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*George Noble driving with a cargo of family and friends in the Michael Ducksbury Memorial Road Run, Sunday 4th July 2021*

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**Flowers and Brasses Rota** - suspended until further notice

Mr & Mrs S Clarke

Mrs M Beckitt & Mrs B Noble

Mrs S Rose & Mrs R Creighton

**Coffee Morning Hosting Rota** - will be published when they are resumed

**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 AUGUST 2021 PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.**

## A Message from our Churchwarden, Brenda

Our next service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, which is Lammas Day. Unfortunately we will not be able to have Communion as we are short of priests in August because of holidays. The service will be taken by Janice, one of our lay readers.

Hopefully by then we will be able to have some hymns and some food, like the bacon butties we enjoyed before everything changed. Please can you let me know if you are coming to the service so that we can organise readings etc. and the food.



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On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 the Rev. Richard Handford will be licensed by the Bishop of Southwell as Priest-in-Charge of St. Paulinus, Ollerton, St Giles, Old Ollerton and St Matthew's, Boughton. The service will be held at St Paulinus at 7pm.

From the end of August, Laxton & Moorhouse and the other churches in our group: Kirton, Walesby, Egmonton, Wellow, Kneesall, will be split from the Ollerton group. Bilsthorpe and Eakring will also leave the group.

We are having a meeting with the new Area Dean on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to talk about what is going to happen in the future.

### THANK YOU

After last month's appeal for help to do jobs around and within the church, I was so pleased with the response I got.

The first big job we tackled was when we hired a floor scrubber. That was a laugh, if nothing else. See photos overleaf. The first hurdle was to get it going, which took the instructions and a little help over the phone. Thanks to Justine, who capably took control of the beast, we managed to scrub and mop the whole of the Nave and Chancel. It was hard work, but we did it. Thanks to Justine, Janet and Lesley.

A lot of work has also taken place outside. I must thank George, who spends a lot of his time mowing and keeping the churchyard tidy.

The troughs are looking lovely again this year thanks to Janet, as are the pots outside the door which Pat Naylor has filled with plants.

Also a big thank you to Joy R who has spent hours removing rubbish from drains, paths and graves, and to Sandra (the ivy lady), Richard & Diane W, Richard Wh and Chris W. It is so kind of you all to help. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. It is surprising what a difference a few pairs of hands make. Thank you all once again.

*Brenda*

# Church - HELP! Can YOU Spare an Hour?

Last month's request for help with tidying up the church and churchyard in time for the first of this season's weddings in August still stands.



Thanks go to the first four volunteers who had an interesting, experimental afternoon in the church with a hired scrubbing machine in an effort to brighten up the floor tiles.



The report of events says

“Shown here is Laxton's first foray into the space race. Top notch technicians are pictured making final adjustments and trying to find the 'on' button.

Chief pilot Justine Bower said 'As a space rocket it was useless; excellent at scrubbing floors though!'

Many thanks to Justine for providing the muscle power to drive / control it.



## Congratulations and Thanks

A big party was all lined up for Mum and Dad on Saturday 26th June.

Although Covid put paid to that, it didn't stop the celebrations. On Friday, with thanks to Rachel, we decorated the garage for a few friends ... drinks and hot beef cobs on the menu.

On Saturday Mum had great pleasure opening all her cards and present ... a lovely new gold bangle from Dad. What a surprise for her!



Saturday continued with best wishes and Saturday

evening we had a lovely family meal provided by Sam and staff at The Dovecote, where Auntie Joan presented the wonderful cake she had made and Mum got a medal for putting up with Dad!!!

Mum and dad originally asked for donations of any monies sent from other relatives to go to the Air Ambulance. They raised a brilliant £350.

Congratulations Mum and Dad xx

*Amanda Hennell*

We wish to say a big thank you to our friends for all their good wishes on our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

*Dave & Joyce*



## Belated 70th Congratulations

Unfortunately the news that Roy Ha's birthday last month was a big one didn't reach us until 'July' had been printed. Congratulations Roy!

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## **JULY CONGRATULATIONS**

*Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event this month.*

*The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Michael M, Ian C, Cynthia B, Rachel H, Mark W, Sue S.*

*We wish happy anniversaries to Jean & Roy, Heather & Derek, Joy & Dik, Pat & Jeff, Jean & Keith, Jean & Wilf, Robert & Jeanette and anyone else celebrating this month.*

*If you are celebrating a special date, we send best wishes.*

*We would love to give a mention to everyone for their special day, so please let Jean or Brenda have details with dates in good time.*



# Michael Dicksbury Memorial Road Run, 2021

Sunday 4th July 2021 dawned bright and encouraging. Fittingly 'Independence Day' was the first sign of dawning independence for people to return to the enjoyable ways of the past. The 2021 Road Run was among the first annual activities to take place since the start of the pandemic. The impact of the Covid restrictions was evident in various ways.



The drivers pay to enter and collect sponsorship. Normally everyone gathers in the yard at Tuxford and goes to the organisers' tent to pay, but this time, as drivers arrived, there were collection points to take their payments, meaning everyone could stay with their vehicle. Likewise at the finish there was no raffle to draw as this is another crowd-generating activity.

Another impact of Covid measures was that everyone had to bring their own food since the usual catering operation was not possible. Fortunately, once the convoy is under way, everyone is on their own tractor in the open air so social distancing is not an issue.

About 100 tractors set off from Tuxford in the morning and followed the lead tractor through lanes and on roads. They approached Laxton early on from the east, having driven along Burnmoor Lane in Egmonton and were greeted by a good crowd on the green waiting to see them.

It is a real family event with some drivers pulling a trailer full of family and friends and it is nice to see fathers leading their sons and daughters on the run.

From there they took a tour of Top Field before continuing along Acre Edge and down





Cocking Hill into Kirton. The route continued through the little lane by Kirton church to Walesby and Bothamsall.

With the cooperation of landowners, the tractors are able to travel cross country for much of the route. At one point the convoy passed through the water splash at Rufford, which would have provided people there with a wonderful photo opportunity. Some people thought that they were going into Centre Parcs for lunch, but they bypassed it and instead stopped at Roy Bowring's property.

After lunch they travelled through Edwinstowe and into the land at Thoresby, covering similar ground to the fondly remembered Hay Rides many enjoyed in the past.

Numerous lanes and twists and turns later they had passed Bothamsall again and soon found themselves

passing by the scrambling course near Milton, where the first raindrops were felt.



The visitors at the Mausoleum must have been surprised to see the procession of, by now rather damp, tractors and drivers coming up the hill towards them. At this point the end was in sight. After crossing the exposed top of the hill near the windmill with the rain coming down increasingly heavily, those who had stayed the course returned to the Dicksbury farm. Most locals decided to just keep going. Those in cabless tractors were totally drenched and home, dry clothes and a hot drink seemed a much more attractive prospect.

The Road Run has been organised annually by the Dicksbury family from Tuxford in memory of Michael since 2005. It has raised many thousands of pounds for the Cancer Charity at Weston Park Hospital in Sheffield. The family greatly appreciated the care given to Michael and themselves during his treatment and they have thrown themselves into organising something he would have enjoyed to ensure that care can be given to others.



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## Mr Ian Thorne

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ian Thorne of Kneesall on June 17th after a long illness. Ian was churchwarden of Kneesall church for many years and worked hard for its upkeep.

Ian grew up in Oxfordshire, where his father was a farmer and Major in the Grenadier Guards. His mother was the granddaughter of the third Earl Manvers of Thoresby Hall, which is why he took over the Kneesall Estate in 1974. Ian also served in the Grenadier Guards, reaching the rank of Captain.

Ian was High Sherriff of Nottinghamshire and held many other offices over the years. He came to events and services in Laxton from time to time and was well known to people who have lived here a long time.

There was a private funeral at Ollerton Crematorium and a Memorial Service will be held in September at Newark Parish Church.

We send prayers and sympathy to his widow, Paula, his daughter Davina, Du'aine and Alison. Ian will be sadly missed by those who knew him.

## Remembrance of Ken Shepherd



Due to all the Covid restrictions when Dad died, we were not able to fulfil his wishes for a service in church.

We are now able to have that service to remember Dad's life and would welcome anyone who would like to come and join us for this service to remember him.

It will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm Laxton church.

*Diane*

# Pat's Plant Stall



The plants, bedding plants, kitchen garden plants, pots and hanging baskets have flown off the stall over the last two months.

Thank you to all the lovely customers who have supported the causes, some of whom are just passing through when something catches the eye.

Thank you also to Lesley who grows and donates a range of plants every year, no mean task. Thanks also to friends and neighbours who bring excess produce for me to sell.

The final figure raised is **£1,316.25**

Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire Air Ambulance will receive £500 and Macmillan Cancer Care £500, the remaining £316.25 going to our own church - St Michaels.

On behalf of those in receipt of the funds, a big Thank You.

Pat



## Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings remain suspended for the time being.

We will let you know when we plan to start again. The rota on the inside cover will restart to remind hostesses of when their turn is coming round.





# Professor John Beckett



*Professor John Beckett at Laxton wearing the stake presented to him by LHG and made from one which had stood for a year in the Open Fields.*

On Saturday 26th June 2021, Professor John Beckett gave his final lecture for the University of Nottingham. John retired last June from the University he had served for 30 years. Unfortunately Covid intervened and the lecture planned for June last year was eventually given via Zoom a year later.

John's lecture was jointly promoted by the Thoroton Society and the University of Nottingham's Cust Foundation. It was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Cust lecture, and undoubtedly made history itself for being given virtually.

John addressed the topic 'The Creation of a Civic University', speaking about the efforts made to have University College, Nottingham, given a University Charter of its own, putting it on an equal footing with other cities such as Birmingham and

Manchester, which had received charters to award their own degrees in the first decade of the 20th century. It proved to be a long struggle as the charter was not awarded until 1948.

A surprise presentation of a collection of essays had been planned for the end of the original live lecture. This had had to be changed to a private presentation by Richard Gaunt of the Thoroton Society, who had edited the collection. This volume is now available for purchase from the Thoroton Society.

John has received numerous honours to mark his service and achievements. He now holds the title of Emeritus Professor of English Regional History at the University of Nottingham. He is acknowledged as the pre-eminent historian of Laxton and is Honorary President of Laxton History Group.

The University has announced that it is conferring the honour of D.Litt. (Doctor of Letters) on John to mark his distinguished contribution to History through published works and research. His work 'A History of Laxton' was published in 1989 and dedicated to the people of Laxton.



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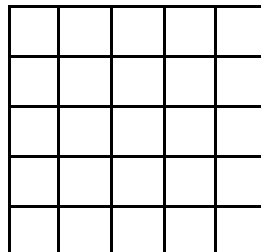
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## 'Free to Good Home' Soon Went

Brian and Jennifer, new owners of Walnut Cottage, offered a good home to about 50 slabs last month. 'About 50' turned out to be 110, and they did indeed find a grateful new owner and new home.

We are happy to publicise anything useful you may have which needs a new home, so please do get in touch.



## The Postcode Lottery Finds Laxton!



There were some happy people in Laxton following the June 'Postcode Millions' draw on July 2nd 2021.

The web site for the draws announced that the full winning code was NG22 0JA where four neighbours won over £333,009 each. One lucky winner had two tickets.

The wider postcode sector covered by this winning draw was NG22 0, which included Laxton and the surrounding area. A single ticket in this postcode won over £3,000 and at the time of writing we have heard of several lucky locals who received the coveted golden envelopes. Multiple tickets win multiple prizes and the web site stated that 606 people in the NG22 0 area shared the £4.1million draw.

Congratulations to all the winners and we hope you enjoy spending your prize money.

This prize is part of a draw promoted by 'Postcode International Trust' which supports organisations including Action Against Hunger, CARE International UK and Oxfam GB with regular grant funding. They help create sustainable solutions that alleviate poverty, hunger and enable food security.

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## Sherwood Forest Rotary - Cycling 1220 Miles Rome for Prostate Cancer Research.

The Cycle to Rome Challenge, a distance of some 1220 miles (as the crow flies - or in the case of Laxton, wouldn't it be great for the rooks to fly there!), is now complete.

Sherwood Forest Rotary set themselves the challenge a year ago to support Prostate Cancer Research in a year when all our normal activities were curtailed. The initial target was £1220 but it soon became obvious that support was generous and eventually we exceeded £4000, and when the Gift Aid is reclaimed we hope to be able to send £4500 for research.



Many thanks again for those who supported my ride, I managed 1457 miles eventually, which included one involuntary dip into the water splash ford at Clumber!

This Rotary year, July to June 2022, we will be welcoming teams of four for our Golf Day on September 15th. If you can muster a team please contact either Rufford Park Golf Club or Malcolm Bevan on [\*\*malcolm.bevan@btinternet.com\*\*](mailto:malcolm.bevan@btinternet.com) (great prizes).

Brass Plays the Proms will re-emerge this year on Saturday 13th November at the Dukeries Academy.

Christmas should find many members at Tesco for our Christmas Collection so do say hello and relieve yourselves of some heavy loose change (if we still have cash by then).

If you would like to become involved and meet up with like minded men and women please get in touch. From the 1st September we will meet each first Wednesday at Ollerton House, arriving at 6.30pm, and on another Wednesday each month we will be visiting village halls around the area.

Our Rotary ad is in this magazine.

*Jeff*

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

### **25th July Trinity 8**

10.30am   Kirton   **WS**   Janice

### **1st Aug Trinity 9**

9.00am   Kirton   **HC**   Margaret

**10.30am Laxton   Lammas Service   Janice**

4pm   Wellow   **EP**   Janice

### **8th Aug Trinity 10**

4pm   Egmonton   **EP**   Margaret

### **15th Aug Trinity 11 The Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.30am   Wellow   **HC**   Margaret

### **22nd Aug Trinity 12**

10.30am   Kirton   **WS**   Janice

### **29th Aug Trinity 13**

10.30am   St Paulinus   **WS**   Janice

For any enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact our churchwarden, Brenda, (**870541**) now we have no vicar.

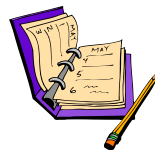


# *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

**2021**

## **August**

- Weds 4<sup>th</sup>                      Memorial Service for Ken Shepherd. 2.30pm
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>                    Village Hall AGM. All welcome 8pm



## **Forward Planning**

- Sept 15<sup>th</sup>                      Rotary Golf Day
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup>                      Rotary 'Brass Plays the Proms', Ollerton

## **Regular Events:**

- Parish Council*              *4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November*
- Quiz Nights*                *1st Friday of December & March tbc*

**Copy Date for September: 12 noon, 16th August**

*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



We are now in July and hopefully getting nearer to all the restrictions being lifted so we can soon get back to normal. We hope we may be able to hold a Committee meeting sometime in August to decide what to do about restarting our meetings.

We have just received a report of our National Virtual Annual General Meeting. Lynn Stubbing, our National Chairman, spoke about what a difficult year it had been for all of us and mentioned her sorrow in having to sell Denman College because of the financial difficulties of maintaining it.

Lynne told everyone that the meeting was coming from the Royal Society of Arts in London and not the Royal Albert Hall because it unfortunately had to be a virtual meeting this year. She was there with the National Trustees and Guest Speakers. 2,500 members were watching online.

The first guest speaker was HRH the Countess of Wessex, speaking about her mother, who did a lot of work in the community and was a great WI supporter.

Dame Cressida Dick, head of the Metropolitan Police then spoke about her work in the police force. She spoke about the measures they are taking to safeguard women in the community and praised the WI for the excellent work we do as an organisation.

The resolution chosen to be debated by members was for more information to be given about ovarian cancer to enable earlier detection. This was then discussed. There are twenty different symptoms which are easily missed and the survival rate is only 40%. It was stressed that the resolution should be passed to raise more awareness. Because delegates could not attend the meeting to vote there is a system in place for members to vote after the debate this year and we will be informed of the result in due course.

The afternoon speaker was Rt Hon. Baroness Brenda Hale of Richmond OBE, who spoke about her time spent in the Judiciary. She was the first and, to date, only woman Law Lord and was president of the Supreme Court.

It sounded a very interesting meeting. It is a pity it could not be at the Albert Hall and that members could not attend.

## Progress at the 'Little School'



As we go to print this month the roof is starting to be put on the house. It is nice to see it coming along well, but distressing to have heard during the month of yet another theft from the site as well as from others in the village.

## Milton Mausoleum, NG22 0PW

### EVENTS FOR 2021

The seasonal opening of the Mausoleum continues and we are open every Sunday until 26th September 2021 from 2pm – 4pm. Government guidelines will be adhered to. This year's events are as follows:

**Sat. 4th Sept at 7pm** Community Concert – an informal medley of music and song with wine and refreshments. Tickets £8

**Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm-4pm** Last Sunday of the season

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 12 for 12.30pm**, Two-course Sunday Lunch at West Retford Hotel. Retford. £18 Adult / £9 Child

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# Amy-Eloise is off to the Olympics.

In April we were delighted to report that Amy-Eloise Markovc neè Neale, grand daughter of the late Son and Eva Frecknall of Laxton, had won the 3000m for Great Britain at the European Indoor Athletics Championships in Poland in March 2021.



We have just heard from her mother, Elizabeth, that she has secured one of the three places available on Team GB for the Women's 5,000 metres at the Olympics in Tokyo.

Amy-Eloise's route to the Games has not been entirely smooth. As always it was necessary for the athletes to meet a qualifying standard for their event during a defined period before the final selection date.

For the British team the goal was to finish first or second in the British Championships in Manchester having clocked a time of 15 minutes 10 seconds in that race or previously this season. Amy-Eloise came in second to Jessica Judd in 15:10.54 .

This should have presented no problem as she had recorded a time of 15:05 in a race in May in Boston USA. Unfortunately question marks were raised about whether the track at Boston met the qualifying standards. The inside of the track is supposed to be defined by a rail, but at Boston cones were used instead.

Amy-Eloise suffered an anxious couple of days after her run in Manchester while the powers that be decided whether to accept her time. It was a great relief to find her name on the team sheet when it was published on the Tuesday following the British Championships.

That led to a whirlwind week getting sorted out with her team kit for the Games before flying back to Virginia USA for a final two weeks of training with her coach before she heads off to Tokyo.

The Games run between Friday 23rd July and Sunday 8th August 2021. Tokyo is 8 hours ahead of the UK and the Opening Ceremony at 8pm local time will occur at 12 noon here. Amy-Eloise's event is run over two rounds. The heats are scheduled for 30th July with the final taking place on 2nd August.



The Games of the thirty second Olympiad should have been held last year, but, like so many events, had to be postponed because of the Covid pandemic. They are still being branded as the 2020 Olympics despite this being the first time an Olympiad has been postponed.

After much speculation it was announced on 21st June that domestic spectators, i.e. those already in Japan / Tokyo, will be allowed to attend the Games but overseas spectators present too much of a Covid risk and are not being allowed to attend. This could still change depending on the local situation. The numbers allowed at each event will be restricted to 50% of the venue capacity up to a maximum of 10,000 people.

We wish Amy-Eloise every success in her first Olympics.

## Long Lived Local Surnames

Following Prof. John Beckett's article last month about Laxton as a surname we have heard from Margaret Noble, neè Woolhouse.

John asked if anyone knew of a 'Laxton' family with roots going back to the Middle Ages'. We have not heard of anyone by the name of Laxton who can trace their family back that far, but the Woolhouses and their descendants have lived in Laxton for a considerable period.

Margaret tells us that her surname was first found in Nottinghamshire where they held a family seat as Lords of the Manor. It is a Saxon name and is one which survived the prevalence of Norman names after the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The first reference to the name occurs in the year they held lands, although the exact date is not known.

### Amusing Anagrams

- ☆ SLOT MACHINES becomes CASH LOST IN ME
- ☆ ELECTION RESULTS becomes LIES - LET'S RECOUNT
- ☆ SNOOZE ALARMS becomes ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S
- ☆ A DECIMAL POINT becomes I'M A DOT IN PLACE
- ☆ THE EARTHQUAKES becomes THAT QUEER SHAKE
- ☆ ELEVEN PLUS TWO becomes TWELVE PLUS ONE

## Laxton Village Hall

By the time you read this, the Hall should have re-opened again with effect from 19/7/21.



We are having an AGM on THURSDAY 19th August at 8pm in the Hall and all are welcome.

Please come along and see if you can remember what the Hall looks like inside!!!!

See hint on the left.

## Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
19/6/21	14	Anne Dutton
26/6/21	19	John and Carol S
3/7/21	23	ROLLOVER
10/7/21	01	ROLLOVER

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: **1,2,7,11,20,23,26,27,34,51,52,56,57,59.**

Please contact me on 870844. Thank you.

*Michael Manning*

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

All people aged 18 or over can now book their first Covid vaccination. If you have had your first, you should follow advice and book for your second when it is due. The second Pfizer vaccination can now be given four weeks after the first. You can book your vaccination on

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The group currently has members in Laxton, Kneesall, Egmonton, Tuxford, Weston, Sutton on Trent and Carlton on Trent. Anyone in this area is welcome to join as long as they, or someone acting for them, can be contacted by email.

*Joy*

### **Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.**

- One Don't miss the boat
- Two Remember that we are all in the same boat
- Three Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark
- Four Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.
- Five Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done
- Six Build your future on high ground
- Seven For safety's sake, travel in pairs
- Eight Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- Nine When you are stressed, float a while.
- Ten Remember the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- Eleven No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

# Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

By the time you read this, the first meeting in person of the Parish Council will have been held on Tuesday 21/7/21 at Moorhouse Church.

The meetings are bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday (Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May and July) and are held in the Laxton Visitor Centre, apart from the July meeting, which always takes place in Moorhouse Church.

Meetings are advertised on the Council's web site and written notifications are displayed in both villages Notice Boards.

Best wishes  
*Michael Manning*

## PONY CLUB



## Pony Club

There is a common misconception that Pony Club is not for all youngsters. In fact it is a registered charity, so you might be interested to know more about its aims.

The Pony Club is an international voluntary youth organization for young people interested in ponies and riding. Founded in England in 1929, its' objectives are to:

- ☆ Encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding;
- ☆ Give instruction in riding and horse mastership;
- ☆ Educate Members to look after and to take proper care of their animal;
- ☆ Promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty; and
- ☆ Create strength of character and self-discipline.

Each Branch covers a geographical area and is organised using the purposes and the rules of The Pony Club. Every Branch is administered by a voluntary District Commissioner helped by a Committee made up of voluntary members. Membership is open to any young person under the age of 25.



## The Laxton Gnome

The Laxton gnome has come out of lockdown. He has been fitted with a new suit and will be returning home soon.

How many Laxton residents know where he lives? If you recognise him and think you know where he is to be found, let Jean know (870276). No prizes, but it will be interesting to see how observant villagers are ...

## On the Subject of the Origins of Local Names ...

Have you ever wondered why the farmers call it 'Bottom Field'? Now we know!



Thanks to Joyce for the photo above and Joan for the one on the left.

Have you got a funny, interesting, unusual or just lovely photo to share?

# Current Covid Restrictions Ending on 19th July

By the time you read this, the last of the Covid legal restrictions are due to have been removed. Local restrictions may remain in some places. The Mayor of London has announced that the wearing of face coverings on public transport will still be mandatory. Some shops may impose similar requirements or advise customers to wear masks.

Ministers have confirmed that England will move to the final stage of easing Covid restrictions on 19 July. The Prime Minister has said it is vital to proceed "with caution", warning that "this pandemic is not over".

Despite lifting restrictions, the government still expect to see a considerable rise in case numbers, but are hoping that the high vaccination rates will mean fewer people falling seriously ill and requiring hospital treatment.

The changes:

- There will be no limits on how many people can meet, but the advice remains to try to meet outside wherever possible.
- Social distancing requirements will no longer apply except in some places like hospitals and passport control when arriving, although the advice is still to be cautious, especially in crowded places.
- Nightclubs can reopen and pubs and restaurants will no longer be restricted to table service only
- There will be no limits on guests at weddings and funerals or on people attending sports events, concerts and theatres. Entertainment venues such as these will be able to operate at full capacity.
- Businesses and large events are encouraged to use Covid certification to limit the spread of the virus.
- There will be no restrictions on communal worship.
- The guidance against visiting amber list countries will be removed and under 18s and fully vaccinated adults will no longer have to self-isolate after visiting those countries. NB It was announced on 16th July that people coming from France must still isolate.
- People who are still working from home should begin to return to the workplace.

# Answers from British Quiz Programmes

Here is Part 1 of a selection of unlikely and amusing answers given by contestants in a variety of programmes:

## **QUIZMANIA (ITV)**

Greg Scott: We're looking for an occupation beginning with 'T'.

Contestant: Doctor.

Scott: No, it's 'T'. 'T' for Tommy. 'T' for Tango.

Contestant: Oh, right . . . (pause) . . . Doctor.

## **LATE SHOW (BBC MIDLANDS)**

Alex Trelinski: What is the capital of Italy?

Contestant: France.

Trelinski: France is another country. Try again.

Contestant: Oh, um, Benidorm.

Trelinski: Wrong, sorry, let's try another question. In which country is the Parthenon?

Contestant: Sorry, I don't know.

Trelinski: Just guess a country then.

Contestant: Paris..

## **THE WEAKEST LINK (BBC2)**

Anne Robinson: Oscar Wilde, Adolf Hitler and Jeffrey Archer have all written books about their experiences in what: prison, or the Conservative Party?

Contestant: The Conservative Party.

Anne Robinson: In traffic, what 'J' is where two roads meet

Contestant: Jool carriageway?

## **BEACON RADIO (WOLVERHAMPTON)**

DJ Mark: For £10, what is the nationality of the Pope?

Ruth from Rowley Regis: I think I know that one. Is it Jewish?

## **UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE (BBC2)**

Bamber Gascoigne: What was Gandhi's first name?

Contestant: Goosey?

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## Village Notices

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*Michael Manning*

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## **THANK YOU**

The Rufford Hunt Branch of the Pony Club wish to thank the landowners and farmers of Laxton for granting them the opportunity to ride over the Open Fields and surrounding countryside for their Annual Picnic Ride.

The ride took place on Saturday 10th July hosted by the Cheetham family at Hall Farm, Egmonton. Over 40 children took part, accompanied by 10 mounted adult escorts and numerous escorts on foot. Divided into 6 rides, the children could be seen crossing the countryside dressed smartly in their navy and gold Pony Club uniform and riding their immaculately turned-out ponies.



Debbie Dawson of Egmonton is the District Commissioner for the Rufford Hunt Branch of the Pony Club and she led out the first of the rides at 9.30am. The 6 rides journeyed over 3 different routes of varying length.



Both Jack and Ella Hoyland of Egmonton, children of the Event Organiser, Jill Hoyland, took part in the ride. The host - Clare Cheetham - led one of the rides and accompanied her children Joshua and Georgina Cheetham.

All rides returned 'home' safely by mid-day where a Covid-friendly Picnic and fun and games followed. The happy smiling faces were a joy to see...and one child was overheard to say "This is the best day of my life!"

Debbie Dawson said: "We feel very privileged to have been given the opportunity to ride over such magnificent countryside. The day was an exceptional experience for the members. We are extremely grateful to all those who made it possible."

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL**