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Letter from the Revd. Chris Levy

Dear Friends,

Owing to the fact that Easter Day is early this year as we enter April the Church will have already celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord. But this does not mean that in the coming weeks our minds cannot dwell upon what this momentous event means for us all.

During the days of Holy Week we see a significant change in the way that the people react to Jesus. In a matter of days' He goes from hero to villain. One minute they acclaim Him as their Messiah and the next they cry 'Crucify Him!' how fickle people can be. Yet we see in our own times the same thing happening some people are in favour one day and then out of favour very soon after. For many of these it may just be somewhat humiliating but for Jesus it resulted in Him being put to death on a cross. A very unpleasant way to die.

For the people and their leaders in particular there was a satisfaction for this Man Jesus who had been a problem that needed resolving has now been dealt with. They assumed that once He was dead that would be the last they would see or hear of Him. They had very little doubt that those who were His followers would soon disperse once their leader was not around any longer.

But things were not to be the way they anticipated. God had other

ideas and on the first day of the week when the women who were friends of Jesus went to pay their respects at the tomb they were shocked to discover that it was empty. They had seen His body lain into the tomb and now they were looking into an empty tomb. There were some possible explanations. Had they gone to the wrong tomb? Had someone been to take away the body and put it elsewhere? No neither of these were the answer it was quite simply that Jesus was alive. Their pain and sorrow following His death were soon to be changed into joy and celebration.

Mary Magdalene greeted the risen Lord. In her confusion she did originally think He might be the Gardener but when her eyes were truly opened she saw Him for who he was. Her Lord and Master. Jesus overcome the power of death returned to be with His friends and to show them his risen body. They experienced such joy and ecstasy but were warned that this was for a brief time only as Jesus would soon return to be with His father. In the mean time they shared their joy with Him and saw in Jesus the one who brings New Life into the World. That is why at this time of the year we see the signs of Spring and look forward to enjoying the benefits that summer will bring. We can see the signs of new life all around us. In the same way in the Resurrection of Jesus we see the manifestation of

the new life that God can bring into all of our lives. Jesus Lives we sing during the Easter period. And because Jesus lives we are given the hope of life everlasting. Because of Jesus coming back from the dead we are given the assurance that the gift of everlasting life awaits us all.

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not
enthral us. Alleluia

Christopher

Remembering Ken Cook

With many thanks to Marian Cooper for taking the trouble to send this tribute and apologies that this item did not appear last month.

Many older villagers will remember Ken Cook, whose death occurred on 17th December 2015. He was 90 years old.

I last spoke to Ken in November and he said his cancer had worsened and he was much weaker. Nevertheless he asked for Laxton news and also told me in his wakeful hours he was often back in the village school, playing cricket and singing in the church choir. He did this with his brother Stan and father Jack, the choir master, as did his grandfather Jim Cook. His mother, Dorothy, is a Laxton legend.

Ken grew up at Crosshill House and moved to Peterborough in the early '50s where he met his future wife Bett—at a dance hall, of course. They were both gold medallists.

Ken and Bett had two daughters and four grand children. His brother, Stan, predeceased him.

R.I.P. Ken.

Marian Cooper

Get Well Soon

We are pleased to hear that Rachel Hennell is recovering well from surgery and hope to see her out and about again very soon. We are pleased to hear that Keith Morton and Dik Allison are almost as good as new - and fit for anything.



Thanks to Amanda Hennell for this charming picture of Finley Robertson enjoying feeding Emily's lamb. Emily has a ewe called Emily, which must get confusing, but we have yet to hear whether this Emily's lamb shares the name.

We are always pleased to receive your photos to share through the magazine. If they feature children we need to be assured that the parents or carers are happy for their child to be shown.

This month's cover and the two photos on the back page come from readers, so why not send yours in next month and the colour photos could just be yours.

Laxton Charity Barn Dance

The date has now been agreed for this event

Saturday 13th August 2016.

Put it in your diary now. Advance ticket sales will be available soon.

We will be having our next meeting on **Thursday 31st**



March at 19.30pm at Bar Farm, Laxton. We would very much welcome support from the local community to join our small existing committee to help in the planning and preparation of this event.

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Sports and Recreation Field Committee

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The cost will be around £800 and the Sports Field Committee agreed at their meeting to provide some funding towards it and the Parish Council will be discussing it at their next meeting as well.

It was thought this would be an excellent idea as the village is so isolated. Discussions will be had with the Visitor Centre Trust about housing it within the Centre.

If the idea turns into reality, which it should, then we will be looking for a small number of volunteers to be trained in it's use.

Michael Manning

Visitor Centre News

As many of you will know the Visitor Centre is run entirely by voluntary contributions though a donation box in the Centre. Following the Centre taking over responsibility for the public toilets from 1st August last year, it was felt that donation boxes should be fitted in the three toilets (Gents, Ladies and Disabled) with a small request for donations now the V/C is running the loos.

On 1/3/16 I emptied the Visitor Centre Donation box which contained only £51.70, which is not unusual at this time of year, but on emptying the toilet boxes I was amazed to find a total of £20.55. £13.30 in the Gents, £6.25 in the Ladies and £1 in the Disabled. How generous is that!!!

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A Look Behind the Archive Doors - Residents in 1897



This month we are taking a slightly different look at something we have been given to use as part of our project to investigate Laxton between 1900 and 1920. Many villagers will be familiar with this image of Lady Manvers planting the tree on the green to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the reign of Queen Victoria in 1897.

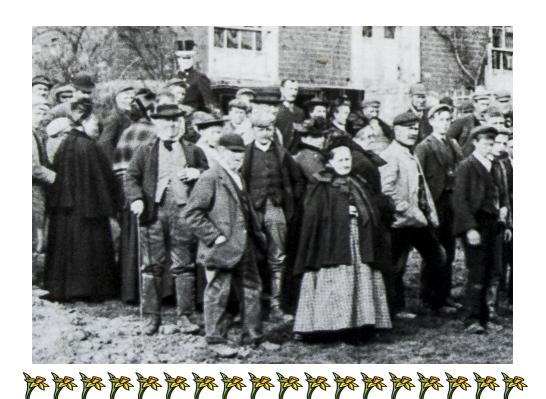
Undoubtedly the village turned out in force for this important occasion. It is also very probable that many of the people shown in this photograph were still living and working in Laxton at the beginning of the new century. On this page and the two following pages we have enlarged sections of the photo.

If anyone can see any of their relatives in the image and can identify them for us it would be very helpful indeed.

Please call Joy on 871506 or Joan on 871137 if you think you can help.



Many thanks to the archivists for the Thoresby Estate for permission to use their image.



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Coffee Morning

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commit to monthly attendance and are welcome to pop in to enjoy some friendly, cheerful

company.

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Laxton History Group



On Wednesday 17th February, 11 members of the History Group met in Thoresby Courtyard for a visit to the Queen's Royal Lancers and Nottinghamshire Yeomanry Museum.

We were welcomed by the curator Captain Mick Holtby who was to be our guide for the visit. We spent an hour being taken through the history of the development of the cavalry from its beginnings as "Heavy Dragoons" through the introduction of the "Light Brigade" and, with the adoption of the lance as a principal weapon based on the success of this weapon when used by the Polish Army, becoming the "Lancers". In modern times the cavalry use tanks and armoured vehicles instead of horses.

The Queen's Royal Lancers and the regiments that preceded it were involved in many of the major battles over the last 300 years. These include the American War of Independence, the Battle of Waterloo, the Charge at Aliwal, the Charge of the Light Brigade, the Zulu War, the Indian Mutiny, the Charge at Omdurman, the Boer War, the First and Second World Wars and more recently the Gulf War and Afghanistan.

The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry was raised in 1794 amid fears that the recent revolutionary response to the oppression of the ordinary people of France by the aristocracy might also happen here. The Yeomanry was a local militia recruited to keep the peace and act as an early police force. By the middle of the 19th century when policing became a requirement throughout England and Wales and regular police forces were established the existing role of the Yeomanry became redundant so they were trained as cavalry and became part of the country's volunteer reserve, the forerunner of the Territorial Army.

The regiment served as cavalry in the Boer War and the First World War. At the beginning of the Second World War it was converted from a cavalry regiment to an armoured regiment and served with distinction. Latterly the regiment saw action in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our thanks are due to Mike Holtby for sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with us thus making this and interesting and enjoyable visit.



At our March meeting we were pleased to welcome Jordan Voce, 15 year old grandson of Roy and Jean Hennell. He had brought his impressive collection of WWII memorabilia and come dressed as a paratrooper. He chatted very knowledgeably to members about his collection and how the various items were used. He had several guns and gas masks. There was a selection of forces rations with instructions on how it was intended to be used. It didn't look very appetising, but was very organised.

We should invite Jordan back to run a 'What is this' quiz, as many of his items had us puzzled. One was a fabric guard to slide behind brass buttons so that they could be cleaned without soiling the fabric, one was a rope with a loop and peg which could be fastened round a branch if a

paratrooper landed in a tree, giving him the means of lowering himself down. These were left to save weight once the paratrooper had landed and so are quite rare. Another item was a small 'tent' which could be placed where a mine had been discovered to mark the spot.

Members were interested in the equipment and uniforms Jordan had brought and were very impressed with his interest in and knowledge of the subject. It was particularly striking that Jordan is the same age as some of the young men who lied about their age to join up to fight in the two World Wars.

Jordan and his mother Mel, who had brought him, were thanked for their time and trouble.

We had an update on the Heritage Lottery Funded project, which is now drawing towards completion and instead of a speaker, Joan Cottee had devised a 'Truth or Lie' quiz for members to participate in. Twelve scenarios were read out, all presented as being derived from our research into Laxton in 1900 -

1920, and the audience were asked to decide if each was true.

Nobody got the answers all right and some were partly true, but they all gave a good flavour of the type of information Group members have been uncovering in their research for the project and got across some thought-provoking facts in a humorous way.

Details of the launch event for the project's four booklets, educational materials and display were confirmed. The launch will take place over Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June at Mike Jackson's barn at Crosshill Farm. Thanks to Mike for the welcome. There will be a formal acknowledgement of the support of the HLF and presentation from 2 - 2.45pm on Friday 24th after which the



exhibition will be open for everyone to see until 4.30pm on the Friday and between 11am and 3pm on the Saturday. All villagers, friends and family are warmly welcomed to join us at some point in this period to see the results of all our efforts.

Light refreshments will be available throughout this free event. We hope to see you there.

This year's AGM and Historical Supper will be held on **Friday April 22nd.** We will follow the usual format of a short business meeting following a supper prepared on an historical theme. This year we are dipping into Mrs Beeton for a flavour of the food that Laxton residents would have been likely to have enjoyed at the end of the period we have been studying for our HLF project.

There will be a selection of taster dishes cooked using Mrs Beeton's recipes from the 1930s. As usual there will be three courses with a number of dishes to sample within each course. We always cater for vegetarians, and everyone is welcome regardless of whether you attend any of our meetings throughout the year.

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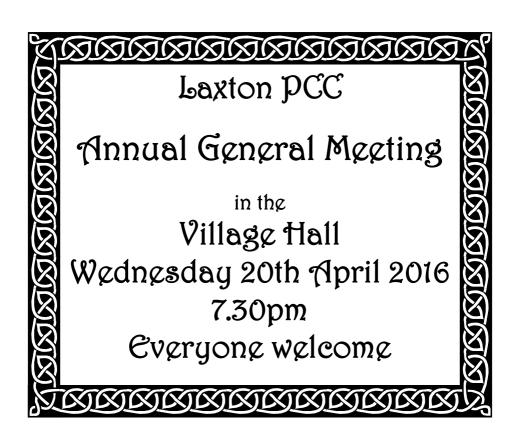
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Mar 31st Join the Barn Dance Committee at Bar Farm

Apr 13th WI 'Owlin Mad' - with real owls!

Apr 22nd History Group Supper and AGM 7 for 7.30pm

Apr 23rd ARKangel in Recital, Egmanton Church, 4pm

Apr 25th Mothers Union - "The Rector's Wife and Me"

the Old Vicarage, 7.30pm.



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Village Hall News—The Quiz

The 4th March Quiz was yet another successful and fun evening and we had a huge turnout of over 80 people. The competition was even more fierce than last time when we had a tied score at the end of the 50 questions. The eventual winners this time were the "Dirty Dozen" but it was neck and neck throughout. So the honour of sitting on the expensive purple chairs at the next Quiz Night moves to a new team, but undoubtedly revenge will be sought in December!!!!

We always give big, big thanks to ALL who attended and continue to support the Hall, to all the Committee who worked particularly hard (Pat and Sam and extra help from Janet and Neil Hennell in the kitchen), Sue and Roy Viney for their regular donation, and Roberta again for the mushy peas, collecting the team money and doing most of the raffle. Also thanks to the Committee for donating 19 raffle prizes again and the wonderful sweets.

A special big thanks to Cath for the great mix of questions, never an easy job. Even though ALL the answers are checked vigorously by Cath to ensure they are correct, we still have the odd one or two that are "up for discussion" but it is all part of the evenings fun!!!

The raffle broke all records with £221.00 being collected and the whole evening raised a wonderful £665.07.

A quick reminder that the December Quiz will be on 2nd December 2016

Michael Manning

Parish Council News

Just a quick reminder that the minutes that appear in the magazine following the bi-monthly meetings are always DRAFT minutes which are then ratified and signed by the Chairman at the following Parish Council Meeting.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 23/3/16

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Mothers' Union

In February, the Mothers' Union had a very enjoyable talk with slides and music by the Revd Zoe Burton about Natal. On March 21, we shall join the church service at Kirton at 7pm for the Stations of the Cross at the beginning of Holy Week. On April 25, the Revd Muriel Keene will give a talk on "The Rector's Wife and Me" at the Old Vicarage at 7.30pm. Membership of the Mothers' Union is open to men as well as women and everyone is very welcome to join us for any of the meetings.

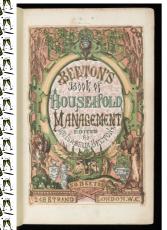
Can You Help? Clothes Rail Needed

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Tessa Rolph 01777 872034

Laxton History Group AGM and Historical Supper

Friday 22nd April 2016



7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2016

Mar 31st Barn Dance Committee

Apr 13th WI

Apr 14th Coffee Morning

Apr 22nd History Group Supper & AGM

Apr 25th MU

Forward Planning

May 30th Wellow Maypole Celebrations

June 18th WI Queen's 90th Birthday Tea

June 24th & 25th History Group Booklet launch (confirmed)

July 1st Laxton Church Fete

July 3rd Michael Ducksbury Memorial Tractor Run

July 8th Dovecote Summer Ball

July 9th Laxton Charity Gymkhana and Dog Show July 17th Strawberry Tea for Helipads for Hospitals

Aug 31st Charity Barn Dance

Sept 24th Southwell Ploughing Match, Farnsfield

Nov 18th Church Dance **Dec 2**nd **Quiz Night**

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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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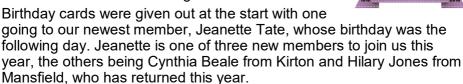


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Laxton WI

Our monthly meeting was held on 9th March when 20 members met in the Village Hall.



Our NFWI Centenary photobook is now complete and members were able to see it. Joyce on Gizmo is on the front cover and the back cover is a beautiful picture which Anna took of the inside of the Royal Albert Hall, London when she attended the National AGM last June. Thanks were expressed to Joy for all the hard work she put into compiling the book, which will be a reminder for us for years to come of our 100th anniversary.

Seven members will attend the Spring Council Meeting at Nottingham in April when the speaker will be Paul Hayes, the antiques expert. At this meeting produce and craft competition entries will be on display and then be judged. This is the alternative arrangement which has been made as we can't hold our usual competitions at the Notts. Show.

Preparations are in hand for our annual party in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th April. Guests have been invited from other Group Institutes and the entertainment is booked. Sandra also read out a list of places for us to decide where we would like to visit for our outing in June.

The WI team were delighted to come 2nd in the Village Hall Quiz. Better luck next time girls and WIHs (WI Husbands!). It didn't put them off entering the County Quiz in June, but there will be a few more teams to compete against there. There are several halls across the county where the same questions are asked to the assembled teams and the winners are decided from everyone taking part. It's not the winning, it's taking part that counts.

We have decided to hold an afternoon tea in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. This will take place from 3pm - 5pm and the cost will be £5 adults and £2.50 for children under 12. We hope people will come along and join us. Everyone is welcome. Any profit made will be divided between the 'Child Bereavement Centre', Newark and WI funds.

Four members will be joining East Markham WI at their annual party on March 17th. Another 4 members are being brave and going to have a



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go at clay pigeon shooting in May. This is a new venture that the Sports and Leisure Committee at County have organised for members. Other sports members can try are gliding, bowls, archery, croquet, golf, walking, long alley skittles and the less energetic ones such as darts, whist, Scrabble or a visit to the dogs, cricket at Trent Bridge and, this year, tennis at the Nottingham Open, so why not come along and join us and then you can have a go.

Our speaker for the evening was Lesley Bensley, whose subject was the 'Oxo' story. We thought this was unusual but it turned out to be quite educational.

Lesley has been collecting memorabilia about the Oxo cube for about 12 years now and brought quite a few items along to show us, such as tins, jars, spoons, adverts and even a vending machine.



The story of Oxo started as far back as 1803, when it was in liquid form. In 1889 they obtained meat extract from animals, which they bought from Fray Bentos in Argentina. In 1908 the extract was used in London as a food supplement at the Olympic Games.

In 1910 the Oxo cube was invented. Even Sir Walter Scott took some with him to the South Pole in 1911 and 100 million cubes were sent to



the trenches in WWI. Later on advertising became popular, but you were not allowed the electric form on buildings as we see today, so they formed the word 'OXO' in different coloured bricks on Thames House in London. Lesley brought a model of this to show us and also a silver Christmas tree decoration.

In 1919 they started advertising different varieties of soup and in 1920 the Betty Oxo doll was brought out. Lesley has three different original ones, which are now worth about £400. After this the children's books came long. These

were followed by the Oxade Raspberryade drinks, coffee drinks and Oxo chocolate vending machines, one of which Lesley has on her kitchen wall.

In 1955 adverts started on the TV and even Sooty did 52 adverts in a year. Everyone remembers the Oxo family on television with the late Lynda Bellingham, which appeared for many years.

In 2009 there was a big change when the cube changed to an 'X'. The firm producing it at the moment is Premier Foods which, to our surprise,

has one of its factories at Worksop.

Next month we meet on 14th April
when Annette Mackensie will give a
talk entitled 'Owlin Mad'. Annette will
bring her owl and her baby and speak

The competition will be for a picture or ornament of a bird.

to us about her passion for owls.



Health Matters - When to go to A&E

Thanks to Dr Chris Shearstone Walker of Tuxford Surgery for providing this item.

It is well known that the NHS is under increasing financial strain, trying to provide high quality care for increasing numbers of patients. We should all try to ensure that we make that money go as far as possible. The UK population is both increasing and getting older. With age come more chronic diseases such as COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), diabetes, dementia, osteoarthritis requiring joint replacement, cataracts and more. All these treatments are costly. In addition, as we are living longer, one in three of us is expected to suffer with cancer, and treatments are again often costly.

GPs are expected to help keep costs down, as part of which they are asked to monitor all A&E attendances - each costing the NHS upwards of £100. This is taxpayers money – the NHS is by no means a free service. Often attendances are inappropriate. The NHS is still charged if someone books into A&E and leaves before being seen. This in many ways is the worse sort of money wasting.

The A&E department should see major accidents – such as obvious bone fractures, especially if the skin has been broken, significant lacerations particularly if there is spurting (arterial) bleeding or possible debris left in the wound, penetrating knife or gunshot wounds, significant burns and scalds and patients brought to hospital by 999 ambulance - or medical emergencies.

Emergencies that should go direct to A&E (or call 999 depending on personal circumstances) include any significant chest pain that might be cardiac in nature, any suspected stroke (remember FAST – face, arms, speech, time), any major haemorrhage, severe breathing problems, suspected or confirmed poisoning or deliberate drug overdoses, or any patient that is significantly unwell, unstable or deteriorating quickly.























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The A&E is not the place to go for chronic problems, or simple conditions such as coughs and colds, rashes, conjunctivitis, long standing back pain and temperature symptoms. We have to report back to the Clinical Commissioning Group what we are doing to help reduce attendances. We try to feed back to any patient when their attendance would be deemed inappropriate, and try to highlight alternative means of getting medical or nursing advice in the future for similar complaints. It is particularly disappointing to discover inappropriate attendances when the surgery is open – as a phone call to the surgery would have usually enabled prompt review without the need to attend A&E.

Many people may not realise that many GP surgeries offer a Minor Injuries Service to allow prompt review and assessment of minor injuries which will usually avoid the long wait in the overstretched A&E departments. Tuxford Medical Centre is one local GP surgery offering this service, which is available 8.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday. Outside these hours it is appropriate for patients to attend the Minor Injury Units in either Newark or Gainsborough. These tend to have a shorter waiting time than A&E departments. Prior advice should be sought from 111 to assess the suitability of the problem for these services.

Examples of injuries that may be assessed and treated include:

- Cuts requiring suturing, gluing or steristips where there is no arterial bleeding
- Superficial burns and scalds
- Minor head injuries without loss of consciousness
- Minor injuries including possible fractures of hands or feet that do not substantially affect function – GP surgery can arrange immediate x-ray and only if positive may patients need onward referral for further management
- · Foreign bodies in eye, nose or ear
- Animal bites

This list is not comprehensive but gives a good indication of the scope of the service. If there is any doubt about whether an injury is suitable for this service we recommend that you ring your surgery before attending. The receptionist will be experienced in knowing what is suitable, and what is not.

In summary we should all ensure that we use services appropriately and make sure A&E departments are left to deal with accidents and emergencies and are not clogged up by conditions that are more appropriate for general practice or minor injury services. Unless we as a population learn to use NHS resources efficiently, the system may become financially untenable. If we manage to do this we will safeguard the NHS for the benefit of future generations.

Fishy Happenings

Although we were assured the people selling fish door to door in Laxton in February were legitimate, we have now received a notification that this type of activity is being used as a scam. Readers might like to note the following information from Tim Watsons of trading Standards, Notts.

"Nottinghamshire residents are being warned about door-to-door fish salesmen who are visiting residents and trying to persuade them to buy fish.

Residents are presented with fish that is largely unlabelled and some of which is unfit to eat.

This type of scam involving door to door fish sales is a growing national problem. We advise that the best place to buy fish is from a reputable fishmonger at an established shop or stall."

Doorstep sellers also tend not to offer customers cancellation rights or provide a receipt to allow them to seek a refund if they are not satisfied with the goods.

Anyone who has been approached by fish sellers in this manner should contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on:

03454 04 05 06."

Laxton residents may know Jason, who has been delivering on Thursday afternoons for some time. He has previously advertised on these pages and those customers who have contacted us are satisfied with their purchases from him. He drives a van giving his details and calls with it at your door.

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Michael Manning



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Kinder Scout - Mass Trespass

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and Sheffield areas confronted armed gamekeepers and police leading to the jailing of 5 leaders but establishing the national campaign. The famous Mass Trespass proved pivotal in the eventual founding of National Parks and the Ramblers' Association and the trails and paths in beautiful parts of Britain that we enjoy today.

Retford Ramblers will be holding a walk along roughly the same route on Sunday 5th May and anyone with a good level of fitness is very welcome. The walk itself starts from Hayfield, where the mass trespassers assembled, passes Kinder Reservoir and then climbs William



Clough to Ashop Head. From there the walk follows Kinder Scout Edge to Kinder Downfall, fords the Kinder and continues along the edge, crossing Red Brook and then descending to farmland, Turnstead Clough Farm and back to the starting point. Five of us tried out the walk on 13th March and had a fantastic day.

There was still snow on the top from the previous weekend and the views from the Edge were breathtaking. The Kinder was in full force due to the melting snow and the only problems were caused by lying snow with hidden depths of water underneath - trying to find a dry spot to cross the Kinder proved impossible! However it should have dried off somewhat by 5th May.



The walk is 8 miles in length with 440 metres of ascent/descent, approximately 5-6 hours walking time and is classed as strenuous.

Date: 5th May

Departure:

Shared cars from Retford Chapelgate car park at 8.30 am

Further details David Garside 01777 838791

Non-members of the Ramblers' Association are welcome

Tessa Rolph

Group Oil Order

The last group oil order of this winter was placed at the beginning of March at a price of 23.89p/litre with Bayfords. Their price was substantially better than the competing quotes and is over 3p less than our previous cheapest purchase in September 2007 which cost 27p/litre.

A total of 20 households benefitted and between them they ordered almost 20,000 litres.

The next order is liable to be early September or possibly earlier if the price stays low and people indicate that they are wanting to order. Please email **oil@openfield.org.uk** if you would like to be added to the list for contact when an order is placed or to advise how much you need if you are running low around that time.

Dukeries Singers

I am writing this bathed in glorious sunshine with the promise of rain or even snow at lower levels!! Is this Spring at last? I think we'd better hope for the best and get the greenhouse demossed and sow some more seeds.



Our Musical Director Sarah has introduced to the Choir a young man called Ashley Williams. He is a new teacher at a local Primary School having recently left H.M.Forces after a twenty three year career.

During his time in service, he served as a Warrant Officer Band Master with The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines. Also during his Forces career he served aboard H.M. Royal Yacht Britannia, playing in the Queen's Orchestra.

He is keen to get involved in local music making and we have had the pleasure of being rehearsed by him. He is an experienced, knowledgeable and enthusiastic musician.

The Choir is now fortunate in that Sarah and Ashley will share rehearsal and conducting duties and both will bring their huge depth of musical qualities to all our performances.

We always welcome new members, especially men. (There seems to be a national shortage here!) We rehearse from 7-30pm to 9-30pm every Wednesday above the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy. This is accessed by the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

We are looking forward to our already planned concerts;

March/April A joint Concert with Newstead Abbey Singers

Precise date to be confirmed.

Sat 30th April A Concert with the Dukeries Community Band in the

Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton.

The time has yet to be confirmed, but there will be tickets

for this event.

Sat 18th June Our Annual Summer Concert in Edwinstowe Village Hall

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Over a third of people could have benefited from money advice at key times of their lives such as when they have a baby, buy a house, get divorced or fall ill.

Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark is encouraging people in Ollerton, Newark and surrounding areas to come to them if they need help in order to avoid financial problems in the future.

In a new report, national Citizen Advice reveals almost half of the adult population (48 per cent) – over 23 million people – would have taken money advice at different key moments of their lives if they had been offered it.

The findings highlight the number of people who would accept money advice available at the key life stages they had been through:

- More than a third (35 per cent) when they start working or change jobs.
- Over 1 in 4 (28 per cent) when buying a home.
- 37 per cent when going through a divorce or separation.
- More than 2 in 5 (44 per cent) when seriously ill.
- 38 per cent after a bereavement.

A pregnant woman visited Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark to help manage her debts and be able to budget for the new costs with a reduced income on maternity leave. The client was seen by a debt caseworker to help her manage her debts and then seen by a financial capability worker, who went through her finances and together they worked on a realistic budget to better prepare her for her new arrival

The Four Advice Gaps report finds that financial advice, support and guidance need to respond to the realities of people's lives but currently there are multiple gaps.

In particular it identifies the 'preventative advice gap' whereby people would appreciate advice and help with their financial circumstances during big changes in their life but it isn't presented to them. For instance while two in five people (39 per cent) who have been in the situation said that they would have taken money advice when they were having a baby, only one in seven (14 per cent) were offered it.

The study looks at people's experiences of money advice which includes everything from regulated independent financial advice to general money guidance, and draws on evidence from across the Citizens Advice service and a YouGov poll of 2,041 British adults.

Lesley Barrick, Advice Service Manager at Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark said:

"Getting the right money advice at the right time can be the key to a secure financial future"

"It's clear from this research that too many people aren't getting money advice, support and guidance at important times in their lives such as when they have a baby, move house or get divorced. This kind of support could make all the difference to people in moments such as when they are experiencing higher costs or a reduced income.

"At **Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark** we support people across Ollerton and Newark and surrounding areas every day to better understand their finances and help them to make decisions which work for them. We urge anyone worried about money to come visit us to talk about how we can support them."

The report identifies the three other advice gaps as:

Affordable advice gap: consumers who are willing to pay for money advice but not at current prices for the services on offer. The new report suggests 5.4 million people would consider paying for money advice if it cost less.

Awareness and referral gap: people who are unaware money advice exists, the different services available or how to access it. Over three million people said they needed free money advice in the last 2 years and failed to get it because they didn't know it existed or where to find it.

Free advice gap: people who would benefit from money advice but are unable to pay for it. Many households are not in the position to pay for advice with 49 per cent of households having a net financial wealth of less than £5,000.

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PCSO Richard Dunn

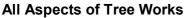
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