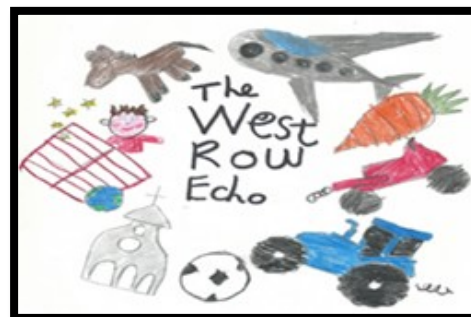


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VJ DAY Weekend

15th to 17th August

See the next edition of the
Parish Echo for your 8 page pull
out detailing the full Programme
of events

See Page 14/15 of this edition
for a preview



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DIARY DATES

JUNE

Sun 1st	St Peter's West Row	Sunday Celebration	11 a.m.
Sun 8th	St Peter's West Row	Holy Communion	11 a.m.
Sun 8th	St Mary's Barton Mills	Healing Service	5 p.m.
Sun 15th	St Peter's West Row	Sunday Celebration	11 a.m.
Tuesday 17th	West Row Baptist Chapel	Community Lunch Contact Richard 07796 616679	12.30 p.m.
Sun 22nd	St Peter's West Row	Holy Communion	11 a.m.
Fri 27th	West Row Village Hall	Fish & Chips Lunch	12.30 p.m.
Saturday 28th	Bowls Club	Merv's Bingo	7.30 p.m.
Sun 29th	St Peter's West Row	Holy Communion followed by BBQ for St Peter's Day	11 a.m.

JULY

Sun 6th	St Peter's West Row	Sunday Celebration	11 a.m.
Sun 13th	St Peter's West Row	Holy Communion	11 a.m.
Tuesday 15th	West Row Baptist Chapel	Community Lunch Contact Richard 07796 616679	12.30 p.m.
Sun 20th	St Peter's West Row	Sunday Celebration	11 a.m.
Fri 25th	West Row Village Hall	Fish & Chip Lunch	12.30 p.m.
Saturday 26th	Bowls Club	Merv's Bingo	7.30 p.m.
Sun 27th	St Peter's West Row	Holy Communion	11 a.m.

A note from the EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of the West Row Echo and hopefully you will find articles that will be of interest to you.

If you and or your children are looking for activities to take part in that are a bit different to the norm, see what Lakenheath RSPB has on offer on page 5.

How many of you are in or have relatives in the 'Memory Corner' school photograph on page 10? It would be interesting to hear about school life and life in general in the village 70 or so years ago. Please send in further photographs or written memories for future publication.

Although the Village's VJ Day celebrations are not until August, please put the dates in your calendar and hoping you can support at least one event. Full details are on pages 14 & 15

As a reminder, please consider using local trades' people who advertise in the ECHO as the revenue generated from those advertising helps to defray the costs of producing the publication.

Also please consider joining the 100 Club if you haven't already done so.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer.
Peter Rolfe Editor

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Spring Quiz answers

1. Fiddler on the Roof 2. Airforce One 3. High Noon 4. Help 5. Carousel 6. Goodbye Mr. Chips 7. Funny Girl 8. The Alamo 9. Grease 10. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof 11. Battle of the Bulge 12. Big 13. Anastasia 14. Hook 15. Duck Soup 16. Brief Encounter 17. The English Patient 18. Crocodile Dundee 19. Chicago 20. Bonnie and Clyde

There were sixteen entries with seven people having all the correct answers. The winner, drawn by lot, was Paul Hamill, Eldo Road, West Row.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Norwich Christmas Shopping & Pantomime



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Peatland Paradise Guided Walk

Monday 2 June (10am-11pm)

The Fens East Peat Partnership are holding a series of events on and around **World Peatlands Day** (2 June 2025) to celebrate our Fen peatlands in all their glory. As a result, we'll be hosting a guided walk at RSPB Lakenheath Fen- a reserve that owes everything to the peat soil it sits upon!

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Fascinating Flora Guided Walk

Sunday 27 July (10am-1pm)

A visit to Lakenheath Fen in Summer is a very colourful one with a wide variety of plants in flower. But, behind their pretty exterior lies a hidden world of folklore, poisons and medicinal properties. Join us to discover more about the secret world of our wildflowers.

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Wildlife Walks

Sundays 15 June, 20 July, 17 August (10am-1pm)

Join our knowledgeable guides for a tour of the reserve taking in the best of our wildlife highlights. During the summer months there will be lots of migrant birds to see as well as plenty of dragonflies and butterflies. Come and celebrate the summer with us!



Suffolk County Council Councillor for Row Heath Division.

Councillor Colin Noble

Hello, and thank you for reading my column in this great Parish magazine. As I write this article, we are having an early taste of summer, and fingers crossed it bodes well for a long, dry Summer ahead.

A few weeks ago, in other parts of the Country, we had local elections for County Councils. Here, these were suspended as Suffolk is part of the government's first phase of local government reorganisation and the creation of a new combined authority for Norfolk and Suffolk. There will also be directly elected Mayoral elections in May 2026, who can sit at the top table of the new mayoral structure that the Labour Government requires.



The process is called Devolution, which aims to transfer decision-making powers from the central government to local authorities. In the case of Norfolk and Suffolk, this involves the creation of a combined authority across our two counties. The combined authority will oversee critical areas such as strategic transport, housing, skills development, and economic growth. The goal is to give our area greater control over resources and decisions directly affecting our community. This should enable more tailored solutions to affordable housing, sustainable transport, and job creation while unlocking additional government funding for local projects.

In parallel, local government reorganisation is underway, with proposals to replace the current county and district councils with a single or two unitary authorities for Suffolk. Norfolk and Suffolk have long operated under a two-tier system, where county councils manage services like Adult social care, Children's support and protection services, education and highways. In contrast, district councils oversee bin collection, housing and planning. However, the shift to unitary authorities promises a more efficient, simplified structure. Instead of multiple layers of governance, a single authority in each area would handle all local government functions. This change could reduce duplication, lower costs, and make services more accessible to residents. With elections to these new councils probably in May 2027.

Critics argue that reorganisation risks losing smaller councils' local knowledge and community focus, but proponents highlight the opportunity to deliver services more effectively and equitably across the County. The new structure could also strengthen Norfolk and Suffolk's national voice, ensuring our rural and coastal priorities are heard.

While reorganisation and Devolution bring challenges, they also present a unique opportunity to shape a stronger, more responsive system of governance. We can ensure these changes benefit West Row with collaboration and community involvement.

Let us embrace this transformation with optimism and determination to build a brighter future for our County.

I am always looking for ways to help the village and improve services. As well as deal with problems that might occur with a service provided by Suffolk County Council. So, if you have any issues or concerns, you can always call or email me, and I will do my best to help.

I do hope you have a great summer.

Take Care.

Colin Noble,

Suffolk County Council Councillor for Row Heath Division.

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Parish Update - June -- July 2025

Annual Council Meeting.

In line with regulations, each May we have to elect our Chair and Vice Chair. This will happen at our normal Full Council Meeting in May.

We have installed 2 Unknown Soldier statues at the War Memorial.

The Parish Council would like to thank District Cllr Don Waldron for using his locality budget money to fund this.

VE Day 80th May

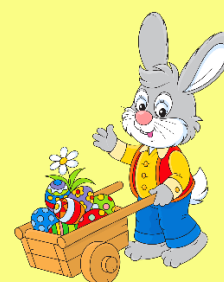
To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe, we raised the VE Day 80 flag in the morning joined by some of year 6 children from the academy, and in the evening, we lit the Beacon. Both these events were well attended.



Easter Egg Hunt

We ran our first Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the village, we had a great turnout, and the Easter Bunny gave away some 100+ eggs, and the remaining eggs we donated to the School and Pre-School. This will now be a regular event every Easter in the Village.

A big thankyou to District Cllr Don Waldron for gifting us money from his locality budget which paid for all the eggs that we gave to the children.



Litter Picks

Our Spring litter pick event was again a success, so we have decided to do an autumn litter pick each year as well, so keep your eyes peeled for a date in the autumn.

If you have any areas of the village that could be improved with a little bit of TLC please let us know.



Neighbourhood Plan

Now that the 2 open days of consultation are complete, our Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion.

The next step is to examine the results of the surveys, make any changes, and the final submission of our Neighbourhood Plan will be made to West Suffolk Council.



Future Events

Councillor Surgery Days.

Come along to the Parish Office on the 3rd Saturday of every month to discuss any concerns or ideas concerning the village.

VJ Day 80 August 2025 3 days of events More details on page 14 & 15

Alan Fisher

Chair West Row Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Are you nurturing a bright young mind with aspirations for an academic future? In today's competitive landscape, having demonstrable publishing experience can give students a significant head start. However, the opportunity to showcase their writing abilities often eludes them until they reach university.

Imagine your young person gaining invaluable insight into the world of academic publishing before they even embark on their higher education journey. The Society of Experimental Biology (SEB) offers a unique avenue for students to do just that.

We are excited to offer an opportunity for students to engage with existing academic works by providing thoughtful reviews. This isn't just a casual read; it's a chance to critically analyse scientific content and articulate their perspectives in a clear and concise manner. The outcome? A tangible record of their contribution the equivalent of a published scientific op-ed that will be seen by an international community of scientists.

Now, you might be thinking, "My child isn't particularly interested in biology." That's perfectly alright! The skills honed through this experience such as; critical thinking, analytical reading, clear communication, and the ability to synthesise complex information, are universally valuable, regardless of their chosen field of study. This opportunity provides a powerful stepping stone for any student interested in pursuing any academic discipline, demonstrating their ability to engage with scholarly material and contribute meaningfully to intellectual discourse.

This is more than just a line on a CV; it's a real-world experience that can boost their confidence, enhance their university applications, and provide them with a unique talking point in interviews. It's a chance to stand out and demonstrate a proactive engagement with academic thought.

If you have a young person who is eager to develop their critical thinking and communication skills and gain a tangible publishing experience, we encourage you to explore this opportunity further. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at jordan.millward@icloud.com for more information and how they can get involved. Give your child a head start on their academic journey!"



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VJ Day Commemorations 15th - 17th of August 2025



Friday 15th of August

9.00AM – Raising the commemorative flag at the West Row Bowls Club

6.30PM – Film Show in St Peters Church..

9.00PM – Meeting for the beacon lighting which will commence at 9.30PM.

More timings to follow in the next issue of the Echo

Saturday 16th of August

Join us of our VJ Day Village Fete and Parade

For the Parade, muster at Wellington Close at 10AM for a 10.30AM start time. More info and timings in the next Echo.



The Fete will be open from 10AM – 5PM so come and join us for a day full of fun!

Head into the Bowls Club to visit our Pop Up Museum, learn about WW2 and start the Code Breaker Trail. Dont forget to pick up your gas mask box!

In the Village Hall, join us for refreshments, art show and photos of old West Row.

Behind the Village Hall visit the Vintage Fete including a fantastic tombola, talk to WW2 Reenactors, view the Model Aircraft, marvel at the Birds of Prey and say hello to our guest Museums and local stalls



On the playing fields see the displays of vintage cars and vintage tractors, enjoy the Farrier display, test your skill on the cycle agility course and say hello to the Shire Horses.

Dont forget:

Best Dressed Pram/ Best Dressed Bike competition, a performance from the Community Choir, the West Row Talent Showcase, Tug of War and The Great West Row Egg Tossing Competition. All timings will be on our event page and in the next issue of the Echo.

In the evening, come and celebrate the end of WW2 with the Galaxy Big Band, featuring the Apple Blossoms. Doors open at 7PM.

Tickets available from Carol Bebee:

Email – carol_beebe@hotmail.com or Telephone – 01638712400

Sunday 17th of August

10.20AM – Meet at the Church Green for those who wish to personalise a memorial cross.

10.30AM – Gathering of those laying wreaths and eternal flames

10.45AM – Prayers led by Revd Mark Macgary

11.00AM – Sunday Worship as usual in St Peters Church

You can also join us for Make Do and Mend demonstrations in the Church Hall, including: Crocheting, Rag Rug making, Whittling, Knitting, Sewing and Ration Cooking.

There will also be a movie showing in St Peters Church at 2.30PM.

Then join us at 4PM for a reading and the Last Post at the War Memorial followed by the closing of the Weekends Events.



A personal vision of West Row Academy's future

It is wonderful to be able to dream but also to have those dreams anchored in reality. As a governor at West Row Academy, I have witnessed first-hand the transformation that is taking place before our very eyes at the school.

A transformation aimed at enhancing the learning environment and overall pupil experience and please ... believe me when I tell you it is astounding! All the improvements, along with the great leadership team that is in place, the dedicated staff, the wonderful pupils, the village environment and the Trust which has oversight over the school has allowed me to visualise where I believe the Academy could be in the not-too-distant future. Even right now, everyone at the academy is embracing this transformation which I am sure is going to lead to a phenomenal Ofsted rating when they next visit. Even as I write this, the school is about to welcome Ofsted in an unofficial capacity to help refine the new grading system. Everything I see going on reflects a profound commitment to educational excellence.

I envisage a modernised school equipped with state-of-the-art facilities that foster creativity and innovation. I foresee classrooms stocked with advanced educational technologies, beyond the interactive whiteboards and personal devices already available, being purchased for all age groups, ensuring that every child has access to the tools they need to succeed in the digital age.

Integral to my vision is the further development and implementation of the already highly regarded and comprehensive CUSP curriculum by educationalists that balances academic rigour with the development of essential life skills. I see the school expanding its extracurricular activities to cater for a variety of interests and talents. All this designed to nurture well-rounded individuals ready to face the challenges of the future.

The schools' values of Curiosity, Kindness, Resilience, Inclusion, Integrity and Passion lie at the heart of this vision. As these values are further embedded in the school there will be a greater sense of every student and staff member feeling valued and supported. This deep-seated feeling of "belonging" will be experienced by all academy stakeholders and will be embedded in the culture of the school. This involves implementing robust support systems for staff, students and pupils with special educational needs, promoting mental health awareness, and fostering a culture of respect and empathy within the school community.

I envision a school that is deeply integrated with the local community having strong and mutually beneficial partnerships with local businesses, organisations, and parents to create a supportive network that enriches the educational experience. Community engagement initiatives, such as mentoring programs and collaborative projects, will help pupils develop a sense of civic responsibility and connection to their surroundings.

To realise this ambitious vision, the academy will continue to invest in the professional development of teaching staff, offer ongoing training and development opportunities that equip educators with the latest academic strategies and subject knowledge. By fostering a culture of continuous improvement among staff, the academy will deliver the highest quality of education.

My dream for the future is one of transformation and excellence. By embracing modern technologies, enhancing the curriculum, promoting the school values and fostering community links, I am confident my dream to create an Inspiring educational environment that prepares students for success in an ever-changing world can become a reality. In fact, I would say that this is already happening, and I hope it won't be too long before West Row Academy is a beacon of innovation and progress in Suffolk's educational landscape. It is my deepest desire that you, a member of the community of West Row will walk this journey with us, talking up the strengths of the school, helping us eradicate the weaknesses, managing the threats and embracing all the wonderful opportunities that are out there.

Euan King

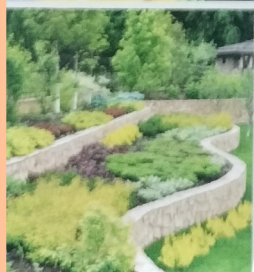
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WEST ROW

BOWLS CLUB NEWS

The outdoor season has now started with the Club playing against other bowls clubs in both Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. The Club has two afternoon sides playing in the Ely & District League and also the Bury & District League. These games are played on Monday and Fridays.

On Tuesday evenings the Club has a side competing in the Ely & District League and also a side in the Suffolk Area 'D' League. On Thursday evenings the Club competes in both the Bury & District League and the Ely & District League.

Cup games as well as Friendly games are usually played on a Friday or at weekends.

It is pleasing to see many people who started to play indoors, now trying to develop their skills when playing on grass.

As a reminder, anyone who wishes to try out the sport should come along to the Club on a Wednesday evening, from 6.00 p.m. onwards. Coaching sessions are offered either on the indoor carpet or on the outside grass bowls green.

The Club offers the first five coaching sessions free of charge. Following this, new members can join as a Social / Beginner at a cost of £18. Youngsters under 18 years of age are entitled to free membership.

All bowling equipment is provided at the Club. Flat soled shoes that have only been worn indoors are required but the club also has a selection of shoes that can be borrowed.

Also as a reminder the Club holds monthly Bingo sessions on a Saturday.

The Club is open most evenings so why not drop in to see what the Club has on offer and maybe give bowls a try!

For information regarding any aspect of the club please contact Club Coach, Peter Rolfe, tel: 07501 640328 or email:

“Family Fun Day”

Saturday 13th September ‘25

West Row Village Hall

12pm - 4pm

Annual Dog Show!

Big Prize Tombola!

Stalls! Games! Band Music!

Dancers! Bouncy Castle!

Sword in the Stone challenge!

Inside Café serving Tea & Cakes!

BBQ! Pizza Van!

****Bar will be open- CASH ONLY! ****

FREE ENTRY

St Peter's Church West Row



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My Uncle Wally only had his thumb and little finger on his left hand. His other fingers had been cut off about halfway down. When I got old enough to ask why, he showed me a copy of Eagle magazine (if memory serves) in storage which told his story and therefore told me why, without him having to go into detail. He had been serving in the Burma Campaign when he had met a Japanese officer, who got out his sword and sliced his fingers off in the fight.

This wound didn't hold him back, he continued to serve in the war, and after the war he raised a family and had jobs. He was good at making things and was a great mechanic. He even welded a seat in one of my early rather rropy cars. He didn't mention the war, it was just my childish questions about his hand that prompted his answer.

As we have been planning the events to commemorate VJ Day here in West Row, it will come as no surprise that memories of Uncle Wally, his hand, and that comic strip have come back to mind.

His hand was a very visible and constant reminder for him, and for us who knew his story, of the horrors and service that was the reality of life for those who served in the war against Japan. But only he knew the other, personal memories of comrades lost, of horrors experienced, and of the fighting that only ended when Japan surrendered on 15th August.

That's why I'm grateful to be able to be involved in the VJ Day events here, and why the decision to particularly focus on VJ day is so important. It's so easy for us to think that the war finished in May and so forget Uncle Wally and the others like him for who served in the campaigns against Japan. By commemorating VJ Day we can include both those who served in the East and those whose war finished in May.

As we gather together in the events this August, whether those celebratory or more sombre, I will give thanks for Uncle Wally and for the many others whose names and stories I will never know, and for their willingness to fight against evil and continue fighting until it was defeated.

It may be eighty years since those days, but it is so important to remember. To remember the cost, and as we remember to resolve to do differently. As George Santayana said 120 years ago "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."



West Row Baptist Church



From the Pastor's Desk

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As I sit at my desk and draft this article, we have just celebrated Victory in Europe (VE) day in the village and in the country. The very first VE Day, celebrated on May 8, 1945, marked the end of World War II in Europe. It was a day of immense joy, relief, and hope as the Allied forces declared victory over Nazi Germany. The streets were filled with jubilant crowds, and the world breathed a collective sigh of relief. This historic day can serve as a powerful illustration of Christ's second coming and the lasting peace He will bring.

Just as VE Day signified the end of a long and brutal conflict, Christ's second coming will mark the end of all suffering, pain, and strife. The Bible tells us that Jesus will return to establish His kingdom on earth, bringing with Him a reign of peace and righteousness. In Revelation 21:4, we read, "**He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.**" This promise of a new era, free from the burdens of the past, vastly outshines the hope and renewal that VE Day brought to a war-weary world.

The celebrations on VE Day were a foretaste of the joy and unity that will be experienced when Christ returns. People from all walks of life came together to celebrate the end of the war, much like the diverse multitude that will gather to worship Jesus in His kingdom. Revelation 7:9 describes this scene: "**After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.**" The unity and harmony witnessed on VE Day give us a glimpse of the perfect peace and fellowship that will be realized in Christ's eternal kingdom.

Moreover, VE Day was a testament to the power of hope and perseverance. Despite the darkness and despair of the war years, people held on to the belief that victory and peace would eventually come. Similarly, those of us who are Christians are called to hold fast to our faith and hope in Christ's return. Romans 8:18 reminds us, "**For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.**" Just as the promise of VE Day sustained people through the hardships of war, the promise of Christ's second coming sustains all believers through the trials of life.

As we remember VE Day and Victory in Japan (VJ) Day, let us honor the lives lost and the sacrifices made at the end of World War II. May this reflection lead us to recognize Jesus's ultimate victory over sin and death for those who repent and trust in Him. The end of World War II brought a renewed sense of hope, joy, and unity, much like the ultimate victory and peace that Jesus will establish when He returns. I trust you know Jesus as your Saviour and are looking forward with eager anticipation to the day when Christ will come again and make all things new.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Evan

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." John 14 v 6

DOWN THE SHED June — July 2024

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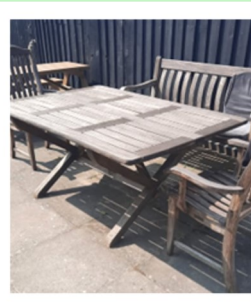


Just shows you don't have to do loads of weeding to support us. 😊

YEAH! SPRING AT LAST IS HERE: Yes, we LOVE the sun, it makes us smile, and getting out into the fresh air is a joy. Paul is happiest with his boy's toys. The flowers are blooming, the seeds are growing, and everything in the garden is rosey.



Well, almost. We have a mole! And that has split the volunteers. Kill it!!! NO!!! Catch it and put it somewhere else!. Poison it!! NO!!! That's cruel. Oh dear. What a to-do. We pledge never to discuss politics, football or religion. Me thinks we now must add animal cruelty to the list !!!



We would also like to thank Sue and Ted Breeze for their generous donation of (more) garden furniture. It will certainly be put to good use. *Thank you*



We are incredibly pleased to report that after waiting several seasons, we now have baby birds waiting to fledge from their nesting boxes. Michael kindly

refurbished 3 boxes on this gable end, with two more donated by Jan, which are on the farthest end.



Remember last year we almost lost Jacqueline in our lovely **Ceanothus Puget Blue**? Well come along soon as it is in full bloom – but does not last too long.

A REMINDER: Our Big Circle is part of The Shed, which is a Registered Community Asset.

That means we have facilities which any resident can make use of - **FREE** of charge. Come along and see for yourselves. We have disabled toilets, a kitchen, Tea Room, our huge grassed area for games and entertainment. What more could you wish for?

WORK IN PROGRESS: We have now netted much of the fruit bushes area, plus other vegetable plots. Protection will also go over the strawberry beds in the Raised Frames. Our enthusiastic gardeners are busy sowing, planting, weeding and tuffling (and if you don't know what that is – drop by and we'll show you). Our Food volunteers are busy collecting, sorting and arranging the fruit and veg on our new stall, plus Little Shed stocks bread and pastries when available.

Sadly, we are still witnessing a few people taking more than their fair share. Please question them if they really need so much, which leaves less for others. Most recent loss was a whole crate of lovely large oranges. Sorry if you missed out – that's greed for you.

We meet at The Shed every Tues, Thurs and Saturdays from 10am (weather permitting)

FMI: Contact Roz Hamill 01638 715329 or Email: Theshedcharity@gmail.com

But on a happier note: We recently enjoyed a fantastic turn out for our Parish Easter Egg Hunt. Quizzes were set by Lisa and Sally. Nearly 50 children took part, busily working out the clues, and at the end of the day they were rewarded with stacks of food, refreshments and of course – **AN EASTER EGG**, plus a Mug to take home. The weather was great, and we

welcomed many visitors, some have pledged to return and even others have pledged to volunteer. Fantastic.

Not sure why the Easter Bunny is looking so worried Carol ??? He loved all the carrots given him that he will def. be back next year.



Thanks goes also to Teresa Amoss and her Bingo Buddies who generously donated their monthly takings. Very much appreciated. We have a list of tools and this will go a long way in providing.



EARLY SUMMER QUIZ 2025

Find the odd one out. A clue is given to guide you in the right direction!

e.g. Sid James, Perry Como, Warren Beatty. (profession) Ans: Warren

Beatty as the others were hairdressers at one point in their lives!

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| 1. Che Guevara, JK Rowling, Harry Hill, (qualification) | ANS..... |
| 2. King Charles III, Richard Burton, Bill Clinton (zodiac) | ANS..... |
| 3. Michelle Obama, Marilyn Monroe, Shirley Temple (marriage) | ANS..... |
| 4. Bruce Willis, Matt Busby, King George VI (speech) | ANS..... |
| 5. Dudley Moore, Richard Harris, Perry Como (death) | ANS..... |
| 6. Siamese, Bulmers Fruit, Harlequin, Lesser Bamboo(nighttime) | ANS..... |
| 7. Hurricane, mild air, gentle breeze, gale (scale) | ANS..... |
| 8. Badger, Hedgehog, Camel, Pig (female) | ANS..... |
| 9. Hexagon, rectangle, rhombus (same number) | ANS..... |
| 10. Squirrel, Camel, Beaver, Cat (early years) | ANS..... |
| 11. Ribbon, Sheet, Blanket (skywards) | ANS..... |
| 12. Frost, Clouds, Showers (dry seas) | ANS..... |
| 13. Walt Disney, John. F. Kennedy, Winston Churchill (words) | ANS..... |
| 14. Barbara Windsor, Margaret Thatcher, Su Pollard (award) | ANS..... |
| 15. Humphrey Bogard, Stefanie Powers, Kenny Everett (Christmas) | ANS..... |
| 16. Ruby Wax, Tina Turner, Janet Jackson (belief) | ANS..... |
| 17. Graham Hill, James Dean, Glenn Miller (death) | ANS..... |
| 18. Queen Victoria, Gordon Banks, Peter Falk (vision) | ANS..... |
| 19. Lester Piggott, Mick Jagger, David Frost (birth) | ANS..... |
| 20. Pink, Golden, Bald, (flight) | ANS..... |

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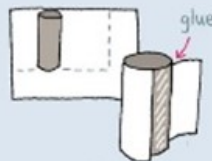
Make you own Binoculars

You will need

- Two cardboard tubes (you can use toilet roll tubes)
- String
- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Rubber band
- Hole puncher or pen
- Felt tip pens (optional)



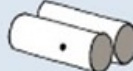
- 1 Cut your paper to size, then cover your tubes with glue and wrap the paper around them.



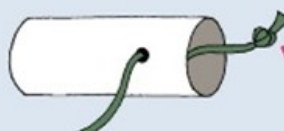
- 2 Using a pen or hole puncher, insert a hole at the side of each tube, about a third of the way down.



- 3 Glue the two tubes together so that the holes are facing the outside.

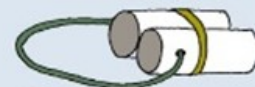


- 4 Insert string into one of the holes from the outside of the tube. Bring it through the tube and tie a chunky knot. Gently pull the string back from the outside. Repeat on the other side.



The knot will stop the string coming back through the hole.

- 5 Place a rubber band around the tubes to help the glue set. Leave to dry over night.



- 6 Remove the elastic band and then decorate them with pens!



- 7 Go wildlife detecting!



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Wildlife Watch

Garden Bird Detective

How many of these feathered friends can you spot in your garden? Keep your eyes peeled and see which ones you can find!



Ice Lollies Recipe

You will need:

Ice Cube Tray
Lolly Sticks
Wooden Spoon
Teaspoons
Jug

140 ml (1/4 pt) orange squash (undiluted)

A little lemon juice

Heaped teaspoon of caster sugar

1. Pour the orange squash into a jug.
2. Add the sugar and keep stirring until the sugar dissolves.
3. Add a squeeze of lemon juice.
4. Put a lolly stick in each section of the ice tray and pour in the mixture. Put the lollies in the freezer until they are set.

