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Editorial

It seems we have arrived in Spring. My Chambers Dictionary tells me Spring is 'the time of beginning' (Shakespeare), 'the dawn' (Bible) and the season when plants spring up and grow in Northern temperate regions roughly February or March to April or May. At least there are several different dates that announce 'Spring'. The meteorological people have, in the last few years, decided that spring begins on March 1st, while the astronomical spring starts on March 20th or 21st and those who dictate our timing chose the last Sunday in March, this year March 30th, to change from winter time and put the hour forward. Regardless of when Spring has been supposed to start, it has certainly arrived in my garden, and the daffodils in particular, as well as a multitude of other flowers, have burst forth to chase away the greyness of so much of February and March. Let's hope the spring will be fine and lead to a brilliant summer, with just the right amount of sun and rain.

It is good to welcome some groups back to the village after a break because of Covid, and to have others start up with most of them in the Institute. I have been to the Strength and Balance class this morning, just right for those of us who are older and need to ensure we are fit enough to do all we need and not to fall. Yoga is continuing every week, and Fitsteps is starting again on April

3rd, welcome back. Silver Swans meet on a Monday, too, a group for people who want to learn how to look after their bodies, using some ballet techniques in a fun, lively and a bit challenging way of tuning up the whole body.

All these pursuits take place in the Institute, an ideal place for all kinds of activity. The new solar panels have been successfully cutting the electricity bills. It is good to see modern technology working well in a small way. I won't be able to put panels on my thatch, but like many people I feel it would be sensible to have solar panels on as many roofs as possible before filling our useful agricultural land with a solar farm.

The Parish Council are wanting us to fill in a survey about having a **20mph limit** in the centre of the village. I have had some near misses crossing to the post office, but also find it particularly difficult at the start of West Wickham Road seeing approaching vehicles and getting past parked cars. Do add your contribution by filling in the survey - see page 23.

There has been a suggestion that we in the village should have a '**BIG LUNCH**' and the church and the Parish Council are in support. This could be a recognition of the end of the Second World War, Europe (May) and Japan (August). A suggested date is **Saturday July 5th**, when the Institute, the Church, and the

Recreation Ground and Pavilion are free. Perhaps people could gather for a big picnic, either on a 'bring and share' basis, or family picnic with some extra additions of hot-dogs, drinks, ices etc. First needed would be some volunteers to help with organisation, and offers from some

village groups to help on the day. If you are interested please contact me: gillbrown25@yahoo.co.uk or **Dick Paden: dickpaden277@btinternet.com**

Gill Parry Brown

EDITOR, BALSHAM REVIEW

Letters



*Letters to the Editor for publication **MUST** be signed and include your telephone number. Names can be withheld, if requested.*

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DEAR EDITOR

MRS ANGELA HOWKINS

Lesley and Bev Howkins would like to take this opportunity to extend their heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful messages and sentiments expressed to us on the death of our beloved mum, Angela Howkins. Mum died on December 27th 2024, peacefully at home. We have taken great comfort in the kindness of our friends and neighbours in Balsham. We would be remiss not to thank the wonderful medical and administrative staff at Linton Health Centre, and the care provided to mum by Highworth Care and also Trinity Care. We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to the Reverend Iain McColl, Angela Read, Ruth and Fred Hicks and Damian Clarke, whose kindness at such a time of great sadness will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace, Mum. We will love you for ever.

Lesley & Bev Howkins

GAIL'S WALK

Hello my name is Gail, and it's time for me to take on my next ultra challenge, so on **Saturday 24th May** I will be walking **100km** from **London to Brighton** (*which is the equivalent of 2½ marathons*) walking continuously through the night and finishing at Brighton Racecourse on Sunday 25th May. I am doing this walk in memory of my late father-in-law Colin and will be raising money for 2 charities Cancer Research UK and RSPCA.

If you would like to help me raise money for 2 good causes it would be greatly appreciated, please visit my page www.justgiving.com/page/gail-collis-5 or drop a donation to 35 The Rookery.

Thankyou

Gail Collis

Church Services



Services will be shown on the benefice website and the Church Notice Board.

Information about services in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham can be found on the Church Notice Board and on the website www.grantavale.org.uk under the calendar section, or by signing up to our weekly newsletter, details of which can also be found on the website.

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SERVICES at other CHURCHES when possible

ROMAN CATHOLIC Masses at:

Cherry Hinton: St Philip Howard Church

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil Mass) & Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

Haverhill: St Felix, Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10am

Sawston: Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunday: 8.45am & 11.15am

FREE CHURCH: Horn Lane, Linton. Sundays: 10.30am

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH, meeting as a house group, for further information please contact. www.facebook.com/Lintoncornerstone

METHODIST: Haverhill Methodist Church, Camps Road

From the Church

Spring often feels like a time of renewed hope. Many people say to me it gives them a boost to enter Spring, leaving aside debates about when Spring actually begins! Maybe it's the palpable sense of new life and lighter days after the darkness of winter. At the time of writing there is an early Spring warmth and in our churchyards flowers are blossoming. This has been reflected in the Lent activities of our children's church council, who have put together a beautiful collage of photos of new life in Spring in the form of a cross, which is on display in Hildersham church until Easter.

From a Christian point of view, this time of Lent and Easter actually marks a journey, from the ashes of sorrow to shouts of gladness; from slavery to freedom; from despair to new life. Preparations for Easter in our churches include Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, riding on a young donkey and greeted by a multitude of joyful people. This year, our Palm Sunday celebrations will include a procession though Hildersham village accompanied by not one, but two donkeys! It promises to be joyous and chaotic, and all are welcome to join in.

We then continue to journey through what is traditionally called Holy week. Through participating in

this, we may identify with Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the suffering on the cross, and then the empty tomb. This culminates in the joy of Easter and the proclamation of the risen Jesus. We will hold services on Easter Day in all of our parishes, including gathering around a bonfire outside Weston Colville church before we light the Easter candle and continue with Morning Worship, and Holy Communion services in all our other churches.

The lighting of the Easter candle is often accompanied by these words: *'May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds'*. This draws us towards worship of the crucified and risen Jesus who is the light of the world, whose Spirit can help us overcome the darkness within. It also reminds us we are called to share the light of Christ in our villages and in the wider world, and why there is always a living hope in all the times and seasons of our lives.

Revd Iain McColl

Easter Flowers

Don't forget, if you would like to have an Easter lily or rose in memory of a loved one, in church, you need to let Alison Clarke know in good time.

Tel: 01223 894031

April Services	9:30am	11:00am	PM Services
6th <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>		United Service with Holy Communion Balsham <i>Revd Kathy Bishop/ Alistair Collen</i>	
13th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Holy Communion West Wickham <i>Revd Iain McColl/ Alastair France</i>	Holy Communion Balsham <i>Revd Iain McColl/ Alastair France</i> Palm Sunday Service Hildersham <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	4.00pm Songs of Praise West Wrating <i>John & Scilla Harvey</i> 6.00pm Taize service Weston Colville <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>
20th <i>Easter Day</i>	Holy Communion West Wrating <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Holy Communion West Wickham <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> Morning Worship Weston Colville <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	Holy Communion Little Abington <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Holy Communion Hildersham <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> 11.15am Holy Communion Balsham <i>Revd Michael Wilcockson</i>	6.00pm Evening Prayer Great Abington <i>Alistair Collen</i>
27th <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	Holy Communion West Wickham <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> Holy Communion Weston Colville <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> 10.00am Creative Church Abington Hub <i>Rosemary Mead/ Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	Holy Communion Balsham <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> Holy Communion (BCP) Hildersham <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	6.00pm Evening Prayer Great Abington <i>Alistair Collen</i>

Services for the week before Easter:

- Monday 14th:** **Evening Prayer**, West Wickham, 7.30pm *Revd Iain McColl*
- Tuesday 15th:** **Evening Prayer**, West Wrating, 7.30pm *Revd Hannah Threlfall*
- Wednesday 16th:** **Evening Prayer**, Weston Colville, 7.30pm *Steven Wheeler*
- Thursday 17th:** **Holy Communion**, Great Abington, 7.30pm *Revd Iain McColl*
- Friday 18th:** **Devotional service**, Hildersham, 9.30am *Alistair Collen*
(Good Friday) **Stations of the Cross**, Balsham, 11.30am *Revd Kathy Bishop*
Last Hour, West Wrating, 2.00pm *Steven Wheeler*
Last Hour, Little Abington, 2.00pm *Revd Hannah Threlfall*

The Meadow Primary School

World Book Day Celebrations

This month, we had a fantastic time celebrating **World Book Day** with the story *I Want a Dog* by **Jon Agee**. The day began with a special assembly where Mrs. Butcher, our literacy lead, brought the story to life as she read it to the children. Following this, each class took part in exciting activities inspired by the book. From drawing cleverly disguised animals and engaging in drama performances to designing habitats and even writing their own books, our pupils had a wonderful day exploring the magic of storytelling.

Chocolate Bingo

Fundraising Success!

Another highlight of the month was our much-anticipated PTA fundraising event: Chocolate Bingo! This sold-out evening was a huge success, raising an impressive amount of money that will go towards enriching experiences for our children and funding new playground equipment. Families enjoyed a fantastic night

of fun, with some lucky participants heading home with plenty of chocolate prizes. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event!

Our Journey to Sustainability

At the Meadow Primary School, we are committed to becoming more sustainable. To help drive this initiative, we are launching an **Eco Committee**, which will focus on four key areas: recycling, energy conservation, reducing waste, and enhancing nature. KS2 children are invited to join the committee and work towards making a positive environmental impact under the guidance of Miss Evans. We are excited to see the changes this team will bring - watch this space!

We look forward to another exciting month ahead at The Meadow Primary School!!

Faye Facer

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Balsham Good Neighbour Scheme

The Balsham Good Neighbour Scheme helps villagers in many ways: by giving lifts to appointments, collecting medication from Linton Health Centre, taking some people shopping, and running a coffee morning monthly in the Church Institute, amongst other activities. The help is available to villagers who have difficulties getting to places

outside the village to help with their everyday life, and giving an opportunity for any villagers to meet in a warm place over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. There is a charge to cover 'petrol' for travel, but the cake and drink is free! Dates for the next **Coffee Mornings** are: **Tuesdays, April 15th, May 13th, June 10th, July 15th.**

Kingsway Solar Community Action

Walk. Record. Protect.

Last month, we launched our **Step into Nature** campaign to stand up to Kingsway Solar's plans. In March, we asked you to spot hares to help protect their habitat.

This April, we're asking you to do the same - but also to listen for skylarks. These threatened birds nest in our fields, and we need to show how much they depend on farmland to survive.



Scientists from the RSPB and the University of Cambridge recently found that **small-scale** solar farms supported more farmland bird species and a higher bird abundance than arable farmland, particularly when managed with mixed habitats. However, while wood pigeons favoured solar farms, skylarks were more common on arable land. This isn't surprising, as skylarks need long, open sightlines—something solar farms can't provide.

You can record your sightings on **iRecord** (<https://irecord.org.uk/>), which allows us to gather data within a 2km area around the proposed solar farm. You can also use the **Merlin app** (<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>) to help identify skylarks by their song. Use the Merlin app to identify skylarks and take a screenshot. Then, upload it when recording your sighting on iRecord.

Every sighting counts. Let's join forces to protect our farmland!

Working towards a better, greener solution

MPs are currently discussing large-scale solar farms. In March, KSCA attended a roundtable meeting at the Houses of Parliament to discuss how to present our case, alongside many other campaign groups. This meeting was valuable for networking and sharing insights from other campaigns.

We need your help!

If you're interested in helping us with publicity, fundraising, or if you have expertise to help strengthen our opposition, please get in touch.

Visit the KSCA website for campaign news and updates at:
www.kingswayaction.org
or connect with us on Facebook & Instagram.

Linton & District Historical Society

MARCH MEETING

The society welcomed back **Russell Kent** who previously gave us an excellent presentation regarding the assassination of JFK 'Medical Betrayal' and his talk on **The Curiohaus Trials 1945 - 1949 Hamburg** proved equally informative.

Russell gave an insight into this disturbing period of history, using reports, photographs, documents and instructions issued at the time. Victims of this unbelievable cruelty ran into their thousands. It would appear not all the perpetrators who carried out these terrible crimes were brought to justice.

After its gruesome past, the Curiohaus nowadays has been returned to its original purpose when built at the turn of the last century as a Festival and Events Venue. You can read more about JFK Medical Betrayal and the

Curiohaus Trials as Russell has written books on these subjects.

A fascinating evening and well received by those attending.

At our next meeting we welcome **Charmian Thompson** from the Haverhill Family History Group who will talk on an equally fascinating subject!

Charmian Thompson: 'Risbridge Workhouse' - a Poor start in life: the Tale of Two Brothers

Tuesday 15th April 2025 starting 7.30pm Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane (*easy parking in the Health Centre car park opposite*)

For further details of the LDHS please email:

ldhscambs@gmail.com

or 'phone **01223 893915** or

01223 678835

Margaret Creek

Theatre Comes to Balsham:

A Play in our Village

Come and join us at **Balsham Village Hall** this **April 24th, 25th & 26th** for a lively village event that's full of fun, laughter and community spirit! **Artificial Stupidity** is a comedy stage-play, and a labour of love to write, re-write and write again over the last year. I now have the privilege of working with a fantastic cast to bring this show to life and I

look forward to seeing you there.

Whether you are an Artificial Intelligence guru, or you're asking yourself 'What's that?', this show has something for everyone with meaningful messages layered in funny moments. Get your tickets at **www.adcticketing.com** by searching for 'Artificial Stupidity'.

The Balsham Plough Monday Club

To draw a line under Plough Monday 2025 and so that we can move on to Plough Monday 2026 (who knows where the time goes) I thought that it would be good to publicise some of the good causes that we'll support with your kind donations.

Firstly, we'll be making a donation towards the upkeep of the **Meadow School's swimming pool**. Ask anyone in the village that went to the Meadow and chances are that they learned to swim in the school swimming pool. Swimming lessons at the school have been a part of village life for a long time. However, upkeep costs have risen significantly over the last few years. The Balsham Ploughmen are proud to support this great cause that, until recently, has largely gone under the radar.

Secondly, we'll be making small donations of coffee shop vouchers to the carers that are often seen around the village, they do a great job.

We will maintain the practice of subsidising the **Easter OAP Lunch** at **The Bell**, watch out for dates. If you would like to attend (*over 65s only*) then please call Phil or Mary at The Bell or pop in to book a table.

These events are usually well attended so please do this in good time in order to secure your table. We will again be making a donation to the **Balsham Review**. Their coverage of village life is amazing and they've done the Balsham Plough Monday Club proud with their incredible coverage of Plough Monday 2025 in full colour!

We'll be making a small donation to the **Balsham Badgers Touch Rugby Club** to fund some kit. They get decent numbers along on a Sunday morning and Wednesday evening so, if you fancy a game, pop along, all ages and standards welcome. They also contribute to the economic wellbeing of the village by the amount of beer they drink at The Bell afterwards.

All of these activities add to the vibrancy of our wonderful village.

So, that's about it for Plough Monday 2025, however, before I hang up my keyboard for another year, I would like to highlight the unique nature of the Plough Monday celebrations in Balsham, your village. They took place annually for hundreds of years up until World War 1, started again



BALSHAM
PLOUGH MONDAY CLUB

for a few years before World War 2. They were revived again for a few years after 1952 and have now occurred every year since 1972. According to George Frampton who, literally, wrote the book on Plough Monday, the Balsham celebrations are one of the longest, if not the longest, continuously celebrated, Plough Monday festivities in the country. All of the Balsham Ploughmen remain extremely proud

to continue the tradition of Plough Monday, to engage with all in the village (*especially our newer residents*) and to do some good in the process if we can.

Finally, if you have any ideas about good causes that we can support in future, or would like to host a stop in 2026, then please contact myself or any of the Ploughmen.

Terry O'Neill



Photo: Henryk Pisarski

Linton Village College



Undertaking a dissection.

To celebrate **Science Week**, LVC holds a week-long series of events that are designed to inspire and engage our students. Science Week has been a long-standing occurrence in the school's calendar.

British Science Week is a 10-day celebration of science and innovation and is an initiative run by the British Science Association. The BSA believes that its remit is to continue to invest in and position the UK as a leader in undertaking research and development in a way that benefits all of society.

Events that took place during LVC's Science Week in March included dissections, 'Shock and Awe' chemistry, a forensic investigation, a Science Fayre, a dance/science collaboration and a trip to Sizewell B Power Station. There were also a series of assemblies aimed at inspiring students to think about how they might change the world

and how science can have an impact on that change.

Alongside this, we entered eight of our top Mathematicians in Year 10 into the Cambridgeshire Maths Feast, hosted at LVC. The event comprised of problem solving, geometry and algebra. Out of twenty-one teams from twelve schools across Cambridgeshire, LVC placed 8th and 10th.



Cambridgeshire Maths Feast.

We are enormously proud of our students and their curiosity and academic rigour. As our school is on the doorstep to Cambridge, a city brimming with scientific innovators, pioneers and thought leaders, we continue to inspire the next generation of scientists and STEM industry personnel.

Mrs Scally

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Guided Walk of Balsham Wood



Photo: Richard Pargeter

Robin Vestey has once again kindly offered a short guided walk (about 1 ½ hours) of Balsham Wood for Balsham villagers on **Wednesday 30th April at 2 pm**. Bear in mind that the ground is very rough, and is likely to be quite sticky, dependent on weather. Send an email to **pargeterlegal@gmail.com**, and I'll add you to the list and pass on details when I know them. However, there will be a limit of about 25 people, so first come first served. Dogs welcome, but must be on lead. There are lots of bluebells and oxlips in the wood, and other rare and interesting plants. We expect to have the County Plant Recorder with us, should you be really interested in this.

An issue which we learned about on last year's walk is Ash Dieback, which is killing off ash trees in the UK (and elsewhere). This issue is affecting the Thurlow Estate

woodlands to varying degrees, and Balsham Wood has unfortunately suffered particularly badly. Its designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) means the Estate have been liaising with both Natural England and the Forestry Commission extensively over the management of the ash dieback. Arrangements for this across the Estate are progressing, and work is planned to start in Balsham Wood this Summer. The walk will include a talk on the background to the disease, its impact on the woodland and the agreed approach with Natural England and the Forestry Commission for how this is to be managed. Historically Balsham Wood has been used for ash coppicing, meaning there are a lot of diseased trees which will sadly have to be felled, and replaced with other species.

Richard Pargeter

Bus Timetables

16A Monday - Friday

Balsham - Cambridge

Balsham, opp West Wrating Road	07:29
Fulbourn, o/s Six Bells	07:42
Teversham, opp Marshall's Close	07:49
Addenbrooke's Hospital (Bay A)	08:04
Cambridge, o/s Downing College	08:19
Cambridge Drummer St (Bay 8)	08:21

Cambridge - Balsham

Cambridge Drummer St (Bay 4)	16:42
Cambridge, Long Rd Coll	16:57
Addenbrooke's Hospital (Bay B)	17:10
Teversham Marshall's Close (near)	17:23
Fulbourn, opp Six Bells	17:30
Balsham West Wrating Road (near)	17:41s
Times marked s - "set down only"	

16A Saturday

Balsham - Cambridge

Balsham, opp West Wrating Road	10:57
Fulbourn, opp Windmill Lane	11:09
Cambridge, opp Clifton Road	11:17
Cambridge, o/s Downing College	11:24
Cambridge Drummer St (Bay 8)	11:26

Cambridge - Balsham

Cambridge Drummer St (Bay 4)	17:40
Cambridge Clifton Road (near)	17:48
Fulbourn Windmill Lane (near)	17:58
Balsham West Wrating Road (near)	18:09s
Times marked s - "set down only"	

19 Monday - Friday

Buses towards Haverhill

	19	19	19	19	19
Burrough Green, Church Lane	-	9:06	11:06	13:06	17:10
Brinkley, Beechcroft	-	9:11	11:11	13:11	17:15
Weston Colville, Church End	-	9:16	11:16	13:16	17:20
Weston Green, Chapel Road	-	9:18	11:18	13:18	17:22
West Wickham, White Horse	7:20	9:25	11:25	13:25	17:29
West Wrating, Spicer's Close	7:22	9:29	11:29	13:29	17:33
Balsham, West Wrating Road	7:28	9:32	11:32	13:32	17:36
Linton, Hillway	7:38	9:39	11:39	13:39	17:43
Bartlow, Little Barham Hall	-	9:44	11:44	13:44	17:48
Shudy Camps, Carter's Farm	-	9:47	11:47	13:47	17:51
Castle Camps, The Manse	-	9:52	11:52	13:52	17:56
Nosterfield End, Haverhill Road	-	9:56	11:56	13:56	18:00
Haverhill, Sainsbury's	-	9:59	11:59	13:59	18:03
Haverhill, Bus Station (Stand 6)	-	10:04	12:04	14:04	18:08

Buses towards Burrough Green

	19	19	19	19	19
Haverhill, Bus Station (Stand 6)	10:06	12:06	14:06	16:10	18:10
Haverhill, Sainsbury's	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:15	18:15
Nosterfield End, Haverhill Road	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:19	18:19
Castle Camps, The Manse	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:23	18:23
Shudy Camps, Carter's Farm	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:28	18:28
Bartlow, Little Barham Hall	10:27	12:27	14:27	16:31	18:31
Linton, Hillway	10:33	12:33	14:33	16:37	18:37
Balsham, West Wrating Road	10:39	12:39	14:39	16:43	R
West Wrating, Spicer's Close	10:42	12:42	14:42	16:46	R
West Wickham, White Horse	10:45	12:45	14:45	16:49	R
Weston Green, Chapel Road	10:52	12:52	14:52	16:56	R
Weston Colville, Church End	10:54	12:54	14:54	16:58	R
Brinkley, Beechcroft	10:59	12:59	14:59	17:03	R
Burrough Green, Church Lane	11:04	13:04	15:04	17:08	R

R: The bus will drop off at this location on request.

Fares for the 19 service

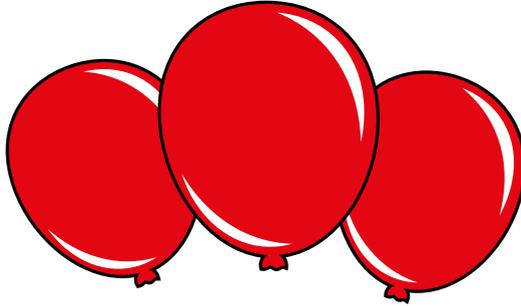
Children under the age of 5 travel **FREE** on this service at all times

Burrough Green	West Wrating / Balsham	Linton / Bartlow	Castle Camps / Nosterfield End	Haverhill
£2.00 / £3.00	£2.00 / £3.60	£2.00 / £3.60	£2.00 / £3.60	
£3.00 / £5.40	£3.00 / £5.40	£3.00 / £5.40		
£4.00 / £7.20	£3.00 / £5.40	£3.00 / £5.40		

Key: Single / Return

Big Balsham Sale

Sunday 18th May 2025, 9.00am – 2.00pm



Time for a good clear out and sell all those unwanted items?

The **Big Balsham Sale** is our annual community sale where householders can sell from their own garages / driveways etc. To those newcomers in the village, this has always been a very successful event for sellers and buyers alike.

It only costs **£5** which includes advertising and a village map showing the location of all participants so

visitors and traders will know where to spend!!! You will also receive red balloons to fly so pinpointing your pitch to the buyers.

Full information with a booking form will be in the May issue of the Balsham Review.

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**LINTON & DISTRICT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY 15th APRIL 2025**



The Risbridge Hundred Workhouse

***'A BAD START IN LIFE – THE
TALE OF TWO BROTHERS***

a talk presented by Charmian Thompson

**LINTON VILLAGE HALL
COLES LANE - 7.30 p.m.**

Refreshments and Raffle

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BALSHAM SINGERS

30th

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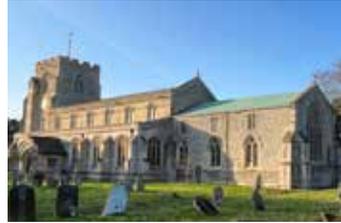
Holy Trinity Church Balsham

on

Saturday MAY 17th at 7.30pm

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Accompanied by Ralph Woodward**

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Alongside modern musical compositions



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A comedy stage-play by Benjamin Magnus

April 2025

Thursday 24 7:30PM Friday 25 7:30PM Saturday 26 2:30PM

Balsham Village Institute, CB21 4DS



Tickets: £10
adcticketing.com



Uprising: an Opera

The Performance of **Uprising**, composed by Jonathan Dove, supported by and dedicated to Jim and Hilary Potter at Glyndebourne and Saffron Walden.

I was a member of the 40 strong adult chorus for the opera **Uprising** at Saffron Hall, who had many hours of rehearsing since October, firstly by ourselves in Saffron Walden, and then together with the two teenage choruses (60 young people) from Sawston Village College & Saffron Walden County High, plus 7 young drummers. We had two whole day rehearsals learning how to be aggressive towns-people opposed to the impending school climate-strike, being waves in the flooded river, and then trees in the endangered forest.

These culminated in the first rehearsal with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra on the 13th March in Saffron Hall. For the first time we experienced the amazingly complex orchestration and beautiful music that Jonathon Dove had composed. The teenage choruses were outstanding, producing confident and powerful singing. It was a pretty emotional experience. An all-day dress rehearsal preceded the three performances on the 15th and 16th March in Saffron Hall.

All the time we, who knew Jim, and especially Simon, Jim's brother, were reminded of the fact that he was no longer alive to witness the

culmination of his vision to engage the local community in a musical production about the climate crisis. Every person in the audience I spoke to after each of the performances had been moved by what they saw and heard. An experience like no other.

The executive Director of Saffron Hall, Angela Dixon, with whom Jim first discussed the idea of commissioning a community opera about the climate crisis, said to us that this was the finest and most memorable project that she has ever been involved with.

The composer, Jonathan Dove, was present the whole time and echoed Angela's thanks to Jim & Hilary for setting the whole project in motion.

I feel privileged to have been part of this astonishing endeavour.

I want to take the liberty of finishing with a reflection that Jim made as one of his diary entries reflecting his concern about climate change.

"It will have been within my lifetime that the future of planet earth became dependent on just one species. Natural biological regeneration and selection, which for 4 billion years, had been the engine of all we know has been usurped by a single species with consequences which we are only beginning to understand"

Dave Arnold

The Bell

Hi Everybody,

Spring is here, and hopefully, we can now enjoy getting outside in the Bell Inn beer garden.

On **Wednesday evenings**, Have a drink with us. Buy any adult main course meal and get a **FREE** drink. Please book in advance if possible.

April Diary:

Sunday 20th: Easter

Sunday lunch 12 - 3.30pm.

FREE Easter Egg for child diners. Booking essential.

Wednesday 23rd: St George's Day

Traditional Pie, Mash & Liquor.

Please book if possible.

Tuesday 29th: Charity Quiz Night

8pm. New quizzers are always welcome.



Wednesday 30th: Lunch Club.

Bookings and pre orders only. This month courtesy of the Balsham Ploughmen.

Live Sport continues to be shown on Sky and TNT sports.

We are holding our **Spring Golf Society Day** on **Friday 16th May**. Breakfast and Dinner at The Bell, 18 holes at Girton Golf club. To enter please contact Phil at the Bell.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support,

For menus, events etc please see The Bell Inn Balsham Facebook page, call **01223 892999**, or call in the pub to see us.

Phil & Mary

Balsham From the Past: Letters to the Editor

Cambridge Independent Press,

Friday 18th November 1892

SIR, Could you, or any of your readers, say whether the County Council has any power over the roads of the county. If they have, think you they could be persuaded to do anything for the Balsham roads. They are nearly impassable, except to heavy vehicles and to men with nailed boots. We think they are simply a disgrace to the county.

Of course, when Parish Councils are created we shall be able to do something to help ourselves in the matter of roads.

Till then we are wishful to know if the County Council can help.

Cambridge Independent Press,

14th October 1876

Frederick Ellam, a boy aged 11, of Balsham, was 'charged with having been in pursuit of game' on land in the occupation of James Cooper Traylen, farmer, of West Wickham on the 13th September last. Prisoner denied the charge. Convicted and fined 7s.6d, with 10s. costs, or 14 days' hard labour. Allowed 14 days to pay.

The Black Bull



April Greetings to all Balsham Villagers from all at The Black Bull

Happy April!

Thank you to those who joined us last month – whether for the Folk Night or just general fayre.

We are excited to reveal our new **Spring Menu** just out. Lots of treats such as:

Rabbit Rilette; Kohlrabi Cannelloni;
Roast Lamb Rump smoked aubergine

Chocolate Dome –cherry filling, chocolate & lime tuile.

Apricot Panna Cotta –white chocolate, passion fruit, ginger spiced shortbread biscuit

Next Events coming up:

Do join us over the long **Easter weekend** – open throughout, including Easter Monday lunch.

Pint of Music – Folk Night (+New Menu +Specials Board) **Thursday 3rd April**

Our Irish/Folk friends are back again. *"It's hard to find the real thing like this, even in Ireland"*

A regular monthly fixture now. Tony Day brings along a varying melody of musicians for an informal evening of acoustic music and song. Local folk/Irish/acoustic roots - whistle, bodhran

Mothering Sunday 30th March. We are open all day and still have a few slots left later on in the afternoon if you have a bit of flexibility. We will be offering our usual Sunday spread. Do come and join us.

Best wishes from all of us

Alex, Rob, Liz, Luke & the teams
info@blackbull-balsham.co.uk

Buses in Balsham

Use it or lose it!

The local bus service is not brilliant! There are a very limited number of buses and there is no way to find out if one is running late. However there are some, and we do need to use them. Bus route 19 which connects with Linton and Haverhill is run by Flagfinders, and the timetable is on their website (www.flagfinders.com/services/local-bus-services.htm). It has also been put in the bus-shelters. Bus

passes are valid on the service after 09:30am. If you think you may be able to have a bus pass, contact the Linton Library to make an appointment, and everything needed can be sorted there - they will take the necessary photo etc. If there is insufficient use of the service it is likely that fewer buses will run after the contract ends in August, so do please use it where possible.

Balsham April/May Diary

DATE	EVENT & TIME	VENUE
5th Saturday	Picture House: Conclave , 7.30pm	Institute
8th Tuesday	WI, 7.30pm	Pavilion
14th Monday	Parish Council, 7.30pm	Pavilion
15th Tuesday	BGNS Coffee Morning, 10am-12pm	Institute
15th Tuesday	Linton & District Historical Society, 7.30pm	Linton Village Hall
20th Sunday	Easter Day	
24th Thursday	Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, 10am-12pm	Pavilion
24th, 25th, 26th	Play: Artificial Stupidity	Institute
29th Tuesday	Bowls Season Starts	Pavilion
30th Wednesday	Balsham Wood Walk	Balsham Wood
MAY		
1st Thursday	Local County Council Elections	Institute
3rd Saturday	Bowls Open Day	Pavilion
5th Monday	Bank Holiday	
17th Saturday	Balsham Singers Concert, 7.30pm	Church

Balsham Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting took place on 17th March, 2025 in Balsham Pavilion

Traffic Survey

The PC would like all residents to complete a traffic survey to support an application with CCC for a **20mph speed limit** in Balsham and support other highway projects in Balsham.

The survey is available at <https://www.balsham.net/highway-improvements/>

Please complete by **30th April**.

Highways issues -

West Wickham Road:

The PC are chasing up CCC to make sure the road closure and subsequent works are carried out in May. The pothole and damage to the road are being regularly inspected by CCC.

Planning Decisions:

Site address: 19 Linton Road, Balsham

Proposal: Demolition and replacement of existing annexe.

Reference: 25/00785/LBC

PC Decision: Approve.

Site address: Worsted Lodge, London Rd, Old A11, Babraham

Proposal: Conversion of 1 No. Barn to residential use (Class C3) and new roof.

Reference: 25/00615/FUL

PC Decision: Approve.

Solar Farm:

The PC are discussing forming an alliance of all the Parish Councils effected by the Solar Farm. The PC

has been invited to join an online meeting with CCC and SCDC planning officers who are involved with the Solar Farm application.

Solar panels for Pavilion:

The PC are arranging a third quote for the solar panels at the Pavilion before a grant application is being submitted.

Volunteer Group:

A group of 15 volunteers from Astra Zeneca spent the day in Balsham on 12th March. A path was laid next to Hay Close to the allotments, they mulched around the trees in the Community Orchard and carried out some allotment clearance. The PC were so grateful for all their hard work.

Allotments:

There are still some allotments available. Please email

balshamallotments@balsham.net

VE Day:

The PC agreed to help support VE Day celebrations in the village in June/July.

Tracy Coston

PARISH CLERK

Tel: 01223 894462 / 07929930385

Email: clerk@balsham.net

Website: www.balsham.net

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Monday 14th April (NOT EASTER MONDAY)** at 7.30 pm in **Balsham Pavilion**.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

District & County Councillor's Report

February 2025

Acorn Biodigester

The proposal by Acorn Bioenergy to build a new anaerobic bio digestion plant on the edge of Haverhill has taken a step forward. Suffolk County Council, who will be making the decision on this, had asked the applicant for more detailed information on various parts of the plan, to enable them to come to a decision on this. After some time, the applicant has now provided this information, and it can all be read and commented upon on the council's website. Interestingly, at time of writing, the Environment Agency are still maintaining their objection on flood risk and environmental impact. planning application reference is SCC/0045/23SE.

<https://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk>

Council Budgets

Both the County & District Councils have now set their budgets for the forthcoming financial year. Both agreed to increase council tax as follows:

County Council: 4.99% or £1.55 per week increase for a Band D property.

District Council: 2.99% or 10p per week increase for a Band D property.

Highway Capital Maintenance

The Highways department have released their capital maintenance programme for the 2025/26

financial year. These are the larger maintenance projects that they are going to be spending money on over the next year. This is always an interesting read to see which requests, that we make throughout the year, have, and haven't, been taken forward.

<https://shorturl.at/CTl3c>

Local Government Reorganisation

Before the Christmas break there was an announcement by central government that there would be a reorganisation of local government in the coming years with the thrust on there being much larger councils, run by elected Mayors, and doing away with smaller councils, such as District and possibly County councils.

It's unlikely that there will be anything happening in Cambridgeshire for some years, if at all, as we already have a directly elected Mayor in our county and have been designated as a 'non-priority' area for reorganisation. However, the government has asked all local authorities to submit an initial proposal on how they see a functioning unitary authority by the end of March.

The County Council and Mayoral elections will still be taking place in Cambridgeshire this May.

Land Use Framework

The Government has launched a consultation on the Land Use Framework (LUF) promised in its manifesto. The intention of the LUF is to provide a more objective and rational framework against which to judge different land uses and encourage shared, multifunctional land use, for example in the competing needs for housing, sustainable energy infrastructure, food production and biodiversity. These are issues that affect our area more than most. The link to the consultation (closes April 25th) can be found following the link in

an overview located here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-national-conversation-on-land-use>

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Granta Medical Practices

Spring 2025 Covid-19 Booster

The Covid-19 vaccine helps protect against Covid-19, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. It is offered on the NHS to people at increased risk of getting seriously ill from Covid-19.

This year's spring booster will be available from **1st April to 17th June 2025**, and is recommended for people at risk from Covid-19.

You may be offered the booster if you:

- Are aged 75 or over,
- Are aged 6 months to 74 years and have a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment,
- Live in a care home for older adults.

NHS UK will contact you directly if you are eligible for the spring booster.

Granta Medical Practices will be delivering Covid-19 vaccines to our own patients and the general public via the National Booking System on NHS UK. Please may we respectfully ask that you do not try to book directly via our reception as they do not have access to the National Booking System.

We will also be vaccinating older care home residents. Housebound patients will be vaccinated by one of the community services.

If you have any queries about the spring booster or Covid-19 in general, please go to **www.nhs.uk**

Sandra East

HEAD OF PATIENT SERVICES
Correspondence address: Sawston Medical Centre, London Road, Sawston, CB22 3HU
cpicb.grantapatientsservices@nhs.net

Balsham WI

Following the theme for our centenary year meetings, March was the turn of the **1940s** – wartime and Olympics featured this evening.

Members brought their gas mask holders to the meeting, where we learnt about the shortage of food during wartime which necessitated rationing to ensure fair distribution. We saw the amount of food allowed per person during this period and tried some wartime eggless cakes and some National loaf (without the addition of chalk).

Rationing was still in place for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, and for the 1948 Olympic games. Countries such as the USA brought along extra food for their athletes to supplement the meagre amount offered by the organizing authorities which was in line with the calories allowed per

person at that time. Rationing did not totally end until 1954.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8 April, 7.30pm** at the **Pavilion** in Balsham. The theme for this meeting will be the **1950s**. We are a friendly bunch, and new members are always welcome. Our meetings are held on the **second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm** in the **Pavilion, Balsham**. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us – balshamwi@gmail.com or send a message on Facebook, [@Balsham WI](https://www.facebook.com/BalshamWI)

SAVE THE DATE!!

We are holding an **Afternoon Tea** for members past and present on **Saturday 16 August** at the **Church Institute**.
in celebration of our centenary this year.

Balsham Football Club

RESULTS

DATE	HOME	AWAY	SCORE	RES	Comp
1 March	Whittlesford	Balsham	4-1	L	L
8 March	Balsham	Fulbourn	4-2	W	L
15 March	Mott MacDonald	Balsham	1-1	D	L
22 Mar	Balsham	Mott MacDonald	0-1	L	L

FIXTURES

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE	COMP
3 May	Cambourne Town	Balsham	Cambourne Fitness Centre	L

Help Without Frontiers

Help Without Frontiers is a not-for-profit and non-government organisation based in Mae Sot, Thailand. Help without Frontiers provides support along the Thai-Myanmar border to displaced people that find themselves in emergency situations from which they are unable to escape without assistance; most of them are children and youth, and they are given a chance for a better and brighter future.

My son Jonathan has been working with this organisation for more than four years and is now deputy Director. The organisation principally supports refugees from Myanmar. Balsham Holy Trinity Church PCC has agreed to support Help Without Frontiers, specifically at the joint

service on **Sunday 6th April**, when I shall explain a little more about their work. There will also be a display in the church near the main door where you will be able to see more information, or you might like to come along to the service at 11:00.

There will be a collection for the work of Help Without Frontiers at that service, or you might wish to make a donation through their website at helpwithoutfrontiers.org

I should clarify that this support has no connection with the Balsham Good Neighbour Scheme for which I am the scheme coordinator. I hope to see some of you on Sunday 6th April.

Steve Jordan

Balsham Singers

The **Spring Concert on Saturday 17th May** will be held in **Holy Trinity Church Balsham** at **7.30 pm** - wine and soft drinks will be served in the interval.

Featuring will be the music of choral masters, Mozart, Haydn and Rutter and also a selection of modern compositions.

We will be joined by a Chamber Ensemble made up of local musicians making this, the first of our 30th anniversary events, even more special.

Tickets are £12 and under 16s £1 - inclusive of refreshments.

They will be available from Balsham and Gt Abington post offices and online from ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers from 1st April

Don't leave it too late! The last two concerts were a sell-out.

Any queries please contact me; jonotnits@gmail.com

Jo Stinton

Balsham Bowls Club

Are you ready for the Bowls Season!?

We are looking forward to the start on **April 29th**. Also there is an **OPEN DAY** on **Saturday May 3rd** from **12 noon** to **5pm**.

If you would like to have a go, this is a good opportunity, and you

would be very welcome to come along and play if you can provide flat soled shoes.

Look forward to a fun day!

Christine Till

Tel: 07530 649 573

Email: balshambowls@gmail.com

Linton Library News

Have you visited your library lately?

If it's been a few years, you may be surprised by how libraries have changed. Of course, we still have hundreds of books, fact and fiction, for all ages to choose from. We also have free WiFi and computers you can use to research family history, look up homework topics or even watch a National Theatre play. Whether you want to read, use a computer or meet new people, libraries are relaxed, friendly places and staff will be happy to help you.

Over the **Easter Holidays** there will be a **Trail for Children** in the library, and a **Craft Event** on **Saturday 12th, 10.30-11.30am**. We will be **closed** on **Friday 18th**.

Rhyme then Duplo: Tuesday mornings 10-11am for 0-4 years. We would love to see you and your little ones there!

Volunteer

Do you like reading stories aloud? We have a volunteer vacancy for story and rhyme time. Pop in if you're interested.

Lego/Duplo: Friday 10-11am, weekly (every 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday). Come along and entertain your 0-4 year old.

Games Afternoon: weekly, Thursday 2-4pm. Come and meet new people, board/card games provided or bring your favourite to share.

IT Drop In: every Wednesday 5-7pm, knowledgeable volunteers are here to offer help with Information Technology, including how to use the Addenbrookes MyChart patient management software.

Knit and Natter: every Tuesday, 2pm - 4pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on.

Daylight Readers: our Book Group will be taking a break for April.

Vicky Anandraj & Ann King

COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Opening hours

Mon CLOSED	Thurs 2-5pm
Tues 10am-5pm	Fri 10am-5pm
Weds 4-7pm	Sat 10am-1pm

Customer Services

(regular office hours): **0345 045 5225**
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Balsham From the Past: Letters to the Editor

Cambridge Independent Press,
Friday 5th December 1913

LINTON PETTY SESSIONS Stable Lad to be Flogged

A Balsham stable boy was proceeded against for stealing a packet of chocolate, valued at 3d, the property of Herbert W. Gedny of Balsham on the 10th November, 1913.

Alfred Ivatt Wright, assistant to Mr. Gedny, and living at Balsham said that on 10th November the boy came into the shop and asked for six bananas. Witness had to go through to back of the shop and on his return noticed a packet of chocolate missing. He accused the boy of taking it and the lad denied it. Witness went to feel in the boy's pockets and the defendant then gave the packet up and ran out of the shop. The boy expressed his sorrow at his action and promised not to do again. Mr. Gedny, in his evidence, said that he had had a lot of

stealing from his shop but would not have prosecuted the lad if he had not tried to put the blame on the fellow who worked at the shop. Mr Wright said that the defendant had also sworn at and insulted his wife whilst in the shop. He was a bad boy, and there had been several complaints about him. The Chairman said that the lad ought to be flogged. The lad protested and said he would not do it again. The Chairman said that this was not the first time he had done this sort of thing. It was a serious case, for he was so young, and he ought to have been brought up better than he had been. It was a disgrace to his parents to see him in such a position but if the parents would give him a flogging or some corporal punishment the Bench would overlook it. Alternatively, they must find someone who would flog the boy. The mother asked how much there was to pay. Supt. Stapleton commented *'I don't think she wants to understand'*.

Bin Collections April/May

DATE	BLACK	BLUE	GREEN
Wednesday April 2 ND	✓		
Wednesday April 9 TH		✓	✓
Wednesday April 16 TH	✓		
Wednesday April 23 RD		✓	✓
Wednesday April 30 TH	✓		
Wednesday May 7 TH		✓	✓

Cambridge: Past, Present & Future



CPPF Takes on the Management of Grantchester Meadows

We are delighted to share that we have agreed a partnership with King's College to take on the management of Cambridge's iconic Grantchester Meadows.

We welcome the investment that the College is making in the meadows, and combined with our expertise we hope that, by working with local communities, we will be able to improve the ecological value, maintain the public's enjoyment and ensure the beautiful landscape is protected for future generations.

We won't be making any immediate changes to the meadows but one of our Wardens will be present at busy times between Easter and September to talk with visitors and help them appreciate the meadows. We will also be organising some guided walks through the spring and summer, including a **Dawn Chorus Walk on Wednesday 23 April**.

Information is on the CPPF website.

New Partnership with Orchard Tea Garden

Thanks to the generosity of a supporter's legacy, we have inherited

the Orchard Tea Garden at Grantchester and have committed to ensure its long-term future as a heritage asset. We are pleased to be the owners of this wonderful institution and to be able to manage Grantchester Meadows next door.

The Tea Garden is operated by a third party, and we are delighted to partner with them in giving our Members and Patrons **10% off**. All you need to do is show your digital or physical membership card (*digital cards can be added to your apple wallet from your account*).

We will also be holding some events at the Orchard Tea Garden over the summer, including our **Legacy Lunch**.

Greenfingered Helpers Needed

Do you love gardening, pruning, and spending time in the great outdoors? We're looking for volunteers to help care for the beautiful green spaces at Wandlebury.

We have small garden areas we'd love to expand, an orchard that needs tending, and a growing bulb collection that requires care and attention.

We're also looking for volunteers with fruit tree pruning and grafting skills - or those keen to learn. Training is available for anyone eager to develop new skills.

Email Allan, our Estates Manager, and join us and help Wandlebury's gardens flourish!

Balsham Weather February 2025



Photo: Henryk Pisarski

Air Temperatures: Maximum & Minimum

FEBRUARY:

Daytime temperatures (*in the shade*)

Highest: 15° C on 21st February

Lowest: 4° C on 6th February

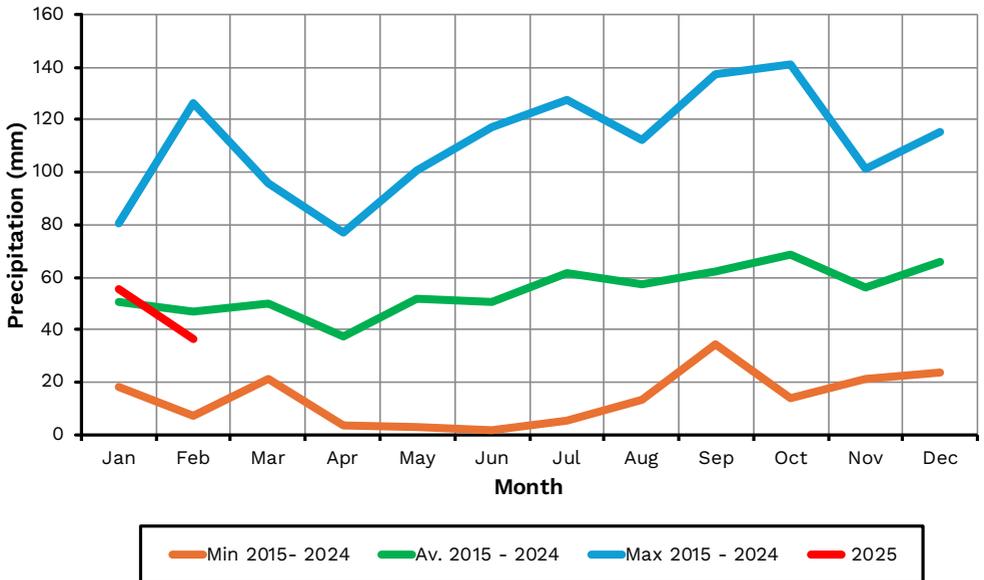
Night time temperatures

Highest: 10° C on 21st February

Lowest: -2° C on 6th February

February Rainfall at 11 Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham

Total February 2025 rainfall: 36.5mm/1.44" which fell on 12 Days.





Saturday April 5th

Doors open 7.00pm & film at 7.30pm in Balsham Church Institute

Conclave (12A)



Cardinal Lawrence (*Ralph Fiennes*) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake - secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church. Award winning film acclaimed as one of the best films of 2024.

Dave's bar open as usual before the film for refreshments.



On **Saturday 3rd May** we will be showing **A Complete Unknown (15)** - the story of Bob Dylan's arrival on the music scene in the early 60s. Set in the New York City music scenes, the film follows 19-year-old Minnesota musician Bob Dylan's meteoric rise as a folk singer to concert halls and the top of the charts as his songs and his mystique become a worldwide sensation.

***Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12
or come as a guest member at £3/film show***