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#### **Editorial**

Melford Matters has been going for a year now – our first issue was April/May 2021. A big thank you to everyone involved, including our advertisers. The magazine remains free for every household in the village only because the cost of printing (around £1,200 per issue) is met by the income we get from advertisers – please support them.

We held a thank you get-together for magazine contributors and deliverers

to celebrate our first birthday in February at the Village Hall. It was well attended and a very enjoyable evening.

A special thank you to everyone who completed the survey in the last issue of the magazine. Some really good ideas came out of that. Winners of the prize draw for people who took part were Ann Underwood (a case of beer from Nethergate) and Helen Brabner (Afternoon Tea for two at The Long



Melford Tea Room). Please keep sending any comments on or ideas for the magazine to melfordmatterseditor@gmail.com.

I hope you enjoy this issue, which is packed with useful information about what's going on in Melford. In particular, please see advance notice about celebrations planned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend including the Big Jubilee Lunch Street Party on 5th June (page 18) and

an exciting new Summer Fete in Melford Hall's grounds on 9th July (page 14).

Our cricket club is looking forward to a long and enjoyable summer. And our football club's first team is battling against relegation and has four crucial home fixtures in April. Please go along and show both clubs the support they deserve (page 29).

Dave Watts, Editor





## **Community Matters**

#### Easter Egg Hunts at Melford Hall

Melford Hall reopens on 6th April. Join us to enjoy the tranquil gardens and the daffodils, irises, and crocuses that can be spotted in the grounds. The newly regenerated Mirror Pond is the perfect spot to relax, watch the reflections and look for newts. Step into the Hall to discover its history and the stories of the people who shaped it.



We'll be holding our popular Easter Egg Hunts. Join us for an Easter adventure along our family-friendly trail in the gardens, with fun activities along the way and a chocolate egg at the end. Trails run from 13th to 18th and 20th to 24th April, from 12 to 4.30pm (last entry is at 3.30pm). Trail packs are £3 each and can be picked up from our visitor entrance. For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/melford-hall

#### News from the LM Poppies (formerly the WI)

We had a good turnout for our first speaker of 2022. The wonderful Margo and Linus came to talk to us about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Linus was put



through his paces showing us how he lets Margo know of visitors to the door, when traffic is near while out walking, and most importantly the fire alarm. He gives Margo a lot of confidence and he also had the waggiest tail we've ever seen.

We're already planning for the rest of the year and the summer months will be busy. Our next day trip is in June, when we'll be swanning down river in the River Stour Trust's electric boat to have a lunch at the Henny Swan, then back up river to Sudbury. June is of course also the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we'll be taking part in village celebrations.

#### **Long Melford Litter Pickers**

We recently received a donation from The Georgian Club, which has enabled us to buy ten litter pickers and five bag hoops for the group. The equipment received its first outing at the end of February, when it was used for the Spring Clean Suffolk/Great British Spring Clean. Seven sacks of litter were collected from Cordell Road, Cordell Place, Olivers Close, Station Road and Rodbridge.

If you'd like to join the group on its twice monthly litter picks, please phone 01787 375329 or email longmelfordlitterpickers@gmail.com.

#### **Kentwell Welcomes Spring**

Kentwell Hall has lots going on this Spring beginning in April with its Lambing Weekends. You can see new-born and young lambs – you might even see a lamb being born. And Easter is one of the most popular times to visit Kentwell, with family-friendly activities, acres of gardens and woodlands and an Easter Trail to explore (which includes dozens of decorated eggs to find, plus an 'Egghead Challenge').

The Tudor May Day celebrations are from 30th April to 2nd May. Step back in time and enjoy the event, including a May Queen, a May Tree, garlanding, processions and traditional entertainments, all accompanied by authentic live music.

For details see www.kentwell.co.uk/events



## **Community Matters**

#### **Open Gardens Is Back**

We're pleased to announce that Long Melford Open Gardens is back on Sunday 29th May 2022 10am-4pm. Tickets will be £6 per adult and free for children. You can buy them from Breakout, Budgens, Carter Jonas, Dilly Dally and Jessica Muir Gallery during the lead up to the event and on the day from the gardens themselves. A ticket entitles you to entry to all of the private gardens listed on the map and the gardens at the Church and Melford Hall.



This year, all the money raised will be split between Melford in Bloom and Cure CJD in memory of Robert Clubb who started and organised Melford Open Gardens with his wife Melonie for 12 very successful years.

The gardens range from amazing small container gardens to some of the larger stunning grounds within the village. Some will be offering refreshments and the village pubs and hotels will have their gardens open too.

There's still time to include your garden in the event – please call Paul on 01787 378035 or email contact@themill-longmelford.com by 15th April at the latest.

#### Pet Foodbank

Prices are rising and making ends meet can be difficult. I've started a pop-up pet foodbank. So if you'd like some dog or cat food for your pet, or for anyone you think may be struggling, then call or message me. Pet food donations are welcome and all requests for help will be dealt with in strict confidence – call Lisa on 07867 514975.

#### **FLUMPS's News for Spring**

The Friends of Long Melford Primary School (FLUMPS) are organising some fun events for the children which will also raise funds for the school.



The diary begins on 1st April with a fundraising Rule Break Day – something that those of us who went to school back in the Dark Ages could never have dreamt of. FLUMPS has listed seven rules which the children are allowed to break at a cost of 50p per rule. For example, they'll be allowed to have an unhealthy snack at break, colour their hair and swap an item of uniform for their own clothes – a full uniform swap will cost £2.

On 7th April, there will be two after school discos – one for the younger children, followed by another for years 4-6. There will be an entry fee and the children will get refreshments and a glow band.

A Jubilee Family Picnic will be held at 12 noon on 26th May. It will be the first time that the families have been together at the school since the start of Covid – expect quite a celebration!

#### Help from the CAB

Are you worried about how you're going to pay your fuel bills?



In April, energy bills are set to go up by a typical £693 per year for many households. So, now is the time to start looking at what help is available. You may be eligible for the Warm Home Discount, Winter Fuel Payment or for a grant from the Household Support Fund.

We can offer you a benefits check to make sure you're getting everything you are eligible to receive. Call Sudbury & District Citizens Advice, for free advice, Mon – Fri between 10am and 1pm on 01787 321400 and leave a message and someone will call you back. Alternatively, contact us via email at advice@sudburycab.org.uk or by using the contact facility on our website www.sudburycab.org.uk

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#### Melford in Bloom Goes Red, White and Blue

Melford in Bloom will be planting red, white and blue displays in May for the Jubilee. On the Chad bridge there will be white planters alternating with mixed red, white and blue planters. The hanging baskets on Little St Mary's will be all white scaevola and surfinia, to catch the eye.



New barrels are set for the west side of Hall Street and at the entrance to Braithwaite Road (Bull Lane). All our barrels will include lovely trailing geraniums, verbena, calibrachoa and more, plus big centrepieces of cosmos and argyranthemum.

We're looking for volunteers – for more information please contact jonathanewbank145@gmail.com. The work, typically an hour a week, is healthy and we attract many kind comments from passers-by when working on our summer displays.

#### Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare

SESAW is holding an Easter Fair at the Old School from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 3rd

SESAW

April. It's our first big fundraiser since 2019.

You can expect a warm welcome with the usual wide selection of stalls, crafts, flowers and plants, raffle, Jeanette's Terrific Tombola, and yummy homemade cakes and snacks. Meet SESAW stalwart Frank Payne who has led an interesting life with plenty of tales to tell. He'll be selling and signing copies of his autobiography. All proceeds will go to SESAW. For more information see www.sesaw.co.uk

#### 'Torch Relay' Coming Through Melford

As part of the Festival of Suffolk 2022 and the run up to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a lighted torch will be carried for over 550 miles through 250 towns and villages in Suffolk between Friday 13th May and Wednesday 1st June. It's due to come through Melford at around 5.40pm on Wednesday 18th May on its way from Lavenham to Sudbury. It will be carried by a 'local hero' from Melford riding in a rickshaw. Please come out and cheer it on its way.

#### Pat Davey to the Rescue

Long Melford Heritage Trust would like to say a big thank you to Pat Davey for her £600 donation to the Centre raised by her book sales at Tudor Cottages in Hall Street. Pat's donation will go towards a much needed additional display case. This will be used to exhibit the many interesting finds from the recent archaeological



excavations in our historic village.

#### A 2022 Farewell to the Community Market

The Community Market will not be returning to the Old School this year. It was a success in that it enabled local groups to raise funds again after lockdown. A few societies also recruited new people to join them.

But we're unable to continue with the markets as new classes at the school are now running on Thursdays. Thank you to all who participated and helped make this a success.

#### **Suffolk Art Society Exhibition**

For details of the exhibition in Lavenham in May and June, see the advert on page 7. It will transfer to Holy Trinity, Long Melford, from 21st July to 7th August.

## **Parish Council Matters**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 28th April at 7pm in the Old School**.

It would be good if as many parishioners as possible came along to that. It's **not** a Parish Council meeting but your chance to hear what the Parish Council and various village organisations have been up to in the last year – and to have your say. There hasn't been one in the last couple of years because of Covid restrictions. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

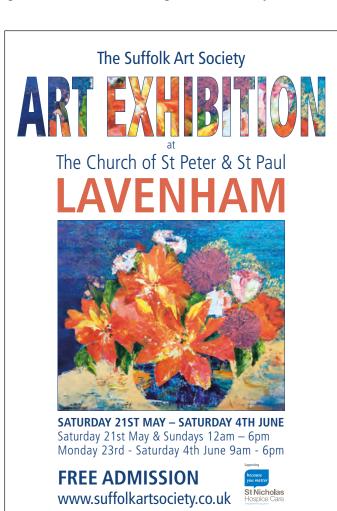
By the time you read this, a new parish councillor should have been co-opted to fill the vacancy left by Jayne Lines. They will serve until the next elections in May 2023.

Volunteers worked hard over the winter to clear ditches and improve drainage on the Melford Walk. Smart new signs have been put up at most entrances too. And by the time you read this there will be four sets of handrails to help pedestrians descend steep sections safely.

The first stage of work to prevent damage to the Upper Green caused by vehicles when the ground is wet has been completed. This includes gates (which can be opened when the ground is dry and closed when wet) opposite the Black Lion and at the eastern end of the Trinity Hospital car park and re-inforcing some of the Green's surfacing that has been damaged east of the Hospital. The next stage is to resurface the Hospital car park with a similar material to that on the Old School car park. And there is more work to do on repairing damaged parts of the Green.

#### Sir Richard Hyde Parker 12th Baronet

Sadly, Sir Richard died on 14th March at Melford Hall. He was born at the Hall in April 1937 and lived there all his life. Among many other things during this time, he was a member of the parish council and county council, a church warden, founder member of the church restoration fund, chairman of Trinity Hospital and High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk. He is succeeded by his son William Hyde Parker.





## **Music Matters**

#### The Sound of Music in Melford

Have you ever thought that your fabulous singing in the bath or shower ought to be shared more widely with your fellow villagers? Of course you have, you know you shouldn't keep such talent to yourself. Well, here are some of the local options for singing or making music in public.

Singing is good for so many things – well-being, breath control, developing a talent you might not realise you have, and offers the chance to give a lot of pleasure to other listeners. Why not try one of our local groups and see how much fun it can be?

#### **Rock Choir**

The Rock Choir is well known and loved locally for its varied and joyous performances of a wide range of music. It is led by Adam Abo Henriksen and puts on shows supporting local and national charities and has even had a recording session at Abbey Road Studios. It is described by a member of ten years standing as "celebrating the sheer joy of singing". The group meets weekly on Mondays 8 to 9.30pm at Long Melford Football Clubhouse and costs £10 per week. Why not go along for a free taster session on a Monday evening and see for yourself, or find out more on https://rockchoir.com





#### Melford's Silver Band

If you prefer making music with an instrument, our much-loved Silver Band is currently looking for trombone and cornet players to join. For details, contact Mike Murkin on 07584 070315 or mikemurkin@hotmail.co.uk. The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9pm at the Old School. The band is a familiar sight at village occasions and performs at many events throughout the year. Band members are particularly looking forward to playing at the Jubilee Lunch in Melford on 5th June.

#### **Holy Trinity Choir**

A different tone is struck when the church choir meets every Thursday to rehearse and prepare music for services on Sundays when the primary purpose of the choir is to support the worship. The choirmaster, Nigel Brown, says "whilst auditions are not rigorous, an ability to hold your line and pitch is helpful! The ability to read music – even a little bit – will help, though is not compulsory." The choir would welcome singers of any age in all the voice sections - Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. There are plans to try to re-introduce young singers to the choir to give them the opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of singing and to develop their skills and offer a hobby.

Choir members aren't expected to attend every service and often major services such as Easter and Christmas feature an 'invitation choir'. How much time you wish to invest is entirely up to you. The music choice is varied and all-encompassing from Tudor to Contemporary. Why not get in touch with Nigel Brown (Organist and Choirmaster) on nwbrown@btinternet.com or on 07904 000494 for more information? Or come along to a rehearsal at Holy Trinity on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8.30pm. Sit in with this friendly group of people and see

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how you get on. Parents of children who are interested can sit in on rehearsals and might even discover an interest or ability in themselves. Please don't be shy in coming forward – you'll be very welcome.

#### **Pop Chorus**

For a change of pace, how about the Pop Chorus? If you like the idea of singing unashamedly to great pop songs in harmony to professional backing tracks, then Pop Chorus may be for you.

No need for experience, auditions or the ability to read music. The group offers feel-good singing for adults of all abilities whilst having a lot of fun. Sessions are run on Mondays during term time at Melford Village Hall at 7.30pm – contact Yula on 07788 585441 for pricing and more details.

We might not have any major hills, but Melford is certainly alive with the sound of music — with such a wide range of musical options, there should be something to suit everybody's level of talent.









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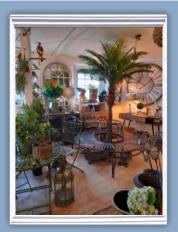
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| Regular classes & workshops at Long Melford Village Memorial Hall          |   |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mondays  | Bounce classes – Jules Cooper                 | www.bookwhen.com/bouncelongmelford        | 9.30 to 10.30am    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mondays<br>(from 25/4)   | Strollercise – Marina St Leger                | 07917 333712 www.strollercise.co.uk       | 1.30 to 2.30pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mondays  | Beau Dance for 6 to 10 year olds              | Holly Cook 07512 692289                   | 4.00 to 5.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mondays  | Pop Chorus – Yula Andrews                     | 07788 585441                              | 7.30 to 8.30pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesdays   | Pilates – Michelle Cowcher                    | michellecowcher@gmail.com                 | 10.00 to 11.00am   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesdays   | Bounce & Bounce Beats – Jules<br>Cooper       | www.bookwhen.com/bouncelongmelford        | 6.00 to 8.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesdays   | Zumba classes – Dawn Thompson                 | www.bookwhen.com/dawnzumba                | 7.30 to 8.30pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursdays  | Bounce Barbells & Bounce – Jules Cooper       | www.bookwhen.com/bouncelongmelford        | 6.00 to 8.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursdays  | Indoor Kurling (1st and 3rd Thurs)            | Drop in for a free taster session         | 2.00 to 4.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fridays  | Baby Ballet                                   | sudbury@babyballet.co.uk 07580 693747     | 9.30am to 12 noon  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly  | Cultural Talks (3rd Tuesday)                  | The Arts Society Sudbury                  | 11.30am to 12.30pm |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly  | Cultural Talks (3rd Tuesday)                  | The Arts Society South Suffolk            | 2.00 to 3.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly  | Lecture series (4th Tuesday)                  | Suffolk Family History Society (Sudbury)  | 2.30 to 4.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regular class  | Regular classes & workshops at the Old School |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily  | Yoga Studio – Áine McGovern                   | www.longmelfordyoga.co.uk<br>07840 030545 | See website        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mondays  | Card making – Pauline Andow                   | 01787 228790                              | 12.30 to 2.30pm    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mondays  | Archery for Beginners                         | Terry Chittock 01426 160053               | 7.00 to 9.30pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesdays   | Upbeat (Heart Support Group)                  | Hilary Neeves 01359 232678                | 9.00am to 1.00pm   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesdays   | U3A Art                                       | Vernon Lever 01787 310511                 | 1.30pm to 4.00pm   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesdays   | Sophia Paper Kite Yoga                        | Sophia 07968 165185                       | 6.00 to 9.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesdays   | Yoga with Clare Turner                        | clareturneryoga@gmail.com                 | 5.45 to 7.15pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesdays   | Life Drawing                                  | John Garbett 01787 378798                 | 10.00am to 12.30pm |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesdays   | Keep Fit – Heather Mahony                     | sheather.mahony@btinternet.com            | 10.00am to 11.30am |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesdays   | Friendship Dancers                            | Robin Hart 01787 269613                   | 3.00 to 5pm        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesdays   | Tudor Archers                                 | Terry Chittock 01426 160053               | 7.00 to 9.30pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesdays   | Silver Band                                   | Mike Murkin 01787 312605                  | 7.30 to 9.30pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursdays  | Zen Yoga - Fiona Dinning-Cole                 | yoga@nowandzen.guru 07967 706041          | 10.00am to 11:30am |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly  | Photography Group (1st Monday)                | Derek Challis 01787 373738                | mornings           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monthly  | LM Poppies (WI) (2nd Thursday)                | Jane Ebejer melfordinn@outlook.com        | 7.30pm to 9.30pm   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regular classes & workshops at The Melford at Stoneylands (LMFC clubhouse) |   |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mondays  | Rock Choir                                    | Adam Abo Henriksen 07840 024591           | 7.30 to 9.30pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesdays   | Beau Dance for adults                         | Holly Cook 07512 692289                   | 7.00 to 8.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesdays   | Art Class                                     | Edd Terran 01787 370923                   | 1.00 to 4.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursdays  | Beau Dance for 11-15 yr olds                  | Holly Cook 07512 692289                   | 4.00 to 5.00pm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursdays  | Boxercise                                     | Ivan Ambrose 07484 617943                 | 6.30pm             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Saturdays  | Colts and Fillies Junior Football             | Ian Ambrose 07970 384576                  | Call for details   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sundays  | Colts and Fillies Junior Football             | Ian Ambrose 07970 384576                  | Call for details   |  |  |  |  |  |

| Diary Ma                 | tters  |  |                                   |
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| April                    | Event  | Venue/details  | Time                              |
| Sunday 3rd               | Charity Model Railway Show                               | Village Hall. In aid of 1st Chadbrook<br>Guides                        | 11.00am to 4.00pm                 |
| Wednesday 6th            | Antiques Fair  | Village Hall   | 9.00am to 3.30pm                  |
| Thursday 7th             | My Little Village  | Village Hall   | 9.00am to 1.00pm                  |
| Thursday 7th             | Parish Council: Planning Full meeting                    | Old School   | 7.00pm<br>7.30pm                  |
| Friday 8th               | Folk & Acoustic Club upstairs                            | Cock & Bell poboap123@gmail.com  | 8.00pm                            |
| Saturday 9th             | Book Fair  | Village Hall   | 10.00am to 4.00pm                 |
| Thursday 14th            | Good Neighbours Coffee Morning                           | Old School   | 10.00 to 11.30am                  |
| Sunday 17th              | Main Easter Service                                      | Holy Trinity Church  | 10.30am                           |
| Monday 18th              | Country Park Open Morning and<br>Children's Nature Trail | Long Melford Country Park  | 9.00am to 12.00pm                 |
| Thursday 21st            | My Little Village Easter Special                         | Village Hall   | 9.00am to 1.00pm                  |
| Thursday 21st            | Long Melford Litter Pickers                              | For details email longmelfordlitterpickers@gmail.com                   | 2.00pm                            |
| Thursday 21st            | Long Melford Historical and<br>Archaeological Society    | Old School – AGM & talk by Simon<br>Edge stained glass in Holy Trinity | 7.30pm                            |
| Sat 23rd and<br>Sun 24th | Antiques & Vintage Fair                                  | Old School   | 9.30am to 4.00pm                  |
| Sunday 24th              | Long Melford Litter Pickers                              | For details email longmelfordlitterpickers@gmail.com                   | 10.00am                           |
| Thursday 28th            | Good Neighbours Coffee Morning                           | Old School   | 10.00 to 11.30am                  |
| Thursday 28th            | Annual Parish Meeting                                    | Old School   | 7.00pm                            |
| May                      | Event  | Venue/details  | Time                              |
| Sunday 1st               | Charity Football match for<br>Children with Cancer       | Football Club  | Gates open 1pm<br>Kick off 3.00pm |
| Monday 2nd               | Dawn Chorus Bird Walk                                    | Long Melford Country Park jonathanewbank145@gmail.com                  | 6.30am                            |
| Wednesday 4th            | Antiques Fair  | Village Hall   | 9.00am to 3.30pm                  |
| Thursday 5th             | My Little Village  | Village Hall   | 9.00am to 1.00pm                  |
| Thursday 5th             | Parish Council Planning Full meeting                     | Old School   | 7.00pm<br>7.30pm                  |
| Thursday 12th            | Good Neighbours Coffee Morning                           | Old School   | 10.00 to 11.30am                  |
| Friday 13th              | Folk & Acoustic Club upstairs                            | Cock & Bell poboap123@gmail.com  | 8.00pm                            |
| Thursday 26th            | Good Neighbours Coffee Morning                           | Old School   | 10.00 to 11.30am                  |
| Thursday 26th            | Long Melford Litter Pickers                              | For details email longmelfordlitterpickers@gmail.com                   | 2.00pm                            |
| Sat 28th & Sun<br>29th   | Antiques & Vintage Fair                                  | Old School   | 9.30am to 4.00pm                  |
| Sunday 29th              | Dawn Chorus Bird Walk                                    | Long Melford Country Park jonathanewbank 145@gmail.com                 | 6.30am                            |
| Sunday 29th              | Long Melford Litter Pickers                              | For details email longmelfordlitterpickers@gmail.com                   | 10.00am                           |
| Sunday 29th              | Long Melford Open Gardens                                | Details on Facebook  @LongMelfordOpenGardens                           | 10.00am to 4.00pm                 |

If you would like your activity or event listed here, let us know the details by emailing MelfordMattersAdvertising@gmail.com. Details for June/July need to reach us by 1st May.

## **Heritage Matters**

## Coconut Matting – once a Major Melford Industry

If you've ever wondered why Coconut House in Hall Street, opposite the Bull, has what seems a rather exotic name, the answer lies with what was once behind it. And that was a large coconut matting factory which was built by Mr George Whittle in the 1880s.

Here comes a 'luvverly' bunch of coconuts

In 1890, at the ripe old age of 12,

Ernest Ambrose jumped at the chance to work at Mr Whittle's Mat and Matting factory. He spent his early working years there as an invoice clerk. Ernest started as a 'learner' which meant he wasn't paid a penny for the first 10 weeks. For the next year, he earned the princely sum of 2/6d (12½p) a week –



worth just over £17 today. After that, his wages doubled.

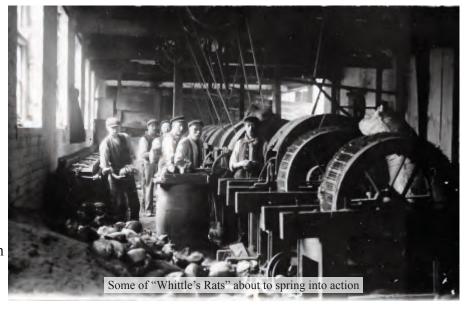
In his book, Melford Memories, Ernest wrote that the factory was very busy and employed some 160 men and boys and a few women. They worked weekdays from 6am to 6pm and Saturday morning. All in all it was a sixty-six-hour week but they did get Saturday afternoon and all-day Sunday off. Sometimes the men would come in as early as 3am to get an urgent job done.

Ernest recalled that the mat makers liked a drink and were rough and ready types who were known as

"Whittle's Rats". They were well known in Melford and ready to help in an emergency. For example, they were the unofficial fire fighters.

#### The weaving of the mats

The coconuts were imported from the Indian subcontinent. The coconut husks were brought up the Stour by barge from Mistley (east of Manningtree) to Sudbury Quay. From there, they were taken to Melford by train and then by horse and cart to the factory.



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The coconut mat weaving industry was introduced into Suffolk around the middle of the 19th century. It found work for former hand loom weavers from the textile industry who had been made redundant after being replaced by machinery. The weaving of coconut fibre was entirely a hand loom industry.

Women were employed in the preparation of the yarn and men for the actual weaving.

The mats were sent mainly to retailers in London. However, some were sold in distant parts of the world such as Russia and Argentina.



#### **Angry Matters**

During the 1880s a series of wage cuts caused widespread anger and eventually resulted in strike action. Feelings ran high culminating in a riot on Polling Day in December 1885. Melford suffered considerable damage. The troops were summoned from Bury St Edmunds to restore order. They arrived by train and marched from Melford station to read the Riot Act from the steps of the police station. The riot was quashed.

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#### **Summer Fete**

#### All the Fun of a Village Fete

The organisers of the Melford Fete are busy preparing our inaugural fete on **Saturday 9th July** in Melford Hall's grounds. FLUMPS, LM Primary School, the Church and Amy Hyde Parker are involved, along with various village groups.

There will be loads of attractions. We'll need some strong, hefty men to form teams for the Tug of War. And are there any women who'd like to form a team? Do you have a dog with star quality? The one with the waggiest tail? The one which looks most like its owner? Might he/she be a Dog Show prize winner?



There will also be craft stalls, a coconut shy, stocks, splat the rat, tombola, face painting, beat the goalie, Shetland ponies and much more. We'll have many charity stalls too, so that village groups can raise funds.

The Community Association, which runs the Old School, will run the Produce Show. This used to take place in September, so July will give us scope for different fruits, vegetables and flowers. At the

Seed Swap in February, we gave out seeds so lots of you could get started on your entries.

Entry forms for the Show can be collected from Dilly Dally, Long Melford Tea Room and Breakout. There'll be lots more info in the magazine's next edition. Contact Rosey rosey26@me.com for the Produce Show, and amy@melfordhall.co.uk for stalls or events.

#### **Confirmed Categories for the Produce Show**

Fruit – strawberries, raspberries and currants:

Vegetables – carrots, beetroot, onions, potatoes, radishes, peapods, potted herbs and

wonky vegetables;

Flowers – roses, sweet peas, potted fuchsia, and an arrangement in a teapot;

Preserves — a fruit jam, fruit marmalade and a

chutney;

Baking – Victoria Sponge, flapjacks and a

Jubilee themed Show-stopper cake;

Art — decorated pebble, photo of a family (any species), painting of Melford

landmark (any medium);

Mystery Table

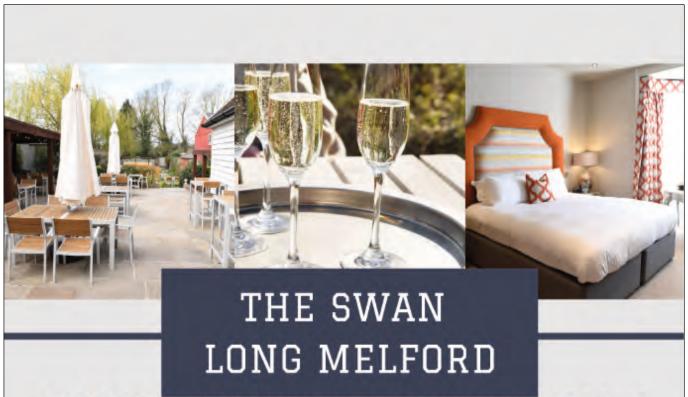
Exhibit — anything else you'd like to enter.

Children's

Flowers — an arrangement in a cup and saucer; Baking — six cupcakes, red, white or blue;

Group entry—a model of a Melford landmark.



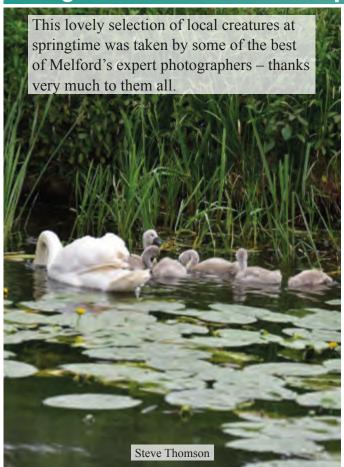


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## **Country Park Matters**

## Country Park Open Morning on Easter Monday 18th April from 9am to 12 noon

There will be a guided walk round the park led by those who have who have worked on the breeding bird survey, explaining what they have done and where the nest boxes are. The results of the survey will be available along with tips on how to build your own nest boxes.

For children and families there will be a nature trail and reps from the Little Woodland Tribe nursery. We hope to

have members of the Biodiversity group as well as a Nature Talk (subject to be confirmed).

Jenny Wren's café and Kind Heart Coffee will be open and providing delicious drinks and yummy food.









#### **Guided Dawn Chorus Walks**

Following last year's very successful event we have two walks planned for this year, on May Bank Holiday 2nd May and Sunday 29th May, both starting 6.30am. For more information and to book a place email jonathanewbank145@gmail.com

More details on all events will be updated on the Long Melford Country Park Facebook Page and on our noticeboard in the park.

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## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

To celebrate the Queen's amazing achievement of reigning for 70 years, there is to be a four-day Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The Queen overtook Queen Victoria as the longest reigning monarch in September 2015 and she is the first to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.

Here are just some of the events and entertainment that are planned. The Long Melford Events Group hope that as many people as possible join in the fun. Let's make it a really memorable weekend.



















## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

#### Thursday 2nd June Lighting of the Beacon

In Melford, the celebrations will start with the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon on the Thursday evening.

Long Melford will be joining communities and people throughout the UK and Commonwealth, to come together to celebrate this momentous occasion. The village beacon on the top green will be lit at 9.45pm by Lady Hyde Parker. The whole village is invited to watch the lighting and take part in making history!

#### The Main Event

#### The Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June

Long Melford will be celebrating the Queen's 70year reign with possibly the longest ever village lunch throughout Hall Street. There's no charge to join in and the entertainment for the day is being sponsored by local businesses, the Parish Council and the Village Memorial Hall. The aim is for residents to celebrate together and we're hoping for a huge turnout from all over the village.

#### On the day itself...

Hall Street will be closed from 10am till 5pm and all vehicles will need to park elsewhere, just for the day.

From 10 to 11.30am you're invited to set up and bring your own tables (trestle, picnic or pasting tables will do) and chairs and choose a spot along Hall Street where you can sit together with friends

and family. There will be volunteer marshals ensuring that tables are lined up and appropriate space left down the middle of the road.

There are three options for organising lunch.

**Option 1** – you bring your own picnic lunch **Option 2** – you collect your pre-ordered and prepaid Jubilee picnic takeaways from our local businesses in the village

**Option 3** – if you prefer the idea of joining in with the party atmosphere whilst dining at one of our pubs or restaurants, you can make your reservation directly with them

All those attending should aim to sit down by 11.45am and a float and classic vehicles will pass through Hall Street just before midday. Don't forget to bring your Jubilee flags to wave during the procession.

During the lunch there will be plenty of street entertainment, including acrobats, fire eaters, magicians, a balloonist, and the Silver Band.

After the lunch, the party continues with live musical performances in Hall Street, which include Rockhouse and Route 66. Pubs and cafes will be open and Nethergate and Bar Rumba will have pop up bars. You can leave your tables and chairs up if you want until the road has to open again at 5pm or you can put them in one of the holding areas that will be signposted, for collection on your way home.

**Volunteers Needed.** If you'd like to help in the run up to the event or on 5th June, please register your interest by emailing longmelfordjubilee@outlook.com. Help will be needed with leafleting ahead of the weekend, marshalling and setting up on the day and then clearing up etc. And see below and overleaf for other ways to contribute to the occasion.

Do you have a Classic Car? For the Jubilee lunch party on Sunday 5th June, we're planning a procession through Hall Street. This will include at least two of Felix's vintage buses and we'd like to have a selection of classic cars that celebrate our Queen's long reign too. If you'd like to take part on the day with your classic car, please send an email to longmelfordjubilee@outlook.com with a photo and short description of your classic motor. We'll be choosing a selection to join the procession.



Felix's vintage buses will be joined by classic cars in the procession

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

#### **How Can You Get Involved?**

#### The Melford Platinum Patchwork Panel

In honour of the Queen's Jubilee, we're making a unique Platinum Patchwork Panel. If you'd like be a part of this, then all you need to do is drop off your own crafted patchwork square to Stuart at the Woolpatch in Hall Street by 7th May.

The square panels need to be fabric measuring 20cm by 20cm and able to be sewn to other panels to make up the whole patchwork. Your panel could be painted, drawn, stencilled or cross-stitched, knitted, crocheted etc. All designs, textures and colours will be welcome; you could focus on red, white, blue or platinum, or go abstract. Your panel could have a royal or Melford theme. Individuals



can drop off one panel each, or why not get together with a group of friends to create a collection of panels? Don't hesitate to pop into the Woolpatch anytime if you want more information or to see a few 20x20cm squares that have already been made.

The finished Platinum Patchwork Panel will be kept for posterity and showcased in the village so it can be admired by all.

#### Melford's Big Bunting Bonanza

We want Melford to be adorned in bunting for the Jubilee weekend and are encouraging you all to get involved in our Big Bunting Bonanza.

Stuart at the Woolpatch has got some easy peasy, printed bunting material that you can buy, cut out and simply attach to binding tape. He also has red, white and blue material if you want to have a go at making your own. Feel



free to pop into the Woolpatch to get a simple guide to making bunting.

Ginny Hearne, one of our resident crafters, has already started making bunting for the village and there will be bunting crafting sessions over the next couple of months – if you would like to join a bunting group, please email longmelfordjubilee@outlook.com

If you can donate any red, white or blue material or binding tape, please drop it off at Ginny's at Virginia Cottage in Hall Street (next to the Cock & Bell), or at the Woolpatch, and our crafters will be happy to get sewing.

Let's make sure Long Melford is awash with bright bunting over the June Jubilee weekend!

The magazine welcomes contributions from everyone in the village. Content should focus on information that will benefit and inform the village and villagers. Where there is limited space, priority will be given to local and community information and updates that benefit all. Where there is competition for remaining space, the editor will act fairly to ensure contributors and community organisations are treated equitably. Contributors and advertisers are responsible for ensuring that their content is accurate, free of obscene, abusive or discriminatory language and not libellous or in breach of copyright. The magazine will prioritise, but not be limited to, securing adverts from local businesses. Errors and omissions excepted.

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## **Spiritual Matters**

#### An even greater test?

Brexit ... Covid ... and now war in Ukraine, but the war in Ukraine could well be the most significant.

Despite the many divisions we experienced during Brexit, and some very ugly stereotyping, the majority of people, to their credit, have managed to get along with those holding very different views about the role of the UK and Europe.

Despite the tragedy, isolation, frustration and emotional exhaustion as a result of the pandemic, we seem to be emerging at last thanks to the heroic efforts of many, and it is hard to deny that there have been some blessings.

But the situation in Ukraine may demand more. We will again be forced to think about what really matters in life ... and what is superficial dross (of which there is much). Sadly, evil is a reality in this life and confrontation is sometimes unavoidable. Let us pray that at a personal level

and as a nation we can have the strength of character to protect the vulnerable from oppression, and to seek the peace of all who are caught up in this horrible conflict.

Rev Lawson

Our main Easter Service is at 10.30am on Sunday 17th April.

## **Library Matters**

We were due to move to the Royal British Legion on Cordell Road in March but you may be aware there has been an issue affecting the RBL which has prevented our move. At the time of writing, the outlook is still uncertain but we're exploring our options and have been granted a further 4 weeks to remain at the URC until the end of April. We've been very grateful for your support. Please visit our website or Facebook page for the latest news. We'll keep you updated and are looking forward to welcoming you to our new location!



Since the relaxation of restrictions last July, we've welcomed over 1,500 people to our regular events. Our Top Time sessions have been an invaluable social connection particularly for those who live alone. At our Wordplay sessions we've enjoyed meeting some of those 'lockdown babies' for whom Wordplay is the first opportunity to meet people from outside their own family.

Wordplay (Tot Rock and Baby Bounce): Join us every Tuesday at 2.30pm for action songs and rhymes, suitable for children 0-5 years old.

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#### **Brain Matters**



#### An East Anglian Quiz

In this issue you can test your knowledge of our neighbours, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Norfolk. Answers on page 30.

- 1. In which county was Horatio Nelson born?
- 2. What Island is connected to the mainland by a causeway known as the Strood?
- 3. In which century was the University of Cambridge founded?
- 4. In which royal residence did George VI and George V die?
- 5. In which county is the picturesque village of Finchingfield?
- 6. Through which one of these cities does the Great Ouse flow: Chelmsford, Ely or Norwich?
- 7. Where is the HQ of Essex County Cricket Club?
- 8. The author of 'Black Beauty' was born in Great Yarmouth. What was her name?
- 9. What was the earliest Roman town in Britain?
- 10. Which actor won a BAFTA for his role as the Cambridge professor Stephen Hawking in the 'Theory of Everything'?



#### **Nature Matters**

#### **Welcoming Nature into Long Melford**

By the time you read this, birds will be nesting, and other creatures will be out of hibernation. The Biodiversity Group and other volunteers have been very busy over the winter making and putting up bird and owl boxes in the Country Park and along the Railway Walk.



Please continue to feed the birds to support the adults as they go about nesting and feeding young. However, the food you put out is not for the fledglings. Young of seed eating birds need insects – for example, Blue Tit chicks eat caterpillars and

it takes some 10,000 to rear a whole brood. You can really help by not using any chemicals in your garden and welcoming all insects, even if they do a little damage to your plants!

In spring, hedgehogs emerge and need fattening up ready to breed. Kitten biscuits (not fish) are ideal food and providing water and shelter really helps them. They roam over a large area each night so it's vital they can move between gardens.

Please don't be too tidy in your garden; leave some long grass and weeds. Planting bee and butterfly-friendly flowers is important, but don't forget that the caterpillars of common butterflies need plants such as nettles, ivy, thistles and grasses to feed on. Without food for the caterpillars the sharp decline in many of our species will only get worse. We need to do all we can to help them, and the Biodiversity Group continues to seek sites to create more wildflower areas.

Look out for our news and events on the Long Melford Facebook Page.

Jane Burch jane\_burch@yahoo.co.uk





## Gardening Matters – Notes from the potting shed

Well, now that the clocks have changed, there's nothing to hold us gardeners back except, perhaps, April frosts. Do you remember last year when we had a frost in Melford nearly every night in April? If you have some fleece to hand (even old dust sheets will do), you can usually help your tender plants through a few light frosts. We heard a great tip recently to protect blossom on fruit trees when there is a late frost; apparently, if you position lighted tea lights (small candles) in jam jars under the tree canopy you can just keep the temperature high enough to save the blossom. It works even better if you can put a covering over the top of the tree for insulation. Definitely planning to try that at the allotment this year.

**Making Good Compost** 

We've had a query from a gardener asking why their compost is turning out to be slimy. Essentially, we need to create a good balance of ingredients rich in carbon and those rich in nitrogen. Most of the former are brown, such as cardboard and small twigs and most of the latter are green, such as weeds and grass cuttings.

If you have too much green material, the result will probably be an unappealing slimy pile which can be rescued by incorporating small pieces of cardboard and woody prunings. The smaller the pieces when they go in, the faster they will decompose and create fabulous rich, dark compost.

You can also incorporate eggshells and all fruit and vegetable peelings, but no cooked food of any kind as this will attract rodents. The bin or heap should be covered to keep the heat in.

Depending on the type of container you use and the mixture of ingredients, you can have compost ready in a few months and turning it over every month or so will aid the process. It's a really cost effective way to make something to improve your soil and many compost bins are no larger than the brown garden waste bin.



Huge thanks to all who came to the Seed Swap in February and made it such fun. Here's hoping everything you took away will germinate spectacularly!

Please do keep sending your queries and tips in to Melfordmatterslifestyle@gmail.com

Happy gardening!

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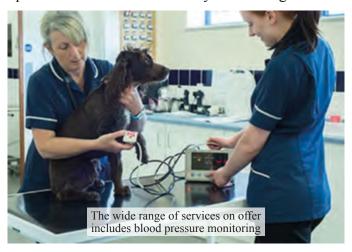
All Creatures, a Few Great but Mostly Small We asked veterinary surgeon Simon Culmstock, a Director and Partner at Melford's Swayne & Partners, to tell us about the practice and some of his fascinating experiences over the years.

"At Melford, we have around 15,000 appointments per year. Dogs and cats account for around 80-90% of our patients. The remainder includes rabbits, guinea pigs, gerbils, rats, reptiles, tortoises and birds. We haven't treated farm animals and horses since 2015 when we decided to concentrate on our rapidly growing small animal caseload.

Part of being a vet is being called on to think outside the box and be versatile. We treat wild animals, including swans, birds of prey, foxes, badgers, deer and hedgehogs. We don't charge for this, and always aim to return injured wildlife back to the wild.

As a student, I helped to look after a young elephant but it wasn't my most difficult patient. Pigs can be very difficult, as they're large and often aggressive and uncooperative. Not long after I qualified, I had to sedate a large pig. Halfway through the procedure, the pig woke up and chased me for a mile through woods surrounding the farm. I never did finish the treatment. Angry horses can be hard to treat, especially if you need to inject them. A biting and kicking horse that weighs a ton can be extremely daunting.

As for pets, small aggressive dogs can be tricky – they're very difficult to hold and can be lightning quick with their teeth. But very few of us get





injured when working. Cat bites are most likely to send us to the doctor – cat mouths are mucky places, and a bite will often result in an infection, leading to an abscess or sepsis.

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The unsociable hours are probably the worst aspect of being a vet. Crawling out of bed at 2am is no fun. Luckily, I have a very understanding family.

The best thing about being a vet is the variety. There's also an enormous amount of satisfaction in looking after a sick or injured animal and making it better. I consider it a privilege to serve the petowning community of Long Melford – all of our clients are lovely."

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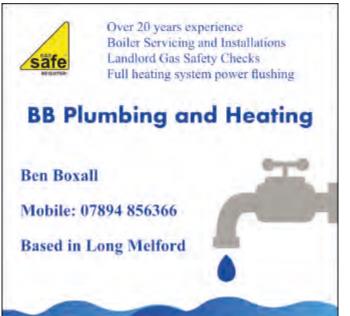
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## Sport Matters – Cricket

#### Cricket, lovely cricket...

Melford's season begins on Saturday 16th April. We'll be fielding two Saturday teams competing in the Two Counties League and two Sunday teams in the Hunts Suffolk League. Why not come along and enjoy some relaxing afternoons watching in the sunshine? The bar will be open throughout every home game serving our local Nethergate beers.

There are adult nets every Tuesday from 6pm and new players of any age or ability are welcome. If you're interested, please get in touch with Neil Sawyer 07379 184210 neilrsawyer@hotmail.com

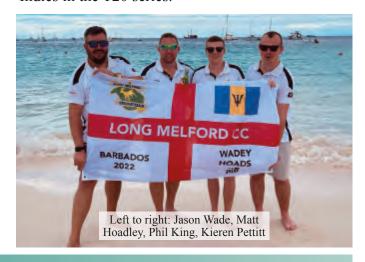
Junior cricket is very important to LMCC. The teams play their matches at the weekends and we also have training sessions every Thursday from 6pm (starting on 21st April when boys and girls aged 16 or less can come along and enrol). There's Kwik Cricket on Friday evenings for the youngest members. For more information contact Phil King 07773 083360 phillipwking97@gmail.com

LMCC is hosting a Suffolk Over 50s match against Kent over 50s on Thursday 28th July and we hope that some LMCC members will be



playing for Suffolk. We also hope there'll be lots of spectators there to support our county.

Finally, the club proudly flew the LMCC flag in Barbados recently when England played the West Indies in the T20 series.



## Sport Matters – Football

#### The Villagers Will Battle To Stay Up

It's crunch time in the Thurlow Nunn Premier League. When the magazine went to press, our First Team was just above the relegation zone. Being in the Premier League is quite an achievement for a club of our size and we intend to stay up! We have four Saturday home games in April on the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, all kicking off at 3pm. So, come along and cheer on the Villagers. A warm welcome at the Ground and in the Clubhouse is guaranteed.

In the Reserves League Melford were doing well and in fourth spot – another good reason to come down and watch grass-roots football. You'll find all forthcoming matches on the club website longmelfordfc.com.

Long Melford Colts and Fillies is another success story – if you're interested in joining, contact Ian Ambrose on 07970 384576

On Sunday 1st May, we'll host a charity football

match organised by Reserves Team Manager Dave Hennessey. Family and friends take to the pitch to battle it out for the Hennessey Charity Shield as they seek to raise money for Children with Cancer. Last time out they raised over £1,500. Gates open at 1pm, kick off 3pm. Tickets available on the day, Adults £10, Children £5, Under 3's free.



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| 1.           | Norfolk              | 5. | Essex       | 9.  | Colchester     |  |
| 2.           | Mersea Island        | 6. | Ely         | 10. | Eddie Redmayne |  |
| 3.           | 13th century         | 7. | Chelmsford  |     |                |  |
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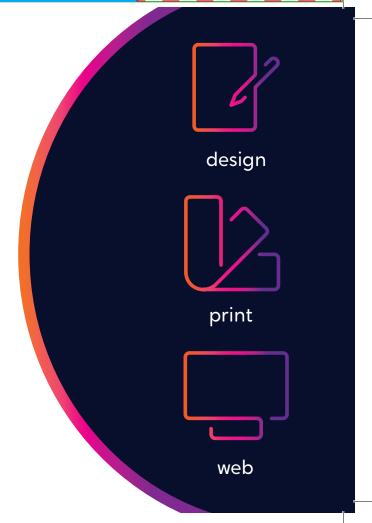
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