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St Laurence – Churchyard Working Parties

A couple of times each month during the Spring, Summer and Autumn months, a small group of dedicated villagers join to spend a morning maintaining the Churchyard for the enjoyment of the congregation, local community and any visitors to the Church. These working parties take place on Thursday mornings at 08:30 and we try and complete by 11am.

If you would like to take part (and any help is always welcome even if for an hour) please contact Russell Lawrence on 07557 423360 or mrrussellalawrence@gmail.com

Church Services for August 2025

3 August <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Sung Communion <i>Canon Nigel Nicholson</i>
	10.30 am	Northchapel	Holy Communion
10 August <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	<i>Sung Communion</i> <i>Rev Jack Mulder</i>
	10.30 am	Ebernoe	Morning Prayer <i>Devised by Canon John Bundock, the theme "bread of life"</i>
17 August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<u>11.00</u> am	Lurgashall	Sung Communion <i>Canon Nigel Nicholson</i>
	6.00pm	Northchapel	Hymns & Pimms
24 August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Sung Communion <i>Ven Philip Jones</i>
	6.00 pm	Ebernoe Hoebridge Farm (Butcherland)	Lammas + BBQ <i>Canon John Bund</i>
31 August <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>		Lurgashall	No Service

Sidesmen

Date	Sidesman	Reading	Colour
3 August	Rob Holgate	Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Green
10 August	Russell Lawrence	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Green
17 August	Amanda Worrall	Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Green
24 August	Mark Hammond	Hebrews 12:18-end Luke 13:10-17	Green
31 August	No service		



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From the Churchwardens

Does the Church of England Represent the Majority of British Views?

This is a challenging question that invites honest reflection. While the Church of England remains the established church, recent data and public sentiment suggest it no longer reflects the views or beliefs of the majority in Britain.



A Changing Landscape

According to the 2021 Census, only 46.2% of people in England and Wales now identify as Christian - a sharp decline from past decades. Meanwhile, 37.2% say they have “no religion,” a number rising fastest among younger generations.

Fewer people attend church regularly, and faith is no longer a given part of everyday life. Yet the human longing for meaning, belonging, and connection hasn’t disappeared—it’s simply finding new forms.

Public Sentiment and Church Status

Despite declining affiliation, the Church of England still occupies a unique position: bishops in the House of Lords, a role in state ceremonies, and churches rooted in every community. But a recent YouGov poll found that only 25% of Britons now view the Church favourably.

This has sparked debate about whether the Church should remain “established.” Does our formal role still reflect the spiritual reality of the country?

A Glastonbury Reflection

Returning from a sunlit Glastonbury Festival in June, I was struck by how deeply people still seek meaning, joy, and connection. The crowd came not just for music, but for something more: community, shared purpose, even a sense of the sacred.

People stood for hours, not just to be entertained, but to feel part of something larger than themselves. There were no muddy fields this year - just music, sunshine, and surprising unity.

It made me wonder: how might the Church offer that same kind of light? Not by copying festivals, but by recognising the longings they reflect - community, joy, welcome.

So What Can We Do?

If the Church no longer represents the majority, we shouldn't react with panic or defensiveness—but with clarity and confidence in our calling. We still have a vital role to play - not through status alone, but by living out the Gospel in ways people can feel and trust.

This doesn't mean abandoning our values. At its best, the Church holds together deep tradition and a generous spirit. We can uphold the beauty of family life, the sanctity of marriage, and the richness of our faith, while still making room for those who are searching, doubting, or arriving from different places. It's not always easy - but it is our calling.

We must embody qualities like:

- **Transparency** – being open and accountable
- **Inclusion** – welcoming all, with no exceptions
- **Relevance** – speaking to real-life joys and struggles
- **Love in action** – serving with humility and grace

The Church may no longer be central in public life, but we can still be a steady presence at the heart of people's lives - a place of belonging, light, and hope.

Looking Ahead

As we move into August—a season of rest and reflection - it's worth asking: What kind of Church do we want to be? One clinging to old status, or one stepping boldly into the world's needs?

The Church of England may no longer represent the majority view - but it still offers something enduring: a vision of hope, humility, and grace in a divided world.

With every blessing,

Rob and Amanda

THE VILLAGE HALL 50:50 CLUB



Congratulations to June's winners:

1st prize: P J Eaton

2nd prize: Joyce Wilding

The 50:50 Club is one of the main sources of income for our Village Hall, and its contribution is vital to maintaining this important village asset. 50% of its income goes to the Village Hall, and the other 50% is returned to members through its prizes.

It is simple to join. Just call Steve on 07778 357272 or email

Catherine.Nicholes@hotmail.co.uk

Lurgashall Oil Buying Group

There was no oil order in August.

Monthly orders recommence in October.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining the Group.

Colin Robertson

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VILLAGE LUNCH

The next lunch will be on August 11th. Just put your name on the list in the Shop. This closes on the Thursday before the lunch. Please contact Sally Stainton on 07810634063, if you have any dietary requirements.

VILLAGE TEA

The next village tea will be on 27th August.

LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Lurgashall Parish Council held a meeting on Thursday 10th July 2025. DRAFT minutes from this will be available to view on the Village Green noticeboard and the website.

Update on the unauthorised engineering works on Blind Lane

On 14 July 2025, a hearing was held at the High Court concerning an injunction issued in response to unauthorised works carried out on a site near Lurgashall. The judge decided to adjourn the case until 9 September 2025, when the court will consider whether to grant a full injunction. In the meantime, the interim injunction remains in force. This prohibits any further unauthorised works on the site, as well as the entry of vehicles or caravans. Breaching an injunction is a serious offence and may result in a custodial sentence.

An Enforcement Notice also remains active. This requires the responsible parties to return the land to agricultural land and to remove any unauthorised structures, items, vehicles and caravans, and to cease unauthorised use of the land. If you witness any further activity on the site or have concerns, please contact CDC's Planning Enforcement Team www.chichester.gov.uk/report-a-planning-breach or out of hours on 01243 785339. Chichester District Council takes these matters extremely seriously and are using all available legal steps to resolve the situation as swiftly as possible.

www.chichester.gov.uk/article/39856/Frequently-Asked-Questions-unauthorised-engineering-works-at-a-site-near-Lurgashall

Have your say on the future of local government in West Sussex - councils launch public survey

Residents, businesses and community groups across the county are being invited to share their views about the future of their councils as part of an important survey launching on Thursday 17 July at: www.shapingwestsussex.org.

All West Sussex residents and organisations are invited to complete the survey, which asks about where they live or work; the council services they use; as well as what matters to them about how their council could be structured in the future. The survey will close at 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 August. This is just the start of local government reorganisation (LGR) in West Sussex and the councils will continue to seek the views of local people as the process progresses.

LGR is a process of restructuring local government and the way services are delivered. Instead of having separate county and district or borough councils, a unitary model brings everything together into one organisation – from bin collections and housing to education and social care. Town & Parish Councils will remain as they are. This is different from devolution, which involves transferring powers from government, whereas LGR focuses on streamlining existing local structures.

MOBILE SKIP PROVISIONAL DATE – Saturday 27th September

REPORTING ISSUES

Please contact OPERATION CRACKDOWN for anti-social driving (i.e., speeding, careless and aggressive driving and driving whilst on a mobile phone) and abandoned vehicles. Either via the website www.operationcrackdown.org or 01243 642222

To report all non-emergency POLICE matters, call 101 or visit www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/

Want to report a pothole or road issue? www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

To report a problem with a right of way directly then either report online <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/> or email prow@westsussex.gov.uk or phone 01243 777620 or inform the Parish Council

BONFIRES

Please be mindful of others when having bonfires now the weather is improving. Guidelines and how to report them if they are a nuisance, can be found on Chichester District Council's website

www.chichester.gov.uk/reportbonfireproblem

Keep up to date with local road closures: www.one.network/uk/westsussex

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<http://www.bitcloud.org.uk/lurgashall/>

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LURGASHALL CRICKET CLUB

Founded 1840



***St Swithin's Day if thou dost rain, For forty days it will remain;
St Swithin's day if thou be fair, For forty days t'will rain na mair.***

Thanks to the recent heatwave, the Green has been looking a little brown, lately. But not as brown as it was in July, 2022 – and nothing like it was in July, 1976 when ICI Plant Protection (then in Fernhurst) pronounced it **dead!**

On St. Swithin's Day (15th July), this year it did indeed rain in the morning. But then the sun came out in the afternoon! So, if we believe in St. Swithin's weather forecasting, let's hope he's promising both rain **and** shine to help us keep the Green in perfect condition for our August fixtures.

JL

FIXTURES AUGUST 2025			
2	Sat		Joe Williams
3	Sun	2.00pm	Tom Hufton
9	Sat		Grayswood 3rd XI
10	Sun		Tom Garvey
16	Sat		Lily Soulsby
17	Sun	12.30pm	HBB vs Harry Baldwins
23	Sat		Grayswood 3rd XI
24	Sun		Tom Wornor
30	Sat		Grayswood 3rd XI
31	Sun		Adam Saward

LURGASHALL HORTICULTURAL CLUB

41st ANNUAL SHOW
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Schedules available from the Village Shop



ABOUT THE SHOW

- All residents of Lurgashall Parish may exhibit - even if they are not Club Members.
- Non-residents of the Parish may exhibit - as long as they are paid-up Club Members.
- Club Members' children (*under 16*) who live outside the Parish may also exhibit.
- There are **2 ENTRY FORMS** in each free **SCHEDULE** available from **The Village Shop**, as are **EXTRA ENTRY FORMS**.
- Please use a separate form for each competitor and deliver to the tin in The Shop by **5pm, Wednesday 14th August**. We cannot accept late entries.
- **ENTRY FEES:**
 - 30p** per entry for paid-up Club Members
 - 60p** per entry for non-members
 - FREE** for all Juniors (*under 16*)
- **On the day of the Show:**

STAGING:	8.30 am - 10.45am
JUDGING:	11.15 m - 12.30 pm
SHOW OPEN:	2.30 pm
PRIZE-GIVING:	4.00 pm

GET SOWING * GET GROWING * GET SHOWING!

Lurgashall Archive

**Archive is open at the Village Hall on
Wed 27th August, 2.30-4.30pm**
archive@lurgashallvillagehall.org

*Our heritage
matters*

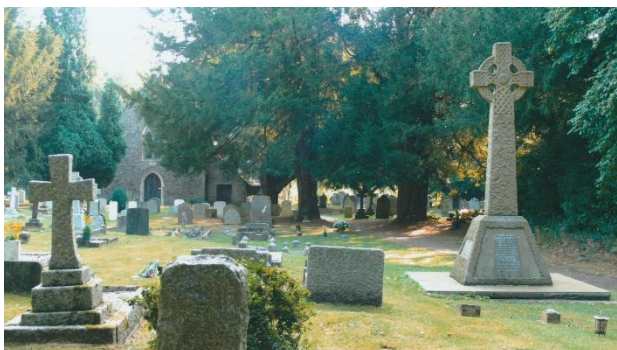
An apology

We are sorry that the Archive could not open its exhibition at the Lurgashall Fete on 7th June. A pressing medical situation took precedence.

We will be putting the display boards back in the village hall in August, where the exhibition will be free for those attending the Village Teas and Lunches to enjoy at their leisure.

A new project, in partnership with the Parochial Church Council

The Archive is delighted to be working with the PCC to map and update the records of churchyard gravestones and memorial inscriptions.



An excellent record of the churchyard was made in 2011, and John Clark has worked hard to keep notes of some more recent interments. This now needs further updating for the last few years, so that the parish has an up-to-date plan and record of our churchyard. This record will be available to enquirers through either the PCC or the Archive.

A farewell

As written about elsewhere in this issue of the News, it is with great sadness that we have said farewell to John Greenfield, aged 96. John, who lived in the parish most of his life and had an incredible memory for the people and places of Lurgashall, donated many lovely artefacts, documents, photos and stories to the Archive. In the coming months, we will prepare an exhibition of these wonderful contributions as a tribute to him.

Only connect...

What connects the bus shelter on Lurgashall green with the Easthope Pioneers of Canada, a man in Manhattan and a house in Hillgrove?



Answer... the Caplin family!

Thomas and Mary Caplin lived at the cottage now known as Caplins in Hillgrove in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. They had five children:

- * Thomas (1779-1867), married Mary Luff and they lived with their many children in Hillgrove – probably at Caplins or next door at Rose cottage - until the late 1850s.
- * Charlotte (1782-1843), married Henry Lander and lived at Sods House down by Lickfold bridge.
- * John (1788-1877), married Jane Booker and, in 1832, sailed with their 10 children to Canada.
- * William (1792-1853), married Elizabeth Denyer and moved to live at Windfallwood.
- * Mary (died young, aged only 9).

Thomas Jnr's son Charles took on Caplins in Hillgrove and lived there until his death in 1862.

Since then, there have been no Caplins living at the cottage, although it was owned, along with Rose Cottage, by John Caplin of Greenlands Farm for a brief period, 1906-1919. To this day the cottage retains the Caplin name.

Caplins, Hillgrove

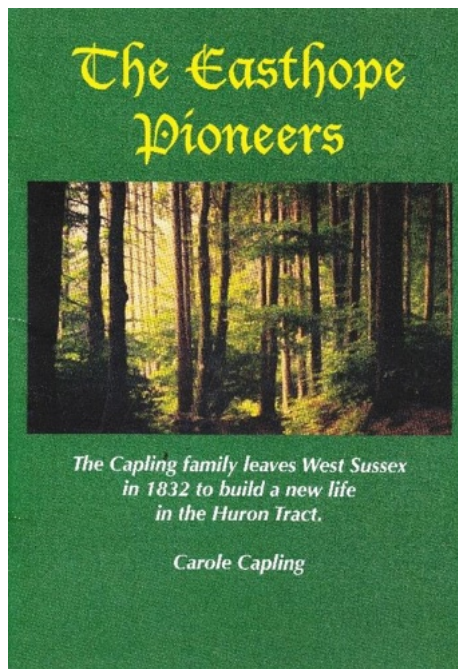


John Caplin (1788-1877) and his family were among the first local people to risk everything for a new life in Canada in 1832.

The 'Swing Riots' reached West Sussex in late 1830. Protesters objected to the tithe system, the Poor Law Guardians and rich tenant farmers who were lowering wages while introducing mechanical farm machinery.

In this area, the 3rd Earl Egremont of Petworth House recognised the problem and endeavoured to help by sponsoring the emigration of local people to Upper Canada. From the parish of Lurgashall 16 men and their families joined the emigration, including John and Jane Capling (sic) with their 10 children, including one new-born. Tragically, Jane and four of their children died of cholera within days of arriving in Canada after a long, 12-week sea passage.

Despite this tragedy, John and his remaining children set down roots in North Easthope, Ontario, eventually buying the land they had been allocated, and prospered.



Three years ago, Carole Capling, the wife of a Richard Capling of Ontario, contacted Jacquie Lawson to declare her Caplin family connection. Pioneer John was Richard Capling's great, great, great grandfather.



And just last month, Lurgashall welcomed Steve Capling (right, in photo, with husband Charlie) to Lurgashall to visit Caplin graves and two Caplin family homes.

Steve's great, great, great grandfather was also pioneer John Caplin. Steve and Charlie live in Manhattan.

So, that leaves the bus shelter...!

Within weeks of arriving in Canada, John Caplin wrote (or more likely dictated) a very moving letter to his younger brother William (1792-1853), trying to persuade him to come out and join him in Canada. But William chose to stay in Lurgashall and so began four generations of Caplins living at The Cottage in Windfallwood.

William's son and grandson – both also named William - lived at The Cottage. Remarkably, they are both shown in this old photo, c.1910. The woman is 'young' William's sister Kate who lived there until her death in 1950.



Cecily Caplin (1911 – 1991)

'Young' William (1881-1979) and his wife Ellen (Nellie) had three daughters – Cecily, Mabel and Edith.

After her early years in service, Cecily, who never married, spent the rest of her life at The Cottage. In the early 1950s it was split in two, to accommodate Cecily and her father in the back part and her aunt Mary Ann, cousin Ernest and his wife Ivy in the front part which became known as Ivy's Cottage.

Cecily loved her orchard garden, was an active member of the Lurgashall W.I. and was involved in many village matters. On her death, neighbour and friend Jim Court built the bus shelter and dedicated it to her memory. Look for the little plaque inside the shelter!

Afternoon *INK*spiration

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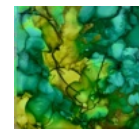
- ✓ Step-by-step guidance to learn the technique
- ✓ All art materials provided, incl a box to take your coasters home
- ✓ Four quality ceramic coasters and a testing tile to practice
- ✓ A complementary welcome drink*
- ✓ The activity is mess-free but you are welcome to bring your own apron



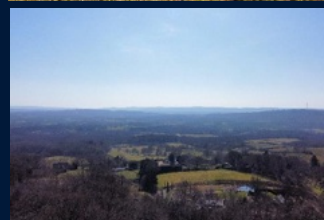
Booking in advance

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(* a small glass of wine or a non-alcoholic drink)



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More new products in store!!!

We have some lovely Lurgashall branded products in store. The sweet selection includes our delicious treacle tarts, fruit scones and cherry Bakewell tarts and the savoury snack range has Japanese rice crackers, salted pretzels and chilli rice crackers. They are perfect for summer picnics, afternoon snacks or anytime in between. Pop in store and get some of these delicious treats as they are selling fast!



Thank you to everyone who has purchased shares in our Community Benefit Society member fundraising effort. We have raised a total of £83,020 so far.



VILLAGE SHOP



POST OFFICE



	OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
MONDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
TUESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
FRIDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	CLOSED	
SATURDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	CLOSED	
SUNDAY	10.00 AM	1.00 PM	CLOSED	

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John Greenfield

5th May 1929 – 14th June 2025

John Greenfield, who has died aged 96, spent almost his entire life in the parish of Lurgashall.

John was the third of five children born to Roland (known as Bob) and Nora (nee Boxall) Greenfield. His early years were spent at Greenhill (now Goldenhurst) in Roundhurst. In the 1930s it was the kitchen garden for Aldworth House where John's father was head gardener.

John had a wonderful memory, even in his last years, and he loved reminiscing about his time at Lurgashall School and the friends he made there.

In front of the well at Lurgashall School, 1937.

From left: John Greenfield, Stan Court, Charlie Lillywhite, Roland Humphrey



He left school in 1943, aged 14. After what he described as a 'dead-end job' for a department of the Admiralty then stationed at Aldworth during the war, in 1945 John applied for, and got, a farm job at Upper Roundhurst Farm (now Old Manor Farm). He stayed working at the farm his whole working life, eventually managing the farm himself.

In April 1950 John married his childhood sweetheart, Marjorie (known as Betty) Harding of Northchapel, and on the day they married, they moved into Holly Tree Cottage in Roundhurst, where they lived happily for the rest of Betty's life (she died in early 2012).



From 1956 to 1996, the farm was owned by the Nesbitt family who were lucky enough to have John to manage the farm and gardens and Betty to manage the house.

John and Betty had no children of their own but enjoyed the company of their nieces and nephews as well as the younger members of the Nesbitt family.

Among the many documents, photos and artefacts John donated to Lurgashall Archive in recent years are three meticulously hand-written notebooks detailing daily weather patterns and monthly farming and wildlife activities at Upper Roundhurst.

The notebooks cover about 50 years, from the early 1970s to early 2012, when John finally left Holly Tree Cottage, and they represent a truly special chronicle of farming life in the parish.

John at Upper Roundhurst, 1992



John and Betty had some wonderful holidays abroad, and he especially liked to talk about their trip across the wilds of western Canada. In their retirement years, he and Betty kept fit by being active and successful members of the Haslemere Bowls Club.

After Betty's death, John moved to a retirement apartment at Redwood Manor in Haslemere, where he lived quite happily until his increasing physical frailty meant he needed more care. So, he spent his last two years at a friendly care home in the town.



John's body may have been frail, but his mind and amazing memory were as sharp as ever!

I had the privilege of spending time with him once a month for the past three years. I will always treasure listening to him reminisce and chuckle over a memory of a friend or a funny incident! He will be missed.

Sarah M

Rest in Peace, dear John.



THE MYSTERY OF THE 'MAST'

Those of you lucky enough to have an oak, a chestnut, a beech or a walnut tree growing nearby may have noticed an unusual abundance of nuts forming on some of them. My walnut tree (pictured above) is so heavily laden this year that I have to duck to walk underneath it.

This is an ecological phenomenon called 'masting' which can occur every few years. The word originates from the old English 'maest' meaning 'most', which became the collective term for the fruit and nuts of trees and shrubs. So, a year of abundance is called a mast year.

Nuts are full of essential minerals and nutrients for the many wild mammals and birds who feed upon them, which include deer, wild boar, badgers, foxes, squirrels, mice, jays, woodpeckers and nuthatches. One of the main hypotheses why masting occurs is 'predator satiation'. A year of great abundance produces far more nuts than the animals can possibly eat, thereby ensuring a boom year for the germination of new trees.



Photo: Getty Images

Weather conditions play a part, of course. Just the right temperatures and the right amount of rainfall and sunlight in Spring when the trees are forming flowers, will help them to produce a good crop.

But a mast year isn't just a one-off event for individual trees. One year, all across the UK, despite the fact that weather conditions may have varied, one particular species of tree will produce a bumper crop. How do they synchronise a mast year all across the country? How do they communicate with each other if they're so far apart?

One theory is the **mycorrhizal network**. This is a vast underground system of fungal threads which attach themselves to tree roots, thereby connecting tree to tree. It is mutually beneficial: through photosynthesis the trees send down sugars to the fungi, and in return, the fungi help the trees to absorb water and nutrients, as well as acting as a communication system through which they can send chemical 'messages' to each other about environmental conditions such as the presence of pests. With a nod to the Internet, this subterranean network is sometimes referred to as the 'Wood Wide Web'.



I have a nephew living in the Charente in south western France. He has an orchard of walnut trees, and has told me that this year his trees are also forming a bumper crop...

Even the scientists admit that 'masting' is still one of nature's many unsolved mysteries.

Jacquie Lawson

Information thanks to:
www.treesforlife.org.uk

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
www.woodcocknaturecenter.org

BARN SWALLOWS

The birds on the wire are Barn Swallows, and there are now many of them swirling around our house, which overlooks a field on Mill Lane. Last autumn, this field and all the arable fields at Mill Farm were seeded with a rich mixture designed not only for visual impact but for environmental benefit too. The blend included phacelia (mentioned in July's *Lurgashall News*) along with around 15 other seed types, selected for their value to soil biology, birds, and mammals.



Despite the serious lack of rain, the annual flowers have grown exceptionally well. Among them are sunflowers, red clovers, cornflowers, and poppies, creating a vibrant tapestry with bursts of red and yellow across the fields. The scattered wildflowers and poppies are providing essential nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.



But this transformation is not only pleasing to the eye. The mixture contains seeds that support both birds and small mammals, establishing a food web rich in insect life. Early in the morning, you can hear the glorious song of skylarks – ground-nesting birds that benefit from a mix of short areas for nesting and taller

vegetation for food and cover. There are also charms of goldfinches feasting on seeds and insects, and the swooping Barn Swallows darting after flies, beetles, and other small prey.

Grassy areas have also been left to benefit butterflies and moths, further boosting biodiversity. The structural diversity across these fields – with varying heights and plant forms – is creating habitat and shelter for countless invertebrates, small mammals, and nesting birds.

From a soil health perspective, the deep and varied root systems of this seed mix are improving soil structure and aiding nutrient cycling. The result is a remarkable shift from the previous intensive monocultures of oilseed rape or corn, which offered only a short flowering period and limited ecological value. In their place is a landscape full of life, colour, and ecological vitality.

Bird counts and species diversity are thriving – a reassuring sign that this approach is not only beautiful, but working.

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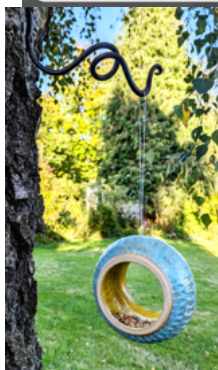
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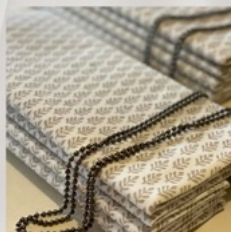
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