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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

April begins this year with Easter Sunday. What does Easter mean to you? Is there more to Easter than chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies? Christian faith reveals that we have just travelled through the most significant week of the year which Christians call Holy Week. During Holy Week, Christians around the world have gathered and accompanied Jesus through the events of his betrayal, denial, his trial, his death on a cross, his burial in a tomb and then on the 1st April, will celebrate his victory over darkness: death, sin and evil and the significance of this victory for humanity and the whole of creation.

For a pilgrim journeying through the events of Holy Week, you find that you are plunged into greater and greater depths of darkness – it is a stark and harrowing experience; an uncomfortable and lonely experience which brings you to the foot of the Cross and invites you to ponder and reflect upon your own response to suffering and injustice and to consider where God is found in all of this.

The 'waiting' time begins as Jesus is laid in a tomb and you are invited to stay and share the darkness with fellow pilgrims and discover that darkness doesn't have the last say. Darkness yields and in this process, the pilgrim's spirit is raised to the heights of heaven and the glorious light and joy of Easter. We can only begin to grasp what Easter is in the light of the Holy Week events. You can't have Easter without Good Friday. Easter makes sense because of Good Friday and why it became known as Good, as opposed to, bad Friday. Holy Week shows us the depths of God's love for humanity and the whole of creation. Holy Week and Easter changed history and transformed life forever.

Christians sometimes refer to the Easter cross as the open (or you could say, empty) cross because Christ rose from the dead. Easter draws our attention away from the darkness and refocuses us upon the light and all that is associated with the light. Easter brings renewal: renewed hope and assurance in all that God has promised.

The reality is that life teaches us that we will experience something of the Holy Week and Easter story each day of our lives to varying degrees, for instances: cross words which result in the breakdown of a relationship, bearing grudges, ignoring the plight of others etc... all the life-denying things which Christians call 'sin', but the Easter Story says that sin does not have the final word and it doesn't have to be like this - Easter speaks of forgiveness, reconciliation, the hope of restored relationships, new life and new beginnings. We all have

choices in how we respond to what Easter offers.

My prayer is that you will know and experience the truth of the Easter story and the gifts offered through the Easter story as a lived reality in your lives.

As we think about new beginnings - thank you to everyone who supported me, in lots of different ways, at my special service at Eakring when I was formally licensed Priest in Charge to the village churches.



A happy and blessed Easter to you all,

Rev Zoe

Congratulations Margaret



We send many congratulations to Margaret Ilott of Moorhouse, who will be 90 years old on April 6th.

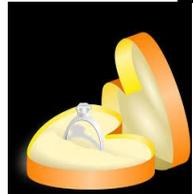
Many happy returns Margaret.

Congratulations Kenneth and Margaret

Congratulations to Kenneth and Margaret Saxelby of Moorhouse, who were married at St Lawrence Church Norwell on 7th April 1958.

They are celebrating with a holiday in Torquay where they honeymooned 60 years ago.

Love and congratulations from family and friends.



Pat's Charity Plant Stall

The plant stall outside School House will open in early May.

There will be a range of herbaceous plants followed by bedding, vegetables, tomatoes and pots, tubs, hanging baskets.

The money collected will go to charities supported by the Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest. The primary charity this year is the Pituitary Foundation followed by local charities.

Pat Naylor

In Memoriam - Hilda Wilson neé Bartle 1929 - 2018

Hilda was born at Laxton on December 7th 1929, the youngest of a family of twelve children. She used to teach at Laxton Church Sunday School.

Hilda left school at fourteen and worked at the Shop and Post Office for Mrs Maddison until 1957, when she was married at Laxton Church to Leslie Wilson of Weston. After the wedding they went to live at Tuxford. They had two children, Roy, born in 1958 and Rosemarie in 1963.

Vernon, Hilda's brother is now the only one of the twelve children still alive. Hilda had a fall recently. She developed double pneumonia later and died in hospital on Saturday 24th February 2018.

Jean Bartle

Church Yard Trees - Thank you



I do hope everyone has noticed the difference in the Church yard. We have had two more days of pruning - especially the huge ash tree at the east

end of the church and the six yew trees on the north east corner of the churchyard. It has certainly let the light in.

It is not an easy job because of all the gravestones underneath. We even found two gravestones covered in ivy in the middle under the ash tree. I would like to say a huge thank you to Will of Britnell Tree services and his two lads for all their hard work. Thanks also to George Noble, Roy Hennell, Stephen Noble, and Roy Haynes for their help. We hope to have another day soon and then get tidied up before the churchyard wants mowing.



Hot Cross Bun Service

**Sunday 30th March, 10.30am
Laxton Church**

Everyone is welcome

**Come and enjoy a cup of coffee
or tea and a hot cross bun.**



Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service



**Sunday 1st April,
3.00 pm
Moorhouse Church**

**The service will be taken by
the Rev Phil Howson**

**This will be the first service after the
church being closed for the winter.**

Village Hall Update

As mentioned in the update in the magazine last month we have submitted the Development and Business Plans to the Lottery and await feedback from them.

The Chairman delivered Title Deeds to the Hall in person to the solicitors in Wetherby and he will be submitting these to the Land Registry for registration as soon as

possible. They will keep the Deeds and make digital copies available to all so there is no risk of them ever being misplaced in the future.

Nothing much else to report. We had a Committee meeting on 20/3/18 and a report of this will appear in next months magazine. The start date for the work is still expected to be late summer but when we know the exact date we will let you know.

The Quiz night on 2/3/18 had to be cancelled due to the weather and will be rerun on FRIDAY 6/4/18.

Michael Manning



Excerpt from the Laxton, Moorhouse and Egmanton Parish Almanack, 1894

The recent snow having given time to tick a few jobs off a long and dusty 'to do' list, I have been reading the very old copies of the parish magazine we have on loan and in the ownership of the History Group. This snippet came to light and more will follow as space permits

Joy

Laxton Church Lands

'It should have been announced in last year's Almanack that after many interviews and much correspondence with the Charity Commissioners, the sale of the Laxton Church Lands to the Earl Manvers was completed on 3rd May 1892. £750 was the amount paid, and this, invested in Consols, produces a yearly income of about £21.'

Things to Do this Month

Let us know of problems with your land line telephone

- Mar 28th** Rotary Final Wednesday Speaker with Meal. South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm. £11 inc. meal and quiz. Book on 01623 823866.
- April 6th** Rescheduled Quiz Night **VH, 7.30pm**
- April 11th** WI - Theatre Masks **VH 7.30pm**
- April 12th** Coffee Morning
- April 15th** Spring Fair, Idle Valley Nature Reserve
- April 20th** History Group Supper & AGM, **VH, 7.00pm**
- April 28th** Live Jazz at Maplebeck VH, £10, Must book, see advert near back.
- May 1st** See Rattlejag Morris dance in the May at Laxton Castle. 5.20am approx.

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Coffee Morning

12th April

10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 12th April at Farms Cottage on the right near the bottom of the village.

Why not come and join us? Everyone is welcome to this informal group. You don't have to come every month and are welcome to pop in to enjoy some friendly, cheerful company.



Old Laxton Photos

We didn't get any response to our request for information about the people in the photo (right) in the collection recently given to Roy Hennell. Strangely, during this month we have received a small collection of photos from someone in Thailand who previously contacted us 8 years ago from Canada.



One of his photos is also in this set being looked into by Roy and Jean.



The photo above has been shown to a number of people and so far we have heard that the man with the pony is almost certainly William George Quibell of Copthorne with wife Reeny Rebecca and daughter Marjorie Reeny, although this was said with the comment that it is difficult to be absolutely certain because of the hats. This makes Marjorie the 'Madge Quibell' referred to in the piece on 'Sunday Nights' in the February 'Open Field'. She was born in 1907 and went on to marry George Hennell, had children Edward and Rosie and died at the grand old age of 94 in 2002.

Please contact Jean Hennell on 870276 if you can add anything to this information.

Mothers' Union

On 26th March Mother's Union will meet at Kirton Church for the Stations of the Cross, followed by supper at Frances' house. Please speak to Janet for details.

On 30th April we are having a talk from Norma Heron on 'Angel Gowns'. Mothers' Union knit garments for premature babies so this should be a very interesting talk on the wider aspect of premature babies. The meeting takes place at Janet's house at the top of Timothy Road. Everybody is welcome.

Laxton Mothers' Union will be celebrating its 120th anniversary with a special service on 24th September. More details nearer the time.

Janet

Mothering Sunday



We had a lovely service in church for Mothering Sunday taken by reader Joan Woods. She read a story for the children and then later told them the story of how Mothering Sunday

and the posies came about. She also told the story about Simnel cake and the eleven disciples. During the service the



children made some posies for their mothers.

Thanks to Stuart and Simon for reading and to Janet for providing the Simnel cake and tea.



Laxton History Group

Invite you to attend their

Historic Tasting Supper

With food celebrating the 1700s,

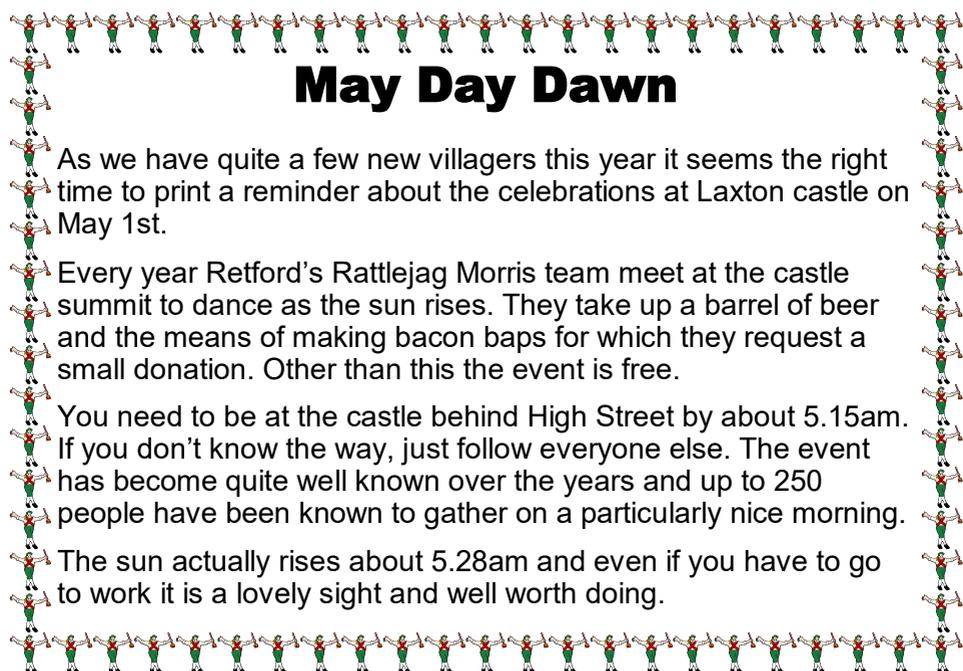
Friday 20th April

7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

followed by the 2018 AGM

Tickets £7 from Jean Hennell 870276

Please bring your own drink and glasses



May Day Dawn

As we have quite a few new villagers this year it seems the right time to print a reminder about the celebrations at Laxton castle on May 1st.

Every year Retford's Rattlejag Morris team meet at the castle summit to dance as the sun rises. They take up a barrel of beer and the means of making bacon baps for which they request a small donation. Other than this the event is free.

You need to be at the castle behind High Street by about 5.15am. If you don't know the way, just follow everyone else. The event has become quite well known over the years and up to 250 people have been known to gather on a particularly nice morning.

The sun actually rises about 5.28am and even if you have to go to work it is a lovely sight and well worth doing.

Laxton's Historic Open Field Farming System - Latest News

The Visitor Centre Trust and Parish Council's efforts to publicise the present situation in which Laxton finds itself, facing the search for a new Lord of the Manor, was picked up by the BBC in March. On Wednesday 7th March, they discussed who they thought should be interviewed and suggested Laxton people would be the best choice. As a result they interviewed both Mike Manning and Stuart Rose to put the perspective as Chair of the Parish Council and a member of the farming community respectively. Stuart was asked to conduct part of his interview in the fields and part in the Visitor Centre.

The resulting item was broadcast on East Midlands News programmes on Thursday 8th March at 6.25 and 7.25am with a longer piece at lunch time that day and a piece which was longer still the same evening.

Several contacts have since been received from people who watched the broadcasts with offers to help support the community in various ways.

The Parish Council meeting on 27/3/18 will be discussing the matter and Sir John Starkey will give an update on progress and activities since the public meeting. Details in next month's magazine.

Kirton Road Closure Notice

Notice has been received that Kirton Road, which runs between Kirton and Egmonton, will be closed between 21.00pm and 6.00am on 4th, 5th and 6th April to enable works on the railway bridge which spans it near the Kirton end.

As there are no turnings off this road and you will be unable to get through, you are advised not to plan use this route during this period.

Events to Look Forward To

There are two weekend events already in the diary for the summer. Tony, Bishop of Sherwood will be visiting our Group of churches over the weekend of **8th, 9th and 10th June**. Details are yet to be announced. On **July 7th and 8th** The annual Open Churches weekend takes place. We will be working on the theme 'Wedding Fair'.

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Laxton Cricket

Our reproduction of Jo Godson's researches from the Retford newspapers was suspended recently due to the amount of information coming forth about the future of the village, so lest it gets forgotten, here is the final section relating to the Laxton Cricket Club's Whist drives and dances.

16th April 1926

A whist drive and dance was held in the schoolroom on Friday in aid of the Cricket Club. The event was a success and an enjoyable evening was spent. The following kindly gave prizes;- Ladies': Mr John Turner, Mr Cartledge and Mr A Dodd. Gentlemens':- Mr W Quibell, Mr Bayles and Mr W Beckett.

The prize winners were;

Ladies; 1 Mr Leslie Waterfield (playing as a lady) 2 Mr J Quibell (playing as a lady) 3 Mrs Frank Sampson.

Gentlemen; 1 Mr Cyril Rayner 2 Mr Frank Sampson 3 Mr Percy Moody.

Mr G Andrews acted as MC for the whist and Mr J Beckett for the dance. The pianist was Miss Alice Beckett. Members of the committee take this opportunity of thanking all who helped in any way to make the occasion so successful. The proceeds, after deducting expenses amounted to nearly £5. The club's first match is at home on May 1st v Sutton-on-Trent.

27th January 1939

A whist drive and dance was held in the schoolroom on Friday. Excellent prizes were on view and were later presented by Miss Cox to the following:

Ladies: 1 Miss Bailey; 2 Miss Cawood, Tuxford: 3 Mrs Dickenson.

Gents: 1 Mr T Marrison 2 Mr W Moody 3 Mr R Clark.

Other prizes were won by Master A Frecknall and Mr H Dickenson.

Mr Syd Greathead's hand provided music for dancing. Although total proceeds were lower than previous efforts organised by the committee the event has put the club in a much happier position financially.

Many thanks to Jo for this. In the absence of a current club in the village and with the approach of the cricket season, next month we will include some of the scores from the early 1900s. Villagers with relatives dating back to those days will be able to enjoy their successes and sympathise with their difficulties once again.

Laxton History Group



We have two significant events coming up this year - our 100th meeting, which occurs in May, and our 10th anniversary in November.

To mark these we are having a celebration visit to Thoresby Hall, the former home of the last locally resident Lords of the Manor of Laxton, for afternoon tea. All members are welcome to join us but need to let Jean Hennell know if they are able to come. The event is on 16th May.

As we are out in the afternoon, we will be able to join Norwell Parish Heritage Group for their meeting that evening. By happy coincidence that meeting features a discussion between our Honorary President, Prof. John Beckett and Norwell's chairman, Prof. Michael Jones entitled 'Laxton and Norwell: an open and closed case'. The price for this meeting is £3 per person, payable on the door but we have to notify numbers in advance. If you would like to go please let Jean or Joy know (870276 / 871506).

A further treat to be enjoyed by 12 members a little later in the year is a tour of Welbeck Abbey. There are a limited number of tours each August and we have been trying for several years to secure tickets. This year we have been successful and all places are allocated.

Our last meeting in February took a look back to the forties with Brian Howes. Brian gave us a highly entertaining, informative and funny, yet poignant talk on "Life on the Home Front" drawing considerably on personal anecdotes and memories of his own family in Nottingham. He interweaved his talk with interesting quiz questions for which old fashioned sweeties were the prize - Sandra seemed to win a considerable number of these! He played wartime music i.e. Glen Miller, Vera Lynn etc. on an old gramophone at various points during his talk which added considerably to the mood of the evening.

A display including artefacts from daily living, toys, sweet coupons and an old record player with appropriate records was there for us to scrutinise later.

Interesting facts relating to Nottinghamshire included 22,000 children were evacuated from the city to villages, 23,000 Anderson Shelters were erected, 11 air raids occurred at one point and following this fields were set alight as fire decoys, many square miles of ground were used for cultivating food in Dig for Victory and Chad Valley and Waddington's were allowed to keep making games as this was felt it would keep children happy. Only the cardboard/paper type games were allowed to

continue being made. Anything with metal, of course, had to be used for the war effort. Metal Box in Mansfield and Sutton in Ashfield produced items for war.

Brian's parents actually bought a house where a really large shelter with several rooms had been built into the side of the garden. He had brought a plan to display. No animals were allowed into the public air raid shelters. The worst air raids in Nottingham in May 1941 killed 159 and injured hundreds. Worst hit was Co-op Bakery where 48 died and 20 injured.

Fun was not out of the question and Brian told us about Black out Fun Fairs - one notable one was in Derby. Everything was covered with a big circus like tent and wardens in lorries continually looked at the top of the tent to see if lights were showing. There were fines for anyone showing lights in a blackout

Brian rounded off an excellent evening by playing music etc. to celebrate VE Day.

Our March meeting when we will be screening a heritage film entitled 'Rural Britain' will take place after this edition of Open Field goes to be printed and will be reported next month.

It seems hardly possible that we are almost round to another AGM and Historic Supper. This year it takes place on **FRIDAY 20th April** at Laxton Village Hall, 7.00p for 7.30pm start. The event is open to everyone and will cost £7 per person. Please bring your own drink and glasses. This year we are going a bit further back in time and will be preparing and tasting dishes from the 1700s.

Booking is essential for catering purposes. Tickets are available from Jean Hennell at Corner Farm or on 870276.

New Norwell History Booklet Available

Norwell Parish Heritage Group have just published their latest booklet 'Norwell and the Great War'. This is their 8th heritage booklet, and it has been published without the aid of HLF grant funding. There is a charge of £4 per copy for non members.

If you would like to buy a copy, they are available from Norwell shop or from Elizabeth Jones (contact emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or call 01636 636365). Postage is an additional £1.25 per copy if you are unable to collect. If you wait until Laxton History Group members visit Norwell in May prepaid copies can be brought back to Laxton.

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The Licensing of Revd Zoe Burton



Bishop Paul Williams, Revd Zoe Burton, Archdeacon David Picken

Pancake day celebrated the licensing at St Andrew's Church, Eakring of Revd Zoe Burton. The service was led by Bishop Paul Williams and the Area Dean, Revd Canon Mark Adams. This now formally installs her as the Priest in

Charge of the parishes of Moorhouse and Laxton, Egmonton, Bilsthorpe, Eakring, Kneesall, Kirton, Walesby, Rufford and Ollerton with Boughton.

Although Zoe and her team have been serving in these communities for some time, the licensing formally commissions them to lead and support the parishes in their service.

The service had a wonderful air of celebration – with gifts shared and pancakes enjoyed in the hall following.

Rev. Phil

Problems with Telephone Service

We have heard from a small number of people who are experiencing problems with their land line telephone service in Laxton. The Parish Meeting in Egmonton is at present communicating with BT about similar problems being experienced in their village. It makes sense to bring to notice the similar problems being experienced in Laxton, not least because the line to Laxton runs through Egmonton.

Egmonton parish meeting need to have names and numbers from people in Laxton who are having problems with crackling, intermittent dead lines, broadband dropping out due to line failures etc. Without your individual details it will not be possible to press for action for you, so if you would like the problems you are experiencing taken up on your behalf, please contact Dik on 871506 if you would like to add your name to those to be looked into. BT have said they will be working on the box in Egmonton, so if your problems continue, or even hopefully are resolved, it would be helpful to know.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

March / APRIL 2018

HC = Holy Communion EP = Evening Prayer MP = Morning Prayer

Es = Evensong WfA = Worship for All

25th March

9am

10.30am

Palm Sunday

Laxton HC

Kirton HC

Holy Week

March 30th - Good Friday

10.30am

'Hot Cross Bun' service Laxton

Sunday 1st April - Easter Day

9am

10.30am

3pm

Kirton HC Egmonton HC and Walesby HC

Kneesall HC and Wellow HC

Moorhouse HC

8th April

9am

10.30am

4pm

Easter 2

Walesby HC

Laxton HC

Egmonton Es

15th April

9am

10.30am

Easter 3

Egmonton HC, Walesby HC

Wellow HC, Boughton HC

22nd April

9am

10.30am

Easter 4

Moorhouse HC

Kirton MP

29th April

10.30am

Easter 5 (Rogation Sunday)

Rogation Sunday on Laxton Common

Revd Zoe's number at the Vicarage: (01623) 862818.

Tuesday 10th April – 'Open Vestry Hour' for baptism and wedding enquiries 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle, New Ollerton. Alternatively phone the Church Administrator, Eileen, on Mon / Fri mornings 10am -12.30pm **07983 946930** or email: **churchadmin1931@gmail.com**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018

Apr 6th

Village Hall Quiz Night (rescheduled)

Apr 11th

WI

Apr 12th

Coffee Morning

April 15th

Spring Fair, Idle Valley Nature Reserve

Apr 18th

History Group

Apr 30th

MU



Forward Planning

May 12th & 13th

Notts County Show, Newark

May 13th

Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair

May 22nd

Parish Council with Annual Parish Meeting

Jun 1st

Moorhouse Garden Fête

Jun 8th - 10th

Bishop's visit to our Group of churches

Jul 7th & 8th

Open Churches Weekend 'Wedding Fair'

Jul 15th

Strawberry Tea

Jul 24th, Sep 25th, Nov 27th Parish Council

Sept 24th

MU Service of Celebration for 120 years

NB New entries appear in ***bold italics*** for the first month.

If you know the date of a meeting or an event, please pass it on so that others can take it into account when planning.

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Laxton WI



Nottinghamshire Federation of WIs continue to celebrate their centenary and Brenda will represent us at a Civic Reception in Newark Town Hall.

This year's Notts Show group class on the theme of 'Reclaim, Recycle, Reuse' is proving a challenge. Lesley and Sally will make the collage and have an idea for our staging, but a craft item is still needed using recycled materials. We were to get an inspiration for that later in the meeting.

Brenda has made bookings for meetings later this year and early next to be held at Egmonton Village Hall. The party had already been booked there before the Laxton closure was put back and with arrangements made, we will be holding our party in Egmonton Village Hall on 4th April.

Brenda gave details of some forthcoming meetings. In April we will welcome Stephen John talking about 'Masks for the Theatre'. In May we will be discuss the Resolutions for the national AGM followed by a supper. June sees our annual outing. Sandra circulated details of the four options she has found for us and asked members to indicate which they prefer.



Our speaker was one of our members, Elizabeth Banks, whose display of exquisite eggs had welcomed us to the hall. In a very appropriate talk shortly before Easter, she explained that she was going to demonstrate how to make items using the sections cut out from large eggs when making her decorated marvels.

The earliest decorated egg was found in the 4th century in Germany and the art appears world wide in folk art. Carl Fabergé's first Easter egg for the Russian Royal family was solid gold with a solid gold 'yolk' containing a solid gold hen inside which was a diamond crown and a ruby pendant!

Elizabeth thanks the birds which provide the raw material - and the shells are, of course, recycled. To begin you need to have a whole egg, emptied of its contents. Elizabeth described the technique for blowing an egg with only one hole and also that nothing is wasted as she freezes the contents



for use in baking later. Larger eggs are obtained from commercial suppliers. As a side-line to her demonstration, Elizabeth had prepared a quiz based on identifying the species of eggs on her table.

The first task in working on an egg is to cut out the required shapes. When Elizabeth learned some 20 years ago at Denman College, she had been shown how to do it with an elastic band to mark the shapes and a hack saw to cut! There is now a twelve sided device which gently but firmly holds the egg while you mark it up with a pencil in a clamp.

Elizabeth had brought cut outs from earlier eggs and began by gluing them to cards and a blank brooch setting. For speed of setting this was done with a glue gun. For the brooch, she placed a small

pad of cotton wool behind the shell to protect it from knocks.

Transfers are used to decorate the egg surface. These are



prepared by soaking in warm water then sliding into position and smoothing down. Once they have dried into place the joint between egg and base is concealed with decorative materials. This can include frilled ribbon, braid or lengths of tiny pearl beads. Bows and other embellishments are then positioned to complete the effect. The cards had an added greeting and an insert suitable for the occasion.



Everyone watched in great admiration as Elizabeth produced the pieces and one member asked where she got her endless patience. She spoke for us all. A very big thank you to Elizabeth. The results were beautiful and having been donated as raffle prizes thrilled the three winners. The egg quiz had us all perplexed. There was a huge range of sizes and colours, including one



very dark green one, which was later revealed to belong to an emu. The winner, with 6 correct answers, was Lesley Booth.

Having completed her demonstration, Elizabeth was asked to judge the Easter Bonnets which members had brought. They made a very pretty display. The delighted winner was Chris Walker, one of our newer members. Sandra Clarke came second and Cynthia Beale third.

Our party is at Egmonton on April 4th. The next monthly meeting takes place at Laxton Village Hall on April 11th **and to fit with the theme of our talk on 'Masks for the Theatre', the competition will be for 'a mask'.**



Rotary News

Our speaker on 28th March is Phil Randell with 'Astronomy'. All welcome. Contact me on 07711 802683 or phone South Forest Leisure Centre on 01623 823866. 7pm for 7.15. £11pp includes meal and speaker. Transport available for up to four people from Laxton.

The two Robin Hood Award winners, for services to their communities,

presented by the President, Stella Herbert, of the Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest. On the left is Beverley Pottinger from Tuxford's Forget Me Nots and on the right is Nicola Batty from Kirton.



Jeff Naylor

Rogation Service

Sunday 29th April, 10.30am

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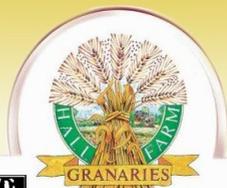
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Ready for Winter Snow

Near the beginning..... and nearing the end.....

Winter 1939/40

Our Moorhouse roads were blocked for 3 weeks. Les Noble walked to school in Laxton on top of the snow drifts. George Saxelby took his son Noel, 9, to Ossington school on a cart horse.

Schools were open then!



*One fire in the kitchen for hot water and cooking,
Coal fetched from the pit with horse and cart,
Loads of logs and lots of sticks.
Paraffin for table lamp and lanterns,
Methylated spirits for the primus,
Candles, tapers, spills and matches.*

*Vests, liberty bodices, combinations,
Woolly jumpers, pixie hoods and leggings,
Knitted socks and scarves and mittens,
Both in and out of doors.*

*One cwt of flour and sugar,
Jam of all kinds and bottled fruit,
Pork pies and souses, bone pies and scraps,
Potatoes in the pie and cured pig in the attic.*



*One "new fangled" tap. One old stone trough,
Frozen solid, refusing to thaw.
One ancient pump to prime.
One hundred times, two, three and more,
Tired arms for a child ...And hard.
Three score cows and beast in the yard,
Need lots of water to drink.
Still not enough!*

*Bricks in the oven, warmed for the beds.
The candle blows out on the stairs.
You're in the dark, - nobody knows,
Frightened and shivering cold.*

And icicles on the inside of the windows.

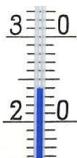


February 2018.

Snow and temperatures below zero for a week.

Electricity now..... and so -

*Lights and fires and central heating,
To stop us all from nearly freezing
Cookers, micros, fridges and freezers.
Ready meals and infernal pizzas.*



*Blankets, water bottles and fleeces,
As the temperature decreases
Hot chocolate, coffee and tea
All are needed for the likes of me.*

*Incarcerated in the house,
Unable to venture out
The biting wind, the freezing cold,
Far too much for the very old*



*'Shut that Door' the constant refrain."
'Shut that Door' forever, and again.
SHUT THAT DOOR!*

MWS

Thank You to Thoresby Archives

During the History Group's work on the recently published booklets we made contact with the team cataloguing and managing the family and Estate archives at Thoresby. They kindly allowed us to copy some of the documents they still hold about Laxton.

The team, headed by Rowan McFerran, is still working through the boxes of documents and has recently found items of interest to both the Village Hall Committee and the History Group. These include original documentation relating to the conveyance of Laxton School - marked 'Known as the Big School' - to the Trustees Laxton Village Hall.

Other documents relate to the management of the Open Field strips and associated land following the reorganisation of the strips into the areas we see today. One of these is a signed original.

Both organisations thank them for their kindness and for thinking of us.

The Dukeries Singers



"What a difference a day makes!" Yesterday slushy snow and seemingly no end to winter and today we have glorious sunshine and the temptation to leave off a couple of thermal layers. However we have only missed one practise night due to inclement weather. Our far flung members travel from Newark, Worksop, Mansfield Woodhouse, Warsop and Mansfield and all points between in order to make music together. What a hardy and loyal set of singers.

We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm. until 9-15pm. in the Concert Hall at The Dukeries Academy in Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

You can find out more about the Choir on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and our website: www.thedukeriessingers.com

Our Diary Dates

Sun 22nd Apr Celebrating St. George's Day at St.Giles' Church, Old Ollerton. This is a great family fun day and we can indulge in performing all the patriotic songs we can find.

Sat 12th May Concert at Farndon Parish Church. Singing here is a joy as we have so many friends in the community.

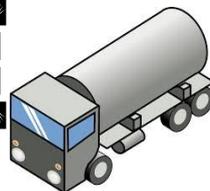
We still have three engagements to confirm with Weston Church, a joint concert with Newstead Abbey Singers and the R.A.F.A. Club Newark.

Please contact our Concert Secretary Phil on **01623 822070** if you would like to book the Choir for your fund raising, charity or celebration event. He would be delighted to hear from you.

Have a lovely spring as you 'Tip Toe through the Daffodils!' (Bit early for Tulips!)

Jan

Group Oil Order



Nobody will be surprised to know that the price of oil has headed north while the temperatures headed south. The recent very cold weather may mean people need a refill somewhat earlier than expected. Please get in touch if you think this applies to you and we will see if there seems to be a sufficient need to look at another order before the end of summer or to bring that order forward a little.

Joy

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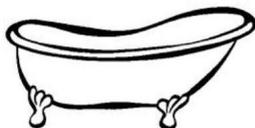
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3/3/18	36	Dave and Joyce
10/3/18	50	Ian and Jackie

Thank you all for your continuing support for our Sports Field. The total number of balls is 59, the same as the National Lottery. There are numbers available. **If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 1,11,52,53,56,57 and 59. Anyone with a current ball is also invited to take another.**

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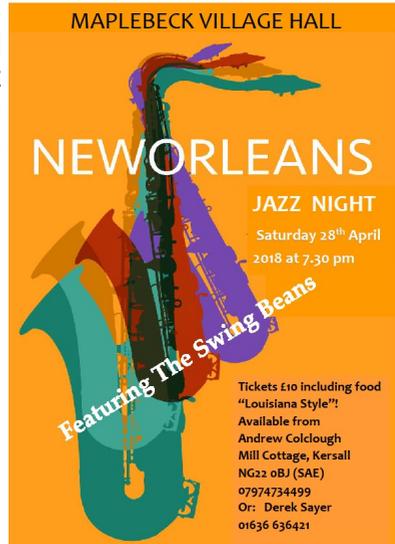
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Book Club	Tues 7.30pm <i>24th Apr, 5th Jun</i>

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