

The Walter Family-Part 8

Two other occasions during the farming year are: pig killing day and the threshing days. During the winter we killed two large pigs, one always at Christmas. My farther in-law who was a butcher was 'master of ceremonies' on pig killing day. On the morning of the great day the first thing was to get the big coppers full of boiling water. The killing day I did not like and never witnessed. Piggy was then put on the 'cratch' and scalded with water



from the copper to scrape off the bristles. After rinsing with cold water, piggy was hung from the ceiling by the hind legs and cut open to remove the offal, and then left to cool until the next day.

Day No. 2 was 'cutting up' the pig. Two slices for bacon and two hams were taken to the cellar and laid on a stone slab to be salted for curing.

A huge block of salt was needed, ground up previously. Saltpetre and brown sugar for the hams. The leaves of fat were cut up in the kitchen and rendered down for lard in large bowls in the oven.

The pork pie making and putting up the 'frys' which consisted of a collection of pieces of meat, liver, kidney, heart and a little sweetbread put together and covered with a piece of veiling fat was my job. It was the custom to give a 'fry' to a friend or neighbour, and the gift would be reciprocated on their pig killing day.

Once all the ingredients had been mixed in a pancheon, the meat was put through a machine to fill the skins. The string of sausage links were looped onto a shaft and suspended in the cellar.

Last was the pigs face—the cheeks were salted to cook and eaten when required. The tongue and the rest of the meat boiled and pressed. The old saying 'nothing wasted of the pig only the squeal' was very true.

Extracts from 'The Walter Family' by Hilda (Peggy) Walter



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May — A Month of Flowers

Easter Egg Hunt Results

Sixteen letters on Town Street in Lound

And Eggbert's sentence by fourteen was found

Eleven right entries went into the hat

Only one could be drawn out and that was that

Taking part is important - a statement so wise

So all those who entered received a small prize

Everyone's told us they had lots of fun

But now you'll be longing to find out who won

And so.....in the end, the Giant Egg Lookers

Congratulations to Elisha and Addison Lucas!



Quiz Answer

Eggbert puts all his chocolate eggs in one basket at Easter!

Village Green

Many will have seen the start of the changes taking place on the Green, making it a more social place to spend time and encouraging wild life into the garden. Some of the ideas may also be incorporated in your own garden. The pathway has had the moss removed without the use of chemical sprays, and the mossy grass areas are to be treated with a natural organic substance.

Three tables have been installed which have been made from the old ash tree that previously stood in the garden. The tables were very kindly made by Alan Marsh, taking many hours to get them flat, and installing oak legs to give them a long life. The growth rings on the table top can now be easily seen, with 2020 being the outer ring. The dark part of the ring is winter growth and the light part summer growth. One year is one dark and one light ring. So how old was the tree?



A large bug/mammal hotel has been constructed using old pallets and installed, with many residents taking up the accommodation and enjoying a holiday. Unlike the rest of us!

A permanent water supply has now been installed which will help in the care of the plants as many good quality plants have been lost in the past due to a very dry plot. Also, having water available on site is essential for attracting wildlife to a garden.

Anyone wanting to join our volunteer group just come to the site on the last Sunday of the month at 10.00am for an hour of social garden maintenance.

Brian Horne

Cottage Garden Plants

Reminder...

The next plant sale at **Cherry Tree Farm** is on **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May**.

Time- 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

To make your appointment please email:

sallyandsarah.cgp@gmail.com

or call Sarah on

Tel: 01777 818089 or Sally

Tel: 01777 816912.

Bluebell Inn Reopens

The Bluebell Inn will open, in line with Government Covid regulations, on:

>>>**Monday 17th May**<<<



You can follow progress on the Bluebell Inn Facebook page. The pub will open every day and will serve food from Wednesday to Sunday. Bookings will be taken from Monday 10th May on Tel: 01777 818457 and through Facebook Messenger.

Lound defibrillator—AGM

Watch this space for information about the AGM and training sessions for resuscitation which will be when Covid restrictions are finally ended.

All residents of Lound are invited. **GET THE SKILLS TO BE A LIFE SAVER...**

Meanwhile, make sure your property is clearly numbered or named to aid quick location in the event of a 999 call out. East Midland Ambulance Service will give the code for the defibrillator cabinet which is situated on the south wall of our Village Hall.

St. Bartholomew's Church

Church Services for May

2nd - Family service 9.30 am

9th - Holy Communion 9.30 am

16th - Worship for All 9.30 am

21st - Readings and hymns for Pentecost 9.30 am

28th - Joint Service at Elkesley 11.00 am

Parish Council Vacancy

Parish Council Vacancy Reminder

If you would like to be involved with looking after your village, why not join the Parish Council. Email the clerk for details:

loundparish@outlook.com

Lound Village Hall

>DATE FOR YOUR DIARY< SUMMER EVENT

Saturday 7th August

We (*Village Hall Committee*) are planning to do an outdoor event on the village playing field (Covid restrictions permitting!). This will include live music, a bar, BBQ's for cooking your own food and more. Further details to follow.

Free Tomato Plants

A selection of FREE tomato plants available. Please contact Pam on Tel: 01777 818211