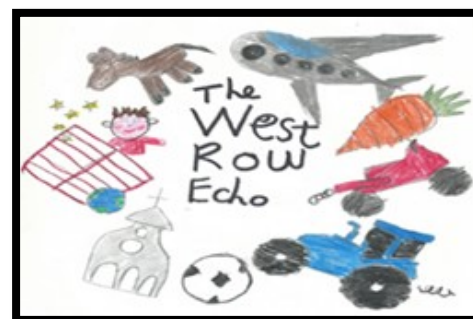


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DIARY DATES

APRIL

Sunday 6th	St Peter's Church	Sunday Celebration	11.00 a.m
Saturday 12th	Playing Fields car park	Litter Pick	10.00 a.m
Sunday 13th	St Peter's Church Barton Mills	Holy Communion Healing Services	11.00 a.m. 5.00p.m.
Tuesday 15th	West Row Baptist Chapel	Community Lunch Contact Richard 07796 616679	12.30 p.m
Thursday 17th	St Mary's Barton Mills	Agape Supper & Communion	7.00 p.m
Friday 18th	St Andrews Freckenham All Saints Worlington	Hour before the Cross Compline	2.00 p.m 7.30 p.m
Friday 18th	West Row Baptist Chapel	Good Friday Service	6.30 p.m.
Sunday 20th	St Peter's Church	Holy Communion	11.00 a.m
Sunday 20th	West Row Baptist Chapel	Easter Morning Service Easter Evening Service	10.45 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Monday 21st	The Shed	Easter Egg Hunt	11.00 a.m
Friday 25th	Village Hall	Fish & Chip Lunch	12.30 p.m
Saturday 26th	Bowls Club	Merv's Bingo	7.30 p.m
Sunday 27th	St Peter's Church	Sunday Celebration	11. a.m.

MAY

Sunday 4th	St Peter's Church	Morning Worship with APCM	11.00 a.m.
Sunday 11th	St Peter's Church Barton Mills	Sunday Celebration Healing Service	11.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m
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Thursday 29th	St Peter's	Holy Communion for the Group	7.00 p.m
Friday 30th	Village Hall	Fish & Chip Lunch	12.30 p.m
Saturday 31st	Bowls Club	Merv's Bingo	7.30 p.m

A note from the EDITOR

Dear Reader,

At the time of writing pleasant spring weather is around and hopefully it will continue.

This edition of the West Row Echo has many interesting and varied articles which I hope you and family members will have time to read. You may attend some of the events advertised and any feedback, with photographs would be welcomed to publish in the next edition of the Echo.

Ideal opportunities to do this would be if you intend attending trips organised by the British Legion on page 5 and on page 25 are details of VJ day commemorative events.

For keen gardeners, there are handy hints in the 'Around the Allotments' report on page 19.

As usual the Shed's report, on page 22 contains much information including an Easter Egg Hunt on 21st. April. Also if you are planning an outdoor meeting for family, friends & or children why not use the Big Circle on the Shed's site?

Other interesting articles are from RSPB Lakenheath Fen. This place is worth a visit and there are various events advertised as detailed on page 6.

I also recommend reading the history report of Mildenhall Mechanised Farming Club on page 24.

Wishing all readers a very Happy Easter.

Peter Rolfe

Editor

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Winter Quiz Answers

1. Acid 2. Easter 3. Light 4. Panic 5. Capital 6. Action 7. Second 8. Track 9. Shop 10. Ancient 11. Film 12. Baby 13. Third 14. Powder 15. Garden 16. Yellow 17. Mess 18. Mixed 19. Belly 20. Dark

N.B. Apologies for a typographical error in question 1 but twelve entrants obviously spotted it!

There were seventeen entries with only one person having all the correct answers. The winner was Gill Sullivan, Church Road, West Row.

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Please note that the deadline for this was the 1st April, but if you are interested please contact Marion or Helen a.s.a.p. on above numbers

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RSPB LAKENHEATH FEN

Now that Spring is here, much of our wildlife becomes active again- small birds are singing, butterflies are beginning to emerge and birds of prey are courting and nest-building. This provides the reserve team with a great opportunity to survey what we have living here to (hopefully) get a good idea of the numbers of different species using the reserve.

Already underway are Breeding Bird Survey-style counts of small birds. The reserve is divided up into areas and the staff team each have their own 'patch' which they visit at least three times in the Spring to count the numbers of small birds such as Great spotted woodpecker, Wren or Reed warbler. Our administrator Suzanne will survey Brandon Fen, whilst I do Trial Wood, and our Site Manager Dave will do land on Cowles Drove. We take a map with us and mark what we see- which helps us on return visits to get an idea of territories, and thereby numbers.

Later in March we will begin our early morning Bittern and Marsh harrier surveys- these are done as a co-ordinated team, with several of our volunteers involved too. We start at 5am because this is when male Bitterns do the most booming- giving off their incredibly loud, deep bellows which travel a very long way across the reedbeds. Males and females are also most active at this time so we can get the best idea of where territories and- later- nests will be. We will also record displaying male Marsh harriers, and where we see both sexes delivering nesting material or food. In 2024 we had a record 17 booming male Bitterns, followed by at least 7 nests. Because female Bitterns do all of the nest-building, incubating and raising of chicks, these two figures can be wildly different. We also know we had a minimum of 15 Marsh harrier fledglings from at least 12 nests. In a few months' time we will be able to report on how these two wetland specialists have fared in 2025.

It's not just the birds that get counted though, as three of our volunteers very kindly commit themselves to weekly surveys between April and September of our butterflies. They walk the same route each week and at the end of the season we send in their data to Butterfly Conservation. We also have our daily sightings list in the Visitor Centre- and anything goes on here, from tiny ladybirds right up to the huge Great white egrets that can be found on the nearby Hockwold Washes. Another of our volunteers submits this data electronically to Merlin, the RSPB's recording scheme, so it gets counted officially.

As well as our own records we love to record what our visitors have spotted, and their sightings are vital for getting a picture of what is happening on the reserve with our wildlife. So, next time you come to see us- we would love to know what you saw on your visit- whether it is common or rare, all wildlife is important and every record counts.

With best wishes for the first weeks of Spring,
Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen).

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit <https://bit.ly/LakenheathFenEvents> to read more and book [tickets](#).

Treasures of the Moth Trap

28 February, 28 March, 25 April, 30 May (10am to 11am)

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Guided Pond Dipping

5 April, 3 May (11am-1pm)

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Lakenheath Fen Open Day

Sunday 13 April (9am-5pm)

Join us to celebrate our 30th Anniversary year in style- we'll be offering free entry to all on the day, whether you are an RSPB member or not. There'll be a range of activities on offer for people of all ages.

Entry for all is free; individual activities are chargeable.

Bittern Walks

Saturday 26 April, Sunday 18 May (9:30am-12:30pm)

This brand-new event aims to get you up close to Bitterns, at the time of year and time of day that offers us the best chance. We should hear plenty of booming as well.

RSPB members £12 (£6 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £15 (£7.50 for Under 18's).

Hobby Walks

Saturday 10 May, Sunday 25 May (1-4pm)

In peak season we have dozens of Hobbies on the reserve at once- and by the early afternoon they should all be busy hunting for food. On these new walks we hope to get you good views of these spectacular birds of prey.

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2	Bar Hill	13	10	0	3	16	30
3	Beach FC Reserves	16	9	1	6	11	28
4	West Row Gunners	14	8	0	6	15	24
5	Longstanton Reserves	15	8	0	7	6	24
6	Tempsford FC	14	7	1	6	3	22
7	Cambridge Ambassadors Reserves	15	7	0	8	5	21
8	Hardwick A	12	6	1	5	11	19
9	Tempsford Seniors	17	4	1	12	-39	13
10	Great Paxton Reserves	13	4	2	7	-15	11
11	Milton A	13	3	1	9	-15	10
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Parish Update - April - May 2025

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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.

Spring Litter Pick

Our Spring litter pick event is on Saturday 12th April, we meet at the Phone box by the play area at 10:00

We are looking at other areas of the village that could be improved with a little bit of TLC.



Defibrillators

We are pleased to announce that we have installed a second DEFIB on the wall of the Garage at R.W. Pamment.

A big thankyou to Richard for agreeing to the installation on his property.

The Baptist Chapel have also installed a DEFIB on the front wall of the Chapel.

A big thankyou also to Nigel Raynor for repairing and repainting the Phone Box that houses one of our DEFIB's, FREE of CHARGE, this is very much appreciated by the Parish Council.



VE Day 80

To commemorate the end of the war in Europe, we will be hosting 2 events on the 8th of May.

At 09:00 we will be raising the official Commemoration Flag and announcing the Proclamation.

At 21:30 we will be lighting the Beacon and reciting the VE Day 80 Tribute.



Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion now, local consultation meetings are arranged for March 22nd and April 19th 10:00 till 12:00 on each day at the Parish Office (Outdoor Bowls Club building)

A leaflet about consultation will have been delivered to all households



Future Events

Easter Egg Hunt

We are running an Easter Egg Hunt event for the children of the Village.

It will be hosted at The Shed Community Garden so it is a safe environment, FREE entry, FREE refreshments, and a prize for every completed hunt. More detail on page 4

VJ Day 80 August 2025 3 days of events More details on page 25

Alan Fisher

Chair West Row Parish Council

Exploring AI in Education: A Call for Interest

As a researcher and governor, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of AI on students' education. Much like the advent of the internet, AI is poised to revolutionize how students learn and engage with content. Many students already use AI-based platforms to assist with writing, understanding complex topics, and exploring new technologies.

However, as a parent or guardian, you might wonder how these tools are being utilised and whether they are truly supporting or potentially hindering your child's learning. The shift from traditional recall-based assessments to fostering deeper understanding and comprehension is a significant challenge.

To address these concerns, I am inviting parents, guardians, and students to express their interest in learning more about how to effectively support and guide students in using AI. If there is sufficient interest, we can organise a session through the local academy trust to provide valuable insights and practical advice.

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'True belonging doesn't require that we change who we are. It requires that we be who we are'.

Each class took part in many art-related activities throughout the week including online art exhibition tours, workshops led by real artists and digital art activities. By the end of the week, all of our children had decorated and designed a fish using different artistic techniques and inspirations. This represented their skills and individuality.

To share and celebrate with the whole of Team West Row, a tabletop gallery was put up in the hall, for all children to come and view each other's artwork.



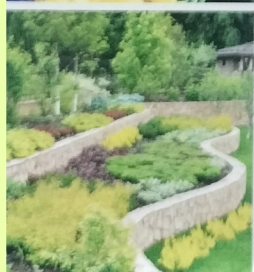
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WEST ROW

BOWLS CLUB NEWS

At the time of writing the Indoor section of the Club is nearing the end of its season. The leagues have been very competitive and winners and runners up look likely not to be decided until the last few games have been played.

There was a record of 83 entries in the Club competitions this season and the finals will be played over the weekend 12th. & 13th. April.

The outdoor season starts near the end of April with the Club playing in various afternoon and evening leagues against other clubs in both Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

Opportunities for newcomers who wish to try out the sport will be offered on a Wednesday evening, either on the indoor carpet or on the outside grass bowls green. As a reminder, newcomers are offered their 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 does have 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 give bowls a try!

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

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AROUND THE ALLOTMENTS IN APRIL & MAY



As the days lengthen and temperatures rise, April and May are some of the most rewarding months for allotment gardeners. Nature is bursting into life, and there's plenty to do to prepare for a productive growing season.

April is a busy month which sees longer days and hopefully some nice warm sunshine, but it's important not to forget that there is always the threat of overnight frosts, so it pays to be cautious when planting out young plants or seedlings. The setting of seed potatoes should be completed by the end of April but again, if frosts are forecast, it's a good idea to protect shoots that have emerged from any early varieties already set. Covering outside plants, such as strawberries, with fleece helps to protect from birds and other pests and fleece can also be used in the greenhouse at this time of year where frosts can still affect young plants.

April is also a good time to check fruit bushes for early signs of aphids which can be treated with a soapy water spray: more information can be found at

<https://realenglishfruit.co.uk/aphids>

along with advice about many other pests and diseases which can affect fruit crops



(<https://realenglishfruit.co.uk/fruit-tree-pests-and-diseases>).

May can often be unpredictable weather wise. Keep a close watch out for late frosts. May is also a busy and exciting month for allotment gardening, as plants are growing quickly, and there's plenty to sow, plant and harvest. During May you can start to sow carrots, beetroot, radishes and lettuce to name a few. You can earth up your early and maincrop potatoes as the shoots grow to protect them from frost and encourage tuber production. This time of year, protect your strawberries with netting, remove runners and mulch with straw to keep fruit clean. Stay on top of the weeds as they can grow rapidly in the warmer weather. Keep a close eye out for early pest damage, especially slugs and snails.

Lots of helpful growing advice for gardeners and allotment holders can be found through websites such as The Royal Horticultural Society, <https://www.rhs.org.uk>, and The National Allotment Society, <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/growing-advice>.

May is full of potential for your allotment, so enjoy the sunshine and the reward of nurturing your crops!

St Peter's Church West Row



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This year, St. Peter's has been using a course called Hope Explored. Which does exactly what it says on the tin – it's a course designed to help people think a little bit about the Christian faith, and whether it can give us hope.

As I was leading the sessions, and watching the videos, it reminded me of my own journey to faith, nearly forty years ago.

At the time, I was an atheist, studying Business Studies at University. One part of the course was Psychology, and we had been looking at a concept called Cognitive Dissonance. That's where there is a conflict between our beliefs and our actions. We find this difference, this gap, difficult – it causes unease or discomfort - and so we try to bring them together.

And what happens is that our beliefs often change to reflect our actions, or we try to wish away the difference between them.

But as I studied the accounts of the first Easter, I was struck how the first disciples resolved their own cognitive dissonance.

Before Easter, the disciples did not believe Jesus was going to be crucified and then raised again – so they often argued with Jesus, criticised or took him to one side to tell him he was wrong whenever he spoke about this. They knew what they believed, and it didn't look like that. Peter even took this disagreement so far that he denied Jesus. Judas took it even further and betrayed him.

Yet after Easter day, they were totally different. They started to talk about Jesus being raised from the dead. Indeed, of the eleven who remained followers of Jesus post Easter, ten of them would die rather than deny Jesus' resurrection. Their actions now reflected a belief that Jesus was right all along, that he had really died and risen again.

And it struck me that there was a huge gap between the before and after, despite it only being a matter of hours. There was a pivot point. The pivot point was what changed them. What made the difference?

And the only thing that made sense then, and the only thing that makes sense to me forty years later, is that on Easter Day they actually met with a dead man risen. They met with Jesus and that made all the difference.

Having come to that kind of conclusion, it really was quite a simple step, a small step for me myself to say to Jesus "Okay then, you must be alive, and I must follow you." What else could I do?



West Row Baptist Church



From the Pastor's Desk

evan@westrowbaptistchurch.org.uk

A small boy was consistently late coming home from school. His parents warned him that he must be home on time that afternoon, but nevertheless he arrived later than ever. His mother met him at the door and said nothing. His Father met him in the living room and said nothing.

At dinner that night, the boy looked at his plate. There was a slice of bread and a glass of water. He looked at his father's full plate and then at his father, but his father remained silent. The boy was crushed.

The father waited for the full impact to sink in, then quietly took the boy's plate and placed it in front of himself. He took his own plate of meat and potatoes, put it in front of the boy, and smiled at his son.

When that boy grew to be a man, he said, "All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night."

Easter is a time that reminds us of what God is like too. In the Bible we read **"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."** God, in His Son has done for us what we could not do for ourselves. Just as the father in the illustration took his son's terrible dinner for himself and gave his son his wonderful meal, so Jesus, on the cross, took the punishment of God that was due to sinners like us upon Himself and credited the believing sinner with His righteousness.

Because Jesus was willing to incur the full fury of God's wrath for our wrongdoing, we can become citizens of heaven. There is nothing else in all the world that demonstrates how real God's love is for sinners and how real our sin is to God.

We can do nothing to earn our forgiveness. In and of ourselves we can never please God but if we trust in Jesus to make us right with God and if we repent of our sin then God promises in the Bible in 1 John 1:9, **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**

What wonderful news this is and don't we need good news in the world at the moment? Please consider what God has done for sinners in the Lord Jesus, confess your sin and trust in Him to make you right with God.

May you all have a blessed Easter as you consider what it is all really about.

Evan

Easter 2025 Services

Easter is just around the corner and we would love for you to be able to join us at the Chapel for any of our services at this time of reflection and celebration.

We will be meeting at the following times:

Good Friday - 18th April

Evening Worship - 6:30pm

Easter Sunday - 20th April

Morning Worship - 10:45am

Evening Worship - 6:30pm



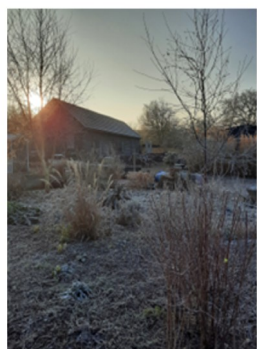
Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." John 14 v 6

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WHAT A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER THESE PAST FEW WEEKS. We went from frosts in February, to marvellous spring flowers in March



The Daffodils surrounding the Big Circle are certainly a picture with the promise of good times ahead



Speaking of which. We are extremely pleased that the West Row Parish Council invited us to host the **Great Easter Egg Hunt** on Bank Holiday Monday, **21st April from 11am.**



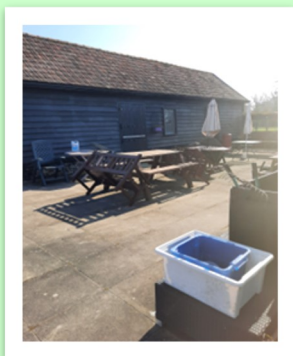
FREE entry, free refreshments, games and a prize for the children who complete the Easter Egg Hunt Quiz. Come and say Hello to the **Easter Bunny** who will be there for a special photo opportunity.

Jean will work her magic and Easter decorations will turn our patio into Bunny Heaven

This is also a chance for families to visit and see the facilities we can offer – all for **FREE**. Our Tea Room will be open for refreshments and drinks.

We have a Disabled Toilet and a Kitchen. Although we are not connected to mains drinking water - (we provide our own.) we **DO** have a bore hole for flushing and watering the gardens.

STOP PRESS: Our apologies to families reliant on our **Care Boxes**. Unfortunately, our sources have been depleted but you can still obtain **FREE** supplies from Hawthorn Way, Beck Row

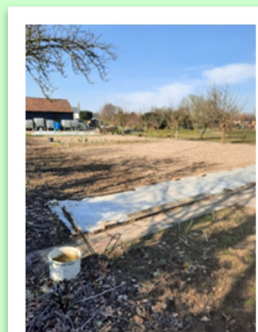


We encourage all Parish residents to make use of our **Big Circle** if you have a family event larger than your garden can accommodate. **Free of charge.**



WORK IN PROGRESS:

Although the weather has not been too favourable for gardening, our volunteers have been continually active in preparing the various plots ready for Spring sowing.



One of our next projects is the erection of our large greenhouse. Ideally it needs to be put together in the next few weeks, ready for this year's plants. We have the base prepared, the large frame ready; we just need 4

helping hands to hold it while it is bolted together. Then the glass inserted and Bob's your uncle. If you can help for an hour or two, please get in touch.

Another project that's been completed are the lovely clear doors Dave (Bowers) built and installed on our Veg. Stall at our Front Gate. These are a fabulous addition affording our



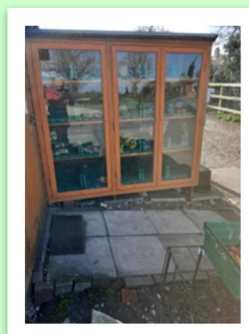
produce protection if the weather is inclement. Plus we have the bonus of keeping away unwanted bugs and furry visitors. Thanks so much Dave for all your hard work. **PLEASE** ensure the doors remain closed.

That's all for this edition, come visit, all welcome

We are at The Shed every Tues, Thurs and Saturdays

from 10am (weather permitting)

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SPRING QUIZ 2025

All answers are of well known FILMS to the cryptic clues given e.g.

Unlucky NASA mission aborted (6, 2) ANS APOLLO 13

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| 1. Violinist is up high on a dwelling (7,2,3,4) | ANS..... |
| 2. US military call sign (8,3) | ANS..... |
| 3. Way above midday (4,4) | ANS..... |
| 4. Aid? Could be (4) | ANS..... |
| 5. Luggage conveyor (8) | ANS..... |
| 6. Au revoir sir with fries (7,2,5) | ANS..... |
| 7. Hilarious female (5,4) | ANS..... |
| 8. San Antonio massacre (3,5) | ANS..... |
| 9. Danny & Sandy were lubricated in this (6) | ANS..... |
| 10. Feline might have had her paws burnt here (3,2,1,3,3,4) | ANS..... |
| 11. Dieters are often dealing with this (6,2,3,5) | ANS..... |
| 12. Could be large or enormous (3) | ANS..... |
| 13. Murdered by Bolsheviks (9) | ANS..... |
| 14. A fisherman needs this (4) | ANS..... |
| 15. Waterfowl liquid food (4,4) | ANS..... |
| 16. A short meeting (5,9) | ANS..... |
| 17. Definite article language that remains calm (3,7,7) | ANS..... |
| 18. This reptile could be found in Scotland (9,6) | ANS..... |
| 19. Not quite at the bottom of Lake Michigan (7) | ANS..... |
| 20. Beautiful Scottish girl with a Scottish flower! (6,3,5) | ANS..... |

NAME OF ENTRANT.....

ADDRESS.....

Contact tel. no

**N.B. PLEASE POST YOUR ENTRY IN THE BOWLS CLUB SILVER LETTER BOX
SITUATED ON THE FENCE BY 19TH APRIL 2025**

MILDENHALL MECHANISED FARMING CLUB

Mildenhall Mechanised Farming Club was formed in 1945. They are celebrating their 80th season

At their recent meeting their guest speaker was Paul Dunham (Trustee of Prickwillow Museum) he spoke about how the Fens have developed and the impact this has had on our locality. The local history of Farming and Agriculture. Various Members shared their memories of the Club through the Decades. Club President, Frank Wright, formally of County Farm, West Row Fen. he shared his early memories of the Club. Frank has been a member since the late Forties, when he attended as a youngster with his father.

Members were presented with a commemorative pen and whiskey glass; this was designed and produced by Personal Images Ltd, Mildenhall.

Mark Garrard, Club Secretary has coordinated meetings, events and visits for the club for over forty years said It was great to see so many people attending and sharing their memories of Farming and Machinery over the years"

Where it all began.....

MMFC began in the mid 1940s. Founded in West Row, it was originally named 'The West Row Agricultural Club. The early meetings were held in West Row Village Hall. Bert Edwards and Newman Ford (Jessie Ford's Father) along with George Root and Johnathan Brown became some of the first committee members. A few years later, the meetings were held in The Pear Tree pub in West Row.

In 1946, a village show was held in the field at the back of West Row School. The aim was to raise money for the Homecoming Fund (this was for the soldiers coming back from the war). A ploughing match was organised by the club. Fred Jarman(relative of Brian Jarman) came second in the ploughing match. After the War, the membership dropped for a few years but then revived when the the Ministry of Ag. provided speakers for a lot of the meetings in the early days they wanted to encourage the farmers to grow more food. Also the machinery manufacturers brought out a lot of new machines, so after the war they were keen to encourage interest by providing speakers to advertise their new products.

In the Early 50's, the Club moved to Mildenhall and the meetings were held in Riverside School and the committee meetings took place in the Queen's Arms Pub. Key people included Spencer Parker (Chairman) and Billy Webb. Alan Shaw was the Machinery Officer for M.A.F.F. the Treasurer was Mr. Moore (Bank Manager, Lloyds) and Malcom Jenkins (A.D.A.S) were on the committee In the late fifties, the Club then moved to the Maids Head Pub in Mildenhall.

In the sixties, the Club was called The Mildenhall Branch of the Suffolk Machinery Club, the Suffolk Machinery Club in Bury was closed down. At this time, we decided to become an independent Club and our name was changed to "The Mildenhall Mechanised Farming Club. There was a competition to design a logo for the club which is the one still being used today. During the seventies a range of social activities began including the 'Harvest Horkey' and the 'Annual Dinner and Dance' these continued well into the nineties.

Over the years the Club has welcomed a wide range of speakers from the Agricultural Industry, related business and charities. Some of these have often been followed up by summer visits and tours with meals out, these have been much enjoyed by members and their partners, In the new Millennium Ladies were also invited to attend the meetings.

Over the years meetings have moved to various venues from the Maids Head to the Bell Hotel for a larger meeting room, then to the Riverside Hotel into the new Millennium. Until recently we resided for several years at the Worlington Hall Hotel before returning back to the Riverside Hotel. During the Covid19 pandemic, the club was not able to meet.



HELP WEST ROW TO
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VJ-DAY

EIGHTY YEARS ON, WE REMEMBER.

15TH AUGUST

Film Show

Tribute

Pop-Up Museum

Lighting the Beacon

Flower Display

16TH AUGUST

Pageant Parade

Fete

Pipes and Drums

Live Entertainment

Vintage Vehicles

Fancy Dress

Galaxy Big Band

17TH AUGUST

War Memorial Service

10.30am

Wreath Laying

Craft Demo C/Hall

Film Show

Please join us for any of the 3-day events between 15th and 17th August 2025

Full details in the Jun/Jul issue of The Parish Echo

For the families of those who gave their life and health in the Far-East during World War II, the landmark 80th anniversary of V.J. -Day provides an opportunity to come together in remembrance. Some in celebration, some in commemoration.

Events will be held in and around St. Peter's Church, Church Green, also the Village Hall, and the Indoor Bowls Club.

FMI: Contact Shirley Clark hannelc@aol.com or Roz Hamill 715329

The theme is WWII, and war time outfits are encouraged

***Any donation or profit will go directly to the West Row Historical Society
for the installation of the new West Row Parish Museum***





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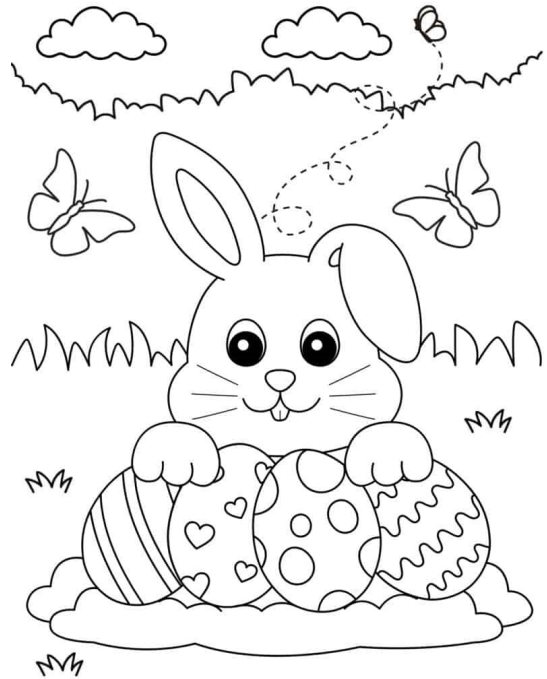
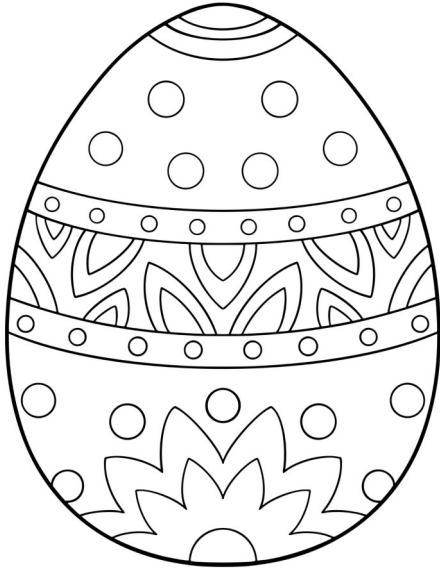
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Children's Corner

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RECIPE CORNER

Chocolate Easter Nest Cakes

Ingredients

225g/8oz dark chocolate or a mix of dark and milk chocolate broken into pieces
2 tbsp golden syrup
50g/2oz butter
75g/2 3/4 oz cornflakes or puffed rice cereal
36 mini chocolate eggs

Method

1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir until the mixture is smooth.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all the cereal is coated in chocolate.
4. Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.



CHILDRENS CORNER

Wildlife Watch

Spring is usually said to start at the beginning of March and the 20th March is the Spring Equinox: the date on which day and night are equal length. This season is when the days get longer and the spring sunshine brings growth and greenery.

Birdsong reaches a peak and many flowers appear, in turn attracting insects including bees and butterflies

Below is a Spring flower spotter—see how many you can find.



Also how about making a seed bomb

How to make your seed bomb.

You will need:

- Meadow flower seeds or seeds collected from the garden
- Peat-free compost
- Water
- Powdered clay (from craft shops - use clay soil if you can't find any)
- Mixing bowl

1 In a bowl, mix together 1 cup of seeds with 5 cups of compost and 2-3 cups of clay powder.



2 Slowly mix in water with your hands until everything sticks together, then roll mixture into firm balls.



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4 Now for the fun bit - plant by throwing your seed bombs at bare parts of the garden!

