergy, has not yet applied for final permission to go ahead and discharge those conditions.

We hope you continue to enjoy living in our wonderful village. Your Councillors are very proud to be a part of our lovely community. Can I thank all of them for the efforts they put in on behalf of our Parish.

Lawrence Milbourn
 Chairman, Lambley Parish Council
 April 2026

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The Memory Tree



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

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

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

Lambley Path Retrievers

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

Planters around the village

There are three planters that are currently available for volunteers to look after; by the Woodlark bridge, the top of Catfoot Lane hill and on the entrance to the village on Spring Lane. Please contact Julie or Ann if you would like to volunteer and more details. 07947627168/07964725141



Our next date for the Litter Pick is **SUNDAY 24 MAY** meeting in the school car park at 10.00 a.m.

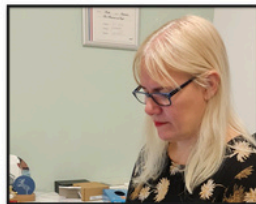
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2026

Lambley Village Hall Association

May

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Mon	4	11	18	25	32
Tue	5	12	19	26	33
Wed	6	13	20	27	29
Thu	7	14	21	28	30
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

Note: 3rd=Cowslip Sunday Village Event

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Note: 28th=Childs Party

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Sun	5	12	19	26

Note: 11th=Priv Party

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

Note: 8th=Priv Party TBC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

= Lambley School Closed, Holidays, or Inset Day

Comm Room = Parish Council(3rd Tues), Heed Pond(2nd Tues), Pilates(2nd Mon),
LVHA Meetings 2026= 13th May, 8th Jul, 9th Sept, 11th Nov. 2027= 10th Mar (AGM)

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

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

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

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

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MARRY ME CHICKEN

Ingredients

- 650 g skinless and boneless chicken breasts
- 50 g plain flour
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves peeled and crushed
- 150 g sundried tomatoes (drained and quartered)
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 tsp paprika
- 150 ml double cream
- 200 ml chicken stock
- 50 g parmesan cheese
- 15 g fresh basil leaves
- ½ lemon (just the juice)
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method

- 1 Coat the chicken breasts in the flour.
- 2 In a large deep frying pan heat the oil over a medium heat. When it's hot carefully add the chicken breasts. Cook for 5 minutes, then flip and cook for a further five minutes.
- 3 Remove the chicken breasts to a plate, turn the heat under the pan to low and add the garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, oregano and paprika. Stir for 3-5 minutes until the garlic is softened.
- 4 Add the cream, stock, parmesan and plenty of salt and pepper and give everything a good stir.
- 5 Sit the chicken back in the sauce. Put the lid on the pan and cook for 5 minutes. Turn the chicken and cook for another 5 minutes.
- 6 Check the chicken is cooked through. Remove the pan from the heat and sprinkle over the basil leaves and the squeeze of half a lemon.

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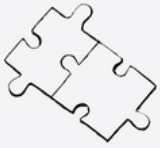
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DINGBATS

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ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZZES

Answers to Dingbats:

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Rose
Daffodil
Tulip
Daisy

A bunch of flowers

Pullover SARA'S SUDOKU

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MAY 2026

Sunday 3rd May	Holy Communion	11
Saturday 9th May	Messy Church	3.00-5.00pm
Sunday 10th May	Morning Prayer	11
Sunday 17th May	Holy Communion	11
Sunday 24th May	Family Service	11
Sunday 31st May	Holy Communion - joint service in	10.00 NB time change

PLEASE NOTE - There may be some changes to the style of service offered on some dates this month, however there will be a service on each Sunday.

PRAYERS

This month we pray for all the village groups as they come to annual meeting time. Thinking particularly of Lambley Parish Council and Lambley W.I. We hope that these meetings will be fruitful and constructive.

We also pray for those approaching GCSE O and A level exams in the coming months - that their preparations will go well, and that all will be able to achieve their full potential.

IN MEMORIAM

We are remembering the following people in May:-

Date	Name	Year of death
1 st May	Mary Berry	1996
	James Joseph Bramley	2009
2 nd May	Isabella Wagstaff	1917
3 rd May	Dorothy Peyton	2001
4 th May	Doreen Green	1990
5 th May	Grace Ballard	1995
7 th May	William Ford	1995
	Evelyn Kirkby	2005
9 th May	Herbert Spencer	1993
	Wilfred Syms	1993
10 th May	Marjorie Holland	1993
11 th May	Edna Wilkinson	1998
18 th May	Joan Cainey	1994
24 th May	Mabel Neale	1985
25 th May	Wynn Burrows	2015
28 th May	Samuel Virtue	1995
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Jobs in the garden for May

1. Watch out for late frosts - protect tender plants.
 2. Earth up potatoes and promptly plant any still remaining.
 3. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas).
 4. Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible.
 5. Hoe off weeds in vegetable baskets.
 6. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days.
 7. Mow lawns but consider leaving some areas uncut for wildlife, or mow less often so that flowers can bloom.
 8. Check carefully for nesting birds before clipping hedges.
 9. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs.
 10. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs and remove by hand if causing damage.
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