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Jessica Rose of Laxton, the Newly Elected Chair of the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs with Vice Chairs Alex McMenemy and Luke Brignall

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We always welcome contributions and can help if you are not sure how to write what you want to say.

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Contributions for the next edition to be with the Editor by **NOON ON 16th APRIL PLEASE. Earlier preferred.** You can send in your contributions at any time.

Important Notice Regarding Open Field

As you may have seen in the February edition, Joy and Jean are stepping back from their positions as compiler and editor of Open Field after 22 years as a team. Jean was editing the magazine previously!

Their last edition will be this June, which is approaching rapidly. As yet no one has come forward individually or as a team to take over the role, if this does not happen the Open Field will cease to exist. Joy and Jean have offered to help any individual or team initially to get started but time is running out!

If you are interested in being involved with the Open Field going forward please contact Joy or Jean as soon as possible (contact details in the front of the magazine.)

Once again many thanks to both Joy and Jean for their many years of service to the excellent Open Field magazine of Laxton and Moorhouse.

Simon Hill, Churchwarden

A Big Thank You and a Plea for Help

A big thank you to those people who rang the police and stopped us losing the church heating oil. They all know who they are, but I don't want to put names in the magazine. It was thanks to their quick thinking and action that two of the thieves were arrested soon after and the oil was recovered - even if it has been taken away as evidence!

Help is needed for our church. There are a number of jobs which need doing to keep things running and they could be managed by a group of willing volunteers.

If anyone thinks they have time to help with the church - the day to day looking after things, cleaning, helping with refreshments after services, putting out hymn books at services and generally stewarding etc. - we would like to hear from you.

Dave does a good job of mowing the churchyard, but we need someone with a strimmer to help him.

Please contact Jean or Janet if you could help.



**Group Service for
Easter Sunday**

5th April

Kirton Church

10.30am

Rev Alistair will take the service

Everyone is very welcome



**There will be a service of
Easter Praise**

On 5th April

Moorhouse Church

3.00pm

Heather B will lead the service

Everyone is very welcome

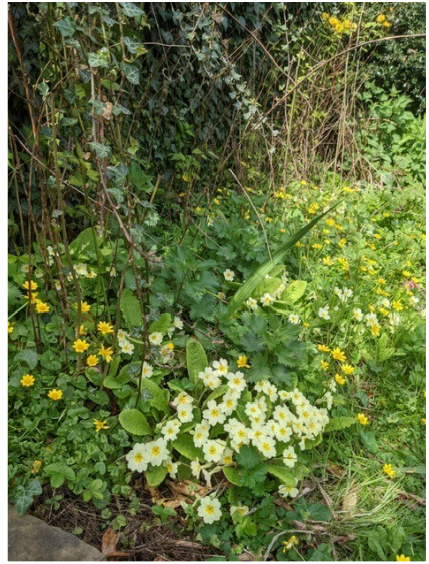
Get Well Soon

Our Churchwarden, Brenda, is still in hospital, We send very best wishes to her and our thoughts are with her, George, Paula, Lee and Ruby at this difficult time.

We are pleased to have better news of Daphne, who is doing well back at home. Long may it continue and we hope to see her about soon.

We have similar good news of Mary, who has been in hospital for surgery but is now home and doing well. We look forward to seeing her skipping about the village pain free in the very near future.

We are unaware of anyone else who is unwell, but send very best wishes to anyone who is not well and to people supporting friends and family at this time.



Coffee Morning Corner

2nd Saturdays Egmonton Village Hall 10 - 12 11th Apr

3rd Saturdays Laxton Village Hall, 10:00 - 12:00 18th Apr

4th Saturdays Ossington Hut, 11 - 1 25th Apr

This event will include a
Charity Plant and Cake Sale

Ossington Luncheon Club at the Hut 12.45pm 27th April

Laxton Community Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our monthly coffee morning on Saturday 21st February. Although numbers were down, those that did attend were incredibly generous.

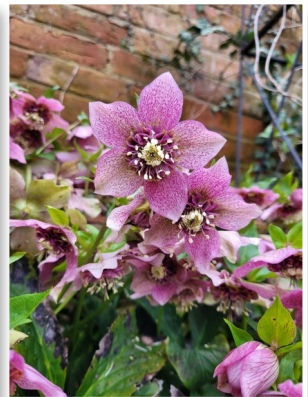
£251.51 was raised for Diabetes UK. Sundry expenses were covered as usual by the regular "petty cash kitty".

I would like to particularly thank our bakers and those that donated raffle prizes. And of course, without a dedicated team of helpers these events would be impossible to run.

Our March event, which will have happened by the time you are reading this, will be our third anniversary event. It will also be a charitable fundraiser in memory of Karen Sanford, so we hope to be able to report bumper takings next month.

Raffle prizes and cake donations always gratefully received. THANK YOU.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new at another regular coffee morning in April, so please put Saturday 18th in our diary.



Thanks to Helen Sheard for these lovely Spring photos

Laxton WI Invite you to a

Fashion Show

Laxton Village Hall

Weds. 29th April

7pm for 7.30pm start

£6.00 inc. light refreshments

Contact Margaret 07826 429987

If you have booked with Brenda, please confirm with Margaret so she has a complete list.

Lambing Bingo

Tuxford Young Farmers are running another Lambing Bingo charity fund raiser. This time the proceeds will go to Nottingham City Hospitals Charity for the Maxillofacial department and their own funds.

The game raised a total of £480, and TYFC would like to thank everyone who played.

Big thanks also go to Jem for helping his sheep to participate. Judging by the number of photos and ewe numbers appearing some days, he had a busy time of it. The final numbers to win the full house were drawn on 19th February.



Chop & Chat

Chop & Chat is becoming the new yardstick by which to measure the passage of time. It seemed we had hardly cleared away the pots from the February meeting and we were back in the Hall preparing for March.

This time Dave had bought some tasty joints of pork, which we enjoyed with the usual vegetables, duly prepared by those who had come early to chop (and chopped in record time!) and a dollop of apple sauce for good measure.



We were promised a surprise pudding, and everyone was trying to guess what this could be as Dave was whisking custard. Nobody managed to get it right. This time it was cornflake tart, and very nice it was too. Everyone certainly seems to come with an appetite for these get togethers. Maybe all the chatting gives you an appetite?

We eat around 12.45pm. If you can't make it before, please join us by about 12.30pm.

We should meet again on April 6th, but this is Easter Monday, so the lunch has been put back a week and will take place on **13th April**, starting as usual from around 10.30-11am.

A similar problem will arise in May, with our normal date being Bank Holiday. This hasn't been a problem before as we only met for 6 months when we were dependent on funding. Now we are paying for our meals (a modest £5 a time), we can meet when we like, so a 'May' lunch will be held on 27th April. This will be confirmed next month.

There will be a break in meetings in the Hall over the summer to give Dave a rest, but the talk has already turned to 'going on tour' again, so look out for where we might be turning up at local eating places in the coming months.

Please let Helen know if you will be joining us in April for catering numbers.

National Role for Jessica

Jessica Rose from Laxton has been elected as the new Chair of The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (NFYFC).

Jessica will represent rural young people across England and Wales, alongside two Vice Chairs who were also elected on 22 February 2026 – Alex McMenemy and Luke Brignall.

All three officers will also join the NFYFC's Board of Management, and be instrumental in helping to deliver NFYFC's new five-year plan.

A member of Tuxford YFC since she was 17 years old, Jessica has been part of the NFYFC officer team for the past two years as its Vice Chair of Council.

NFYFC Chair of Council 2026-27 Jessica said:

"It's a huge honour to be elected to represent more than 560 Young Farmers' Clubs across England and Wales and more than 23,000 members.

"We are only six years' away from NFYFC's 100-year anniversary where we will celebrate the impact our organisation has made on rural communities over 10 decades.

"I hope to promote the positive impact YFC has within local communities. YFC provide vital connections in rural areas. Bringing together and inspiring all generations".

"I am excited to be leading the NFYFC Council in the year we are launching a new strategy for our organisation. I want to use my experience to help futureproof the longevity of YFC, ensuring more generations benefit and enjoy all it has to offer".

"I have grown up in a farming family but didn't pursue a career in the industry. I am hoping my story will inspire others not directly involved in farming to join YFC to develop their skills and friendships by belonging to their local club."



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Congratulations to everyone celebrating a special event this month. We wish you all a wonderful day and a happy and healthy year to come.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to everyone celebrating this month. The birthday roll of honour for this month is:

Margaret Saxelby (98), Jean Morton, Brenda Chambers, Roy Hennell, Roy Saddington, Cath Manning, Jacqueline Smith, Joyce Stone, Andrew Hill, Roger Beckitt, Christine R, Joan Cottee, Paul C, Tara P, Jennifer James, Andrea Bown, John O and Derek Storton.

ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating this months are: Richard & Diane Wood and John & Sue.

Congratulations to you all

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Village Hall News



“Chop & Chat”

The next one will be on **Monday 13th April**, starting around 10.30am. NB this is a week later than our normal schedule because of Easter Monday falling the previous week.

This is our monthly luncheon club and will be taking place in Laxton Village Hall. The charge is a £5 per person which covers a morning coffee and two course lunch.

Everyone is welcome. Please let Helen Sheard know if you intend to come to help with catering numbers.

Quiz

The Laxton Village hall quiz was held on Friday 6th March and was enjoyed by all. As ever, there was a good turnout from Laxton and surrounding villages, with over 60 taking part in trying to answer the questions (many thanks to Joan & Roger Cottee for these).

We were all fed well, with thanks to the kitchen team orchestrated by Lesley Booth. Along with the raffle, we raised over £700 for the Village Hall funds.

A date for your diaries - the 'Christmas' quiz will be held on Friday 27th November (the last Friday in November).

The “**Pilates**” class is run by Rachel, who asks for 4-week block bookings up front which cost £28 for the block or £8.50 for an individual session.

Please contact Helen Sheard if you are interested. It is held at Laxton Village Hall on Thursday evenings from 18:30 to 19:30. It is aimed at all levels, so beginners are very welcome. Get in touch if you are interested.

It's YOUR Hall for YOUR events

Laxton Village Hall can be hired to host any form of event. All details can be found on the Laxton Village Hall website www.laxtonvh.org.uk.

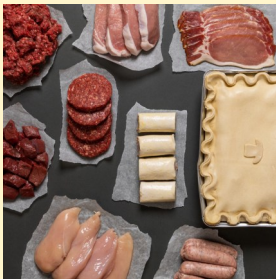
The Facilities tab shows what is available. The Bookings tab has the details of rates (which are discounted for village residents) as well as a booking calendar where you can check to see if the date / time you are interested in is currently free. There is a booking enquiry form for you to complete with the details of your event.

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Other news

Laxton Village Hall is now a good cause in the Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery. You can all sign up for a chance to win and to support the Village Hall starting at £1 per week. For each ticket sold, our good cause gets 60p.

For more info use the QR code, or the link below. [It's a great way to support your village hall.](https://www.newarkandsherwoodlottery.co.uk/referral/1499120727/192397949?utm_source>manual)



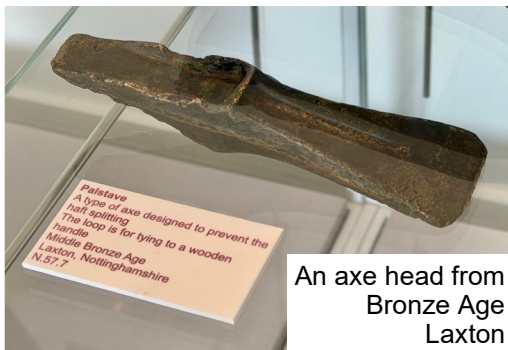
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As ever, thank you all for your continued support. The Hall is a great asset to our community and we encourage you all to make use of it. Our goal as trustees of the Hall is *“Managing and maintaining Laxton Village Hall for the benefit of the community of Laxton, Nottinghamshire and the surrounding villages”*. We urge you all to make the most of it.

The Village Hall trustees are: Ian Robinson, Lesley Booth, Stuart Rose, Charlotte Gregory, Margaret Palmer, Sarah Stringer, Helen Pick, Linda Malloy, Karen Singleton and Heidi Keay.

Spotted in Nottingham

During a recent visit to the University of Nottingham to see an exhibition, we took advantage of the Archaeology Museum being next door and had a look round. Imagine our surprise to see items from both Laxton and Tuxford dating back a long time.



An axe head from
Bronze Age
Laxton



An arrow head from
Neolithic Tuxford

News From The Museums of Tuxford

The museums have been looking at Royal connections.



The Museum of the Horse has acquired a wonderful historical object - a ceremonial blinker. This is the part of the bridle that partly covers the eye of the horse so it can't see behind it. If they could, some horses would get spooked by the carriage chasing them.

The silver decorated blinker is from the harness of the Prince Regent (later George IV), decorated with the Prince of Wales's feathers as well as the King's crown, and garlands with the prince's initials on them. Its amazing black patination to the silver

contrasts well with ceremonial harness we have from the Saddlers company, which has been sparkling for many years. Do come and have a look.

The Walks of Life Museum will be celebrating the rich history of tea drinking.

National Tea Day started in 2015. It is held each year on April 21st, which was the late Queen Elizabeth II's birthday. It aims to encourage appreciating the social aspect of tea drinking.



In 2022 The children of Tuxford Primary Academy planted Queen Elizabeth roses on the 70th anniversary of her reign. We often have a lovely display in our memory garden. We also now have a shrine to St Barbara, patron saint of miners.

Events: Saturday 25th April Celebrating tea drinking 11am to 4 pm. In aid of Retford Parkinsons group. Tea and cake at the Walks of Life Museum. There will be a raffle. Please bring your bear but no drinking out of the tea pots!

Thursday 14th May Museum of the Horse - Recording.

‘Understanding and Preserving our Built Heritage, A Joint Approach.’

This event is by kind invitation of Sally Mitchell. It is open to conservation professionals and enthusiasts. It is organised by the Building Preservation Trust, and Jason Mordan, Conservation Officer.

There will be Morning seminars in the museum’s conference room with practical seminars in the afternoon to demonstrate a variety of conservation work.

Details and bookings available at www.nbpt.co.uk

Future events: June 20th major side saddle exhibition. One of the largest collections of side saddles in the world

Sunday 13th September Society of Equestrian Artists exhibition

Museum of The Horse Monday-Friday 9.30 - 4 pm, Saturday closes 1.30pm

Contact: 01777 838234 or curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk

Walks of Life Thursday and Saturday 11am - 4 pm

Contact: 01777 872776 or dianehunt08@btinternet.com

Group visits on other days by arrangement

Also see our Facebook pages



**Laxton & Moorhouse
Community Coffee Morning**

All are welcome for coffee and cakes

Laxton Village Hall 10:30am - 12:30

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

July 25th

September 19th

October 17th

November 21st

December the



THIS MONTH'S SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES
APRIL

HC = Holy Communion, **EP** = Evening Prayer, **WS** = Word
MP = Morning Prayer, **Es** = Evensong **WfA** = Worship for All

29th March Palm Sunday

10.30am Laxton Group Service Rev Alistair

3rd April Good Friday

Wellow ?

5th April Easter Sunday

10.30am Kirton Group Service Rev Alistair

3.00pm Moorhouse Family Service Heather B

12th April

10.30am Egmanton **HC** Rev Alistair

9th May

9.30am Laxton **HC** Rev Allison Jones

Please note the service marked ? Is one for which we have no details of the vicar.

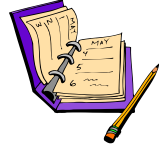
Please note that this month's list is incomplete because in Brenda's absence nobody has provided the information. If you usually go to one of the other services in the group, we suggest you contact them to confirm arrangements.



APRIL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Mon 13th **Chop & Chat**
Weds 8th **WI**
Weds 15th **History Group**
Sat 18th **Coffee Morning**
Weds 29th **WI Fashion Show**



Forward Planning:

MAY

Sat 9th **Nottinghamshire County Show**

NOVEMBER

Fri 27th **Village Hall Christmas Quiz**

Regular Events:

Parish Council 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Please note meetings now take place in the Village Hall.

**Copy Date for May 2026 edition:
12 noon, 16th April 2026**

Please let us have your contributions in good time. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. Late arrivals are unlikely to make it into print.

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Laxton WI Goes Native

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

This month we met Edward, who is the mastermind behind Meadowmakers. Edward is committed, enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the native flora which is so important to our world, and he shared all this with us.

Edward's focus is not just on the large, showy flowers and plants that bring us so much pleasure, but on the modest small plants and flowers that you will find when you part the grass and look much closer to the earth. Natural meadows should contain them all. These are the true native species, and they have value beyond riches.

Meadowmakers not only exists to educate and conserve the natural world, but Edward cultivates and grows most of the native British species. These he takes to shows, speaks to audiences and does a healthy trade in sales both online and in person. His van is his mobile shop and, as he demonstrated, he can have his attractive stall with its plants and photographs set up in a very short time.



When Edward starts to speak, the enthusiasm for his world is infectious. Not only are the smaller, less flamboyant blooms in themselves very pretty, but their adaptations and growth areas show how versatile they are. It is this apparent simplicity which holds the greatest gift. It is the fact that the insect pollinators we rely on to keep the food plants producing can only access the simple blooms on these plants to feed themselves and keep their numbers viable. The more sophisticated blooms which have been cultivated for size of flower are not any use to our bees, moths and insects. We need our native plants to survive.

The exciting thing for all of us is that the problem is people sized. We do not need to take massive measures to provide the habitat. All the scabious, wild garlic, snakes head fritillary and a host of other plants need is a small plot no bigger than a cot mattress, and the fertility of

your garden will increase magnificently. The best of the surprise is how lovely the small flowers are, so while we enjoy the plethora of colour of the more cultivated plants we can still increase the native flowers.

If all this has sounded a bit dry and academic, then I have done Edward a disservice. The evening was broken by his tales of plant hunting and his sometimes helpful family. Lovely stories about plant sales and the people he has met swept the evening along.

For more details, information and outlines of where Edward is available, please visit his website: www.Meadowmakers.co.uk

We eventually got to buy some of the plants we were talking about during the evening, and they were all extremely good quality and beautifully packaged. It was an invigorating evening after the long, dreary winter. How good it was to be looking forward to planting, raising and seeing some of the little plants that are so valuable to us. Perhaps we shall see members of the WI becoming evangelists to the cause of conservation and care of the environment.

Be cautious though - should you find yourself moved to entwine wild garlic in your hair, I fear you are probably beyond help!

Next month is our AGM. All are welcome.

Sports Field Bonus Ball Weekly Draw

Date	Bonus Ball No.	Winner
14/2/26	14	A decision has been made by the
21/02/26	19	organisers to no longer publish names
28/02/26	23	of winners due to Data Protection
07/03/26	19	concerns. None were supplied

There are currently still unused numbers available, if you would like to join or indeed, if anyone would like an additional number. Please contact me.

Can I please ask BB Holders if they are owing money to bring them up to date please.

Thank you for your support,

Helen Pick

Laxton History Group



Our first meeting back in the Hall after the winter break took an unexpected turn with an email from our speaker, Jean Townsend, the night before asking when she was expected. She had been affected by a computer issue which had lost her data and it was a surprise to discover that we had booked her for the very next day. It was also unfortunate because she had a doctor's appointment the next day when she was told that she was unfit to come to us.

It was too short notice to book a replacement, so Helen did a quick juggle with the year's programme and arranged for Dik to show the old Laxton films. It is always a pleasure to see them, and quite something to remember that the one we are most familiar with is very close to being 100 years old. We had a discussion about going ahead with showing them again as originally planned with wider publicity to neighbouring communities as well as our newer villagers who might like to see something of the history of the place. Look out for more details later in the year.

Another discussion on the night was about how to celebrate our 150th meeting, which will take place next month. After debating various options, we decided to have a fuddle before the meeting begins. Helen was delegated to coordinate the list of who would bring what.

Following our communal supper, on 18th March we will be hearing about Prince John and the Siege of Nottingham.

The bonus news is that we will be hearing about Richard III from Jean Townsend in April. We usually have no speaker after our AGM because we normally have a food themed evening, but as we are doing this in March, there was a vacancy on the calendar. We wish her well and hope she will be fit in time to come to us .

We do not have a membership fee and everyone pays £3 at the door to include refreshments with 'nice' biscuits. We are pleased to welcome anyone from the village and surrounding areas who is interested in Laxton and history more generally.





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Here is our latest news on events for 2026:

Sun. 26th April Lunch at the West Retford Hotel, Retford, 12.30 for 1pm.

£28 per person. The menu is now available, please contact us on **01777 811358** or email milton.mausoleum@outlook.com

Open Season 2026 from 3rd May – 27th September we are open from 2pm – 4pm every Sunday afternoon and our volunteers will be pleased to show you around our historical building. Groups are also welcome to visit with prior booking on any agreed day of the week. We would love to hear from you.

Sun. 7th June 2pm Friends Annual General Meeting All welcome.

Sat. 20th June 7pm Hog Roast and Summer Concert featuring the versatile Beauty and the Bass – Tickets £18 Book your places now!

Sat. 10th October Autumn Fayre at the Mausoleum from 10am – 4pm

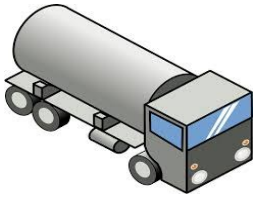
This event is free entry, and we are keen to welcome you to another successful event at the Mausoleum. We have many stalls inside and outside for you to browse and begin your seasonal shopping? Hot and cold refreshments available.

Saturday 5th December 3pm Carols by Candlelight is our extremely popular event which is always booked to capacity. Please book your places early to avoid being disappointed as many were last year. Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate and Raffle.

All events are bookable now so please look at your diaries and get in touch. It's never too early to book your place!

Are you interested in volunteering at the Milton Mausoleum? Please contact us on the details above. We can discuss ways that you can assist us with sharing knowledge of this historical building linked to the Dukes of Newcastle. We would love to share our resources with you. Thank you, we would love to hear from you.

*The Milton Mausoleum is cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust
Milton Mausoleum, The Avenue, Milton NG22 0PW*



Group Oil Order

Occasionally you get it right, and my goodness, did we get it right this time with the oil order! The trend had been downward and I had been holding off

placing the order in the hope we would do better. Eventually it became clear that members were needing supplies, so the order was placed on 17th February at a price of 55.85p/litre. Astonishingly this was 3p less than we had paid in November and significantly less than the 1000 litre Boilerjuice price of 61.20p/litre on the day.

NB I have noticed that **Boilerjuice is now quoting the price excluding VAT**. Previously it was including VAT, which accounted for some of the difference over local companies. That now no longer applies and we can make a direct comparison.

We all know what has happened since! The Iran conflict began and the price went through the roof. For several days Boilerjuice quoted a 0p price, and research on Google revealed that they were not able to deliver to some areas. One comment on line said that the best they had been able to do was to buy 5 x 20 litre barrels at £230 a barrel - a whopping £2,300 to fill a 1000 litre tank.

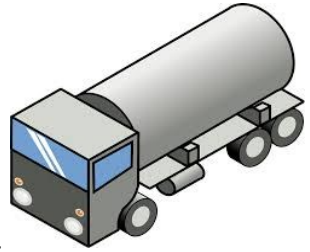
A few days later a price was again being published and has remained in the region of £1.33 per litre ever since. Fortunately we do not need to order at present. The next planned order is that in late summer approximately the end of July to August dependent on the circumstances. Please let me know when you are thinking about filling up.

You are welcome to join the ordering group at any time provided that you can be contacted by email. The group is not limited to Laxton and Moorhouse. We have group members in Egmonton, Kneesall, Kirton and Tuxford and the companies we use are happy to take orders from them all. At one time they liked the economy of customers living close together, but recently they seem to be delivering to an agenda of their own. If you have friends or relatives in the area who would like to join, please give them the contact details.

Everyone orders as much as they want, only when they need oil at the time of an order. There is no obligation to order and nothing stopping members ordering with any supplier between group orders.

Please use my personal email if you have it. oil@openfield.org.uk is a general address you can use if you don't have mine, which I don't publish because of the amount of spam it generates. Joy

Help for Some Oil Users



You may have heard in the press and media that there have been calls for help for people who use oil for domestic heating. Those who use gas and electricity for their heating and hot water are covered by the Ofgen price cap but oil users do not benefit from this. This has left people exposed to the enormous price rises such as described on the facing page.

The Government has made an announcement of an intention to help those on low incomes who depend on oil, but the details are so far lacking. It is due to begin on 1st April and is designed to support those on low incomes. The help will be provided from funds made available by local councils, so if you feel you might qualify, that is the best place to enquire, though expect them to still be working out how to manage the situation.

In outline, the announcement says ““Vulnerable” households who have been hit by a sharp increase in the price of heating oil will get help from a £53m support package, the prime minister has said.

“Support will be “targeted” to help low-income households in rural communities, Sir Keir Starmer said, although local councils will decide who qualifies and how the money is distributed.

“In England, the extra cash will be distributed by local authorities via the Crisis and Resilience Fund, which comes into effect on 1 April, and replaces the temporary Household Support Fund.

“The support will go to those at immediate risk of losing hot water, and funding will be given to local authorities in proportion to the number of heating oil users. It will then be up to councils to work out how to distribute the money.

“If help is needed before the Crisis and Resilience Fund starts in April, people can apply to local councils for support, but any cash would need to be from existing budgets.

“The Local Government Association said that heating oil was already covered in guidance for councils on both the Household Support Fund and the Crisis and Resilience Fund, and that it had not been made aware of any changes to how they are applied.

“The government also said it was “rapidly exploring” ways to bring in new protections for heating oil customers, as the sector is not regulated by Ofgem.”



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Citizens Advice Gives Advice On Reporting to Trading Standards.

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Trading Standards can take businesses to court or stop them operating, but they won't help you fix your problem - for example, they can't help you get a refund.

Check what you should report to Trading Standards

You should report a business to Trading Standards if they sold you something:

- unsafe or dangerous, like an electronic appliance with faulty wiring or food past its use-by date
- fake
- not as described - for example, you bought a package holiday but something advertised wasn't included
- you didn't want to buy - for example, they put pressure on you

You can also tell them about a business if:

- they scammed you - for example, you paid for something online that you didn't receive and you couldn't contact the seller
- they tried to stop you using your legal rights - for example, they said you can't return faulty goods
- they weren't clear about the price or added on extra costs - for example, they advertised theatre ticket prices without booking fees
- they sold products to people who looked underage without asking for ID - for example, alcohol, knives or fireworks
- they didn't carry out work properly - for example, kitchen fitters left your home in a dangerous state

Report a business to Trading Standards

To report to Trading Standards, you need to contact the Citizens Advice consumer service you can do this by calling:

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<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales/about-us/information/contact-the-consumer-service/>

What happens after you've reported to Trading Standards

Trading Standards will use the information you give to decide if they'll investigate. They'll only contact you if they need more information.

Even if Trading Standards don't contact you, they might use your evidence to take action against the business in the future. For example, if other people make complaints about the same business.

If you need help complaining to a company about a service or product they have provided you with, you can contact us at your local office on the details below.

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Dukeries Singers

A Year of Music, Community and Celebration

The Dukeries Singers are stepping into 2026 with a full calendar, a renewed sense of purpose, and a commitment to bringing joy through music to our local communities. With almost fifty years of singing in the wider Dukeries area, the choir continues to thrive as a welcoming, friendly group where everyone is invited to share the joy of singing, no auditions, no tests, just enthusiasm and community spirit.

Candlelight Concert – A Night to Remember

We are delighted to be performing at the St George's Day Fundraising Candlelight Concert at The Jubilee Hall, Ollerton, on **Saturday 28 March at 7 pm.**

The choir will present a medley from Les Misérables. This special evening will also feature the incredible Chris Miggells, a star pianist whose style and brilliance promise to make the night unforgettable.

Kneesall Music Marathon – A Celebration of Local Talent

On **Saturday, 16th May** The Dukeries Singers will take part in the Kneesall Music Marathon, performing a selection that audiences of all ages will recognise and enjoy. This wonderful community event brings musicians together from across the region.

Summer Concert Season – The Highlight of Our Year

We invite everyone to join us for our much-loved summer concerts:

Saturday 6 June 2026 at 2.30 pm – The Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

Saturday 13 June 2026 at 2.30 pm – The Village Hall, Edwinstowe

This year's programme celebrates "Songs from the Musicals," two talented flautists and a saxophone player, adding rich colour and sparkle to our performances.

A Choir at the Heart of the Community

The Dukeries Singers are more than a choir; we are a community. Our members come from all walks of life, united simply by a love of singing and friendship. We rehearse weekly in a warm, encouraging environment where newcomers are always welcome. Many join us not only for the music, but for the laughter, the companionship, and the shared sense of belonging that the choir brings.

For more information contact John Banbury, on **07759 086132** or email **john@asherwood.co.uk**;

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Please check the EVH web site or call for latest details.

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- ♦ **Pilates** - Thursdays from 5:30pm - 6:30pm with Holly Rye.
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- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Third Thursdays in the Hall
- ♦ **Coffee Morning**: The second Saturday of the month from 10 - 12 .
Next one will be on **April 11th** All welcome.

All events appear on the web site - see above

Reporting Potholes



A reminder about the pothole reporting contact details are:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole

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Laxton Defibrillator

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Booking Laxton Village Hall

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Useful Contact Details

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