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*Jessica Rose at the Palace of Holyrood House, Edinburgh,  
Representing the NFYFC at Royal Garden Party, 1st July 2025*

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Contributions for the next edition to be with the Editor by **NOON ON 21st AUGUST PLEASE. Earlier preferred.** You can send in your contributions at any time.

## September Open Field

Please note that as the magazine is printed in a school and they do not return to full operation until the start of September, our magazine will not be printed before the first week of September. We will be pressing for it as early as possible, but we must be realistic.

For this reason, we have included early notice of some September events this month and also allowed a later copy date for that edition. Please get your contributions for September in by **noon on 21st August**.

A couple of years ago we investigated alternatives for the printing of the magazine, but came to the conclusion that working with the school and their holidays was a bearable interruption to the printing dates as it has made a full colour magazine affordable.

Thank you for your patience in bearing with us.

## Belated Congratulations

Belated congratulations to Margaret Saxelby, sister of Eunice, for your 90th birthday, celebrated on 21st July.

*From all the family.*

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## Belated Congratulations

Belated congratulations for your 60th birthday to Andrew Godson. We hope you managed a suitably enjoyable celebration and send very best wishes.

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## Belated Congratulations to Logan, 7

We are pleased to say a very happy, if belated, seventh birthday to Logan H. He is one of our newer residents, having moved in with his family in May. We wish him many more happy Laxton birthdays.

## Apologies and Best Wishes

Many apologies to the ladies concerned and to their families for our inability to distinguish between Margaret (Ilott) Saxelby and Margaret Saxelby in the July edition.

To clarify, Margaret (Ilott) Saxelby has reached the grand age of 97, and sadly it was she who needed the hip operation. We send the very best of wishes for her recovery.

Margaret Saxelby, Eunice's sister, is, by comparison, a mere youngster and we seem to have unfortunately added five years to her age. She actually celebrated her 90th in July, for which we send belated congratulations.

Just to prove we don't favour one over another, we also omitted to include the notable fact that Andrew Godson was celebrating his 60th birthday in July. That is remedied overleaf on P3, but again we send sincere apologies.

More apologise to Logan H, who did not get a mention as he celebrated his 7th birthday in July. We hope he had a fun-filled day,

Finally, apologies also to anyone confused by the different dates for the garden fete in the last issue. Jean—who is editor, proof reader and host of the event, admits that a late night before her holiday got the better of her and she failed to spot one of Joy's not infrequent errors with a date. No doubt everyone realised July 12th was not a Friday.

*Joy & Jean*

## Welcome to People New to the Village

We are pleased to welcome:

- ◆ After the house stood empty for so long, we are very pleased to welcome **Pamela and daughter Danielle O'Neil** to Step Farm. they moved in in July. We look forward to meeting them and hope they enjoy living here.
- ◆ We now have permission to name Andy Brailsford and his son, Albert who moved into Ide Farm in April. We wish them well.



## Get Well Soon

We send very best wishes to anyone who is unwell or recovering from surgery at this time and hope you will soon be back to full fitness. We are also thinking of anyone who is caring for relatives or friends who are unwell.

## Thank you from Brenda

There is a full write up on the Michael Ducksbury Memorial Road Run a few pages further on, but I wanted to reassure anyone who saw the event, or thought about them on the day, that after getting drenched, they all arrived back at Tuxford, still having enjoyed their day, going to places they hadn't been before.

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who sponsored George and Paula again this year.

*Brenda*

## The Longest Yarn 2 - Britain at War



### At Southwell Minster September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

The Longest Yarn 2 is an exhibition made up of 80 panels of "wool art", each 1m long. The focus will be on what it was like in Britain between the declaration of war on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1939 to VE Day on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945.

Accompanying this will be 'The Gang' - life-size representatives of all the services that saved

Britain in its hour of need - from a Land Girl to a Spitfire Pilot.

Timed tickets are available on line now from the Minster web site. A maximum of 6 tickets can be reserved per booking. More can be reserved with multiple bookings. There will be a small number of tickets set aside each day for walk-ups, but when they're gone they're gone, so it is highly recommended to book your ticket in advance to guarantee entry.

If you were one of 30,000+ who saw The Longest Yarn at the Minster last year, you'll know how good this is going to be, and if you missed it, you are likely to have heard about it and you don't want to miss The Longest Yarn 2!.

Entry: £5 suggested donation per adult on arrival.

# New Publicans at the Dovecote



The Dovecote Inn has been taken over by Dave and Toni & I am Jess their General Manager. We have worked together before at The Wheatsheaf in Bingham and are very excited about our new adventure in Laxton!

We are using our combined past experience to enhance the great foundations we have inherited. We

are pleased to continue to support the community traditions that make the Dovey unique. We are delighted to be able to introduce a quality range of new products including lagers, beers, ales and a comprehensive new wine list. In these challenging times we are looking to cater for a large range of tastes and budgets and whether you want a quick drink or to dine with us, you will always be made very welcome.

Food has always been a standout quality at the Dovey and our current fantastic team look to enhance what you already know and love. Look out for our new specials boards coming soon, running alongside our freshly prepared seasonal menus, all sourced locally where possible.

On your next visit you may notice that the Dovey has had a facelift, bringing a homely feel and a tribute to the Inn and the village itself. We are now open for drinks every night with food being served lunchtimes and evenings for you to enjoy in our newly linked and revamped dining rooms. For drinks, more casual dining or to dine with your pooch, our bar areas and snug have a comfortable relaxed feel. Dogs are welcome at any time in our bar and snug areas and, of course, outside.

We are now open for drinks every night with food being served lunchtimes and evenings from Wednesday to Sunday. Please keep an eye on our website or Facebook for updates and special events.

We are continuing to develop our popular Dovey Drive Ins and Dovey Ride Ins on Tuesdays through the summer, which includes weekly changing street food for everyone to enjoy. Being a focal point of the village has already seen us host the Notts YFC tractor run and we are looking forward to hosting the annual sheep shearing contest on the 9th of August, all welcome!

To close, we would just like to thank everyone for the warm welcome we have received both personally and for the Dovecote itself. It is obvious how much it is valued and your support is vital to ensure the longevity of this beautiful place.

# Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

## Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that ONE vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council – Ollerton Ward.

The vacancy has arisen due to a councillor's resignation and their term of office would have ordinarily expired in May 2027.

An election to fill the vacancy will be held **if within 14 days\*** from the date below, TEN electors who are included on the Register of Electors at an address in Laxton & Moorhouse – Ollerton Ward, give notice in writing claiming such election to: -

The Returning Officer  
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If no such notice is given, The Returning Officer will notify the Parish Council, who may then fill the vacancy by co-option.

Signed: C Wilson

Clerk to Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council.

Dated: 7th August 2025

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# Village Hall News

“Chop & Chat” has been awarded a £500 grant from NSDC for the next season. They have suggested that we make a small charge to make it more sustainable.

“Chop & Chat” on tour continues with a lunch at Maxey’s Farm Shop after some members take part in the History Group visit to the Horological Museum.



The “**Pilates**” class is being run by our experienced fitness teacher, Rachel. She asks for 4-week block bookings up front, priced at £24. Please contact Helen Sheard if you are interested. At Laxton Village Hall Thursday evenings 18:30 to 19:30

## 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](https://www.newarkandsherwoodlottery.co.uk/referral/1499120727/192397949?utm_source=manual)



**Please note that the next Quiz Night will be on Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Can you spare** some time to help with the running of the Village Hall? We are looking for some additional folks to join us as trustees. The role is not too onerous, and of course “*many hands, make light work*”. Contact one of the trustees for more information.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, it helps us in our goal as trustees “*Managing and maintaining Laxton Village Hall for the benefit of the community of Laxton, Nottinghamshire and the surrounding villages*”.



## Coffee Morning Corner

No Coffee Mornings in August. They return in September.

# Royal Garden Party



*Laxton's Jessica Rose was recently honoured to be included in a Young Farmers Group which was invited to the traditional venue for the last Royal Garden Party of the year in Scotland. She has sent the following account of her memorable day.*

On Tuesday 1st July, as the National Federation of Young Farmers Vice Chair, I had the great honour of being selected to represent our organisation and its 22,000 members at a Royal Garden Party. The event took place at The Palace of Holyrood House, Edinburgh

with around 8,000 others in attendance.

Our new Patron, His Majesty King Charles III, kindly sent NFYFC ten invites to the prestigious event. The last time we received an invitation was in 2017, so I feel very lucky to be in post on a year we received an invite.

Other NFYFC representatives included Alex McMenemy, fellow Vice Chair; Chair of Council, James Nixey; NFYFC's Chair of the Board, Natalie McGinn; NFYFC's Chair of Competitions, Ellie Gassor; Northern Area Vice Chair, Luke Brignall; Aspiring Rural Leader 2024 winner, Tom Harrison; YFC AGRI Chair, Robbie Tuer; Cumbria YFC Chief Officer, Joanne Mills and NFYFC's Head of Admin, Caryn May.

We arrived around 3pm. Walking





through the stunning grounds there were bagpipes playing and crowds gathered around the red carpeted Royal steps. His Majesty The King, Queen Camilla and Anne, Princess Royal all arrived at 4pm to a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem played by a military band. We then enjoyed an exquisite afternoon tea in the gardens. The sandwiches were delicious, the softest bread and tastiest lemon cake I've ever had!

Then to top the day off, as if it wasn't special enough, I ended up making my way to the front of the crowds at just the right time to shake hands with the King! A moment I'll always cherish.

The day closed at 6pm with another beautiful rendition of the National Anthem from a second military band.

Despite forecasted showers the rain held off and the weather was lovely for the duration.

It was so wonderful that our Federation was invited by our Patron, the King. Our organisation became a charity in 2024 and we were able to celebrate our long lasting relationship with the Royal Family.

Long may our members' fantastic work and achievements in rural communities and beyond continue; be recognised, honoured and celebrated.

I hope this may inspire others to become a member of our Young Farmers Clubs. You never know where YFC may take you! I definitely never anticipated this opportunity coming my way all those years ago when I first joined!

*Jessica Rose*



# Michael Dicksbury Memorial Road Run



The event took place as usual on the first Sunday of July, setting off from College Farm in Tuxford in a convoy of some 100 tractors and support vehicles. As usual, Michael's family led the way. Laxton and Egmonton were well represented with both drivers and passengers.

After a heatwave, the forecast suggested a wet day, and

unfortunately it proved to be quite correct. At least with rain being in the forecast, the majority of drivers were well prepared with their waterproof clothing, or better still a vehicle with a cab. Over the years, the regular passengers have organised themselves with either their own waterproofs or a canopy. The latter serves to help avoid sunburn as well, should that be needed.

There was moisture in the air as the convoy arrived in Egmonton, but no actual rain and there was a fair smattering of spectators waiting to welcome and photograph them. By this time, as they emerged from Burnmoor Lane, the convoy was already well spread out. It was clear that one tractor was going to struggle to complete the course as it seemed to be stuck in first gear.

Coming into Laxton, they crossed the green and drove along High Street, heading out onto Acre Edge before heading down the first road on the left and into Mill Field. Where possible the route takes the drivers off road, and following this road down through Kneesall Syke, they emerged at the bottom of Brockilow Hill.



It was back on the road as far as Norwell Woodhouse, where they were able to pick up a lane which took them down to Cauntton. There was quite a crowd awaiting the spectacle as they drove through the water splash. Local photographers had turned out to make the most of the opportunity. Some even chose to lie down for a low shot and take their chances with any spray!



The next part of the route took the participants in the direction of Southwell, before finding another lane which brought them out in Kelham. Here they provided quite a surprise for residents enjoying a quiet Sunday. Some came out to see what was going on and, as it was raining by then, they were amused at some participants doing their best to shelter under umbrellas. By this time the convoy was taking around half an hour to pass.

From there it was a fairly straightforward run to the lunch stop at Little Carlton. Unfortunately on this stretch of the run they encountered a real storm, which looked like hailstones at times. There was no escape for the drivers on open tractors and umbrellas would have been of questionable use!

Over lunch the sun came out, giving rise to various conversations about the wisdom of shedding waterproofs before setting off again. Some drivers on their hot tractors were finding wearing them almost as damp an experience as braving the rain.

Another lane took the route towards Cromwell, where they found a route





to a bridge over the A1. It must have been quite a sight for the drivers coming along the road, and a number got into the spirit of the event, hooting their horns as they approached the bridge.

The afternoon proved equally wet at times and when the tractors reached Trent Bank soon afterwards, it was quite slippery. As it is also quite narrow there were some jitters among the passengers.

The convoy was still fairly intact, if spread out, as they made their way to Carlton on Trent, Sutton on Trent, Grassthorne and Normanton. Following that area's small lanes brought them into Tuxford on the Lincoln Road. It was a fairly short trip home to College Farm from there to the waiting raffle draw and awarding of prizes.



We were pleased to learn that Paula Doyle was announced as the person who had collected the most sponsorship. It is not the first time she has won the award.

This year was the 20th time the event had been held after the death of Michael Dicksbury from bowel cancer in 2004 and the total raised to date, as shown on the Facebook page for the event, is a staggering £100,950. Huge congratulations to all concerned.

The total for this year, also on this site, was shown as £3,640, with more money still coming in. All funds support the Weston Park (Sheffield) Cancer Charity.

## Thank you for Stamps from Sandra

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A big THANK YOU to all my stamp collectors for Bransby Horses. I have sent off a large bag of stamps.

Once again thank you and keep collecting.....

New collectors are very welcome at any time. Just trim off any postage stamps with a good margin and pass them to me, Jean Hennell in Laxton or Joy in Egmont.

*Sandra*

## Laxton Own Report

This has been a good year for Owls in Laxton. 5 baby tawny owls fledged in two of our owl boxes and more than 5 barn owl chicks were produced out of 3 boxes. One box was on Corner Farm and the young kept Amanda and Mark Hennell awake calling for more food.

In one of the other barn owl boxes, the two young were heavier than their parents, showing that the food supply of voles and mice was plentiful. They will have to go on a diet before they will be light enough to fly and catch prey by themselves.

The supply of mice and voles is a credit to the Laxton farmers who have many acres of permanent grass, grass margins and fallows which the owls use to hunt their prey. Well done everyone.

Here in north Nottinghamshire it has generally not been a good season for the owls and many boxes have failed, owing to a shortage of prey. If this occurs the adults will eat their babies to survive.

*Mike Jackson*



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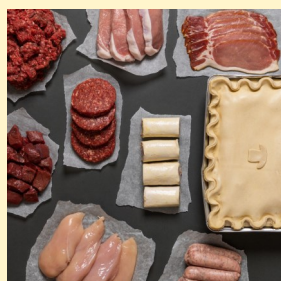
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# **AUGUST CONGRATULATIONS**

*Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event this month. We wish you all a wonderful day and a happy and healthy year to come.*

*The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Terry Smith, Ian Creighton, Rachel Hennell, Jamie Hennell, Mark W, Sue S, Dave St, Ian R, Cynthia B, Ralph C (3) and Jimmy B (3)*

*The anniversary roll call for this month is: Jean & Roy Hennell, Jean & Keith Morton, Robert & Jeanette Juska, Heather & Derek Storton, Joy & Dik Allison, Pat & Jeff Naylor, Jean & Wilf*

*We are pleased to congratulate anyone else celebrating a special event this month.*



*Brenda*

# Laxton History Group

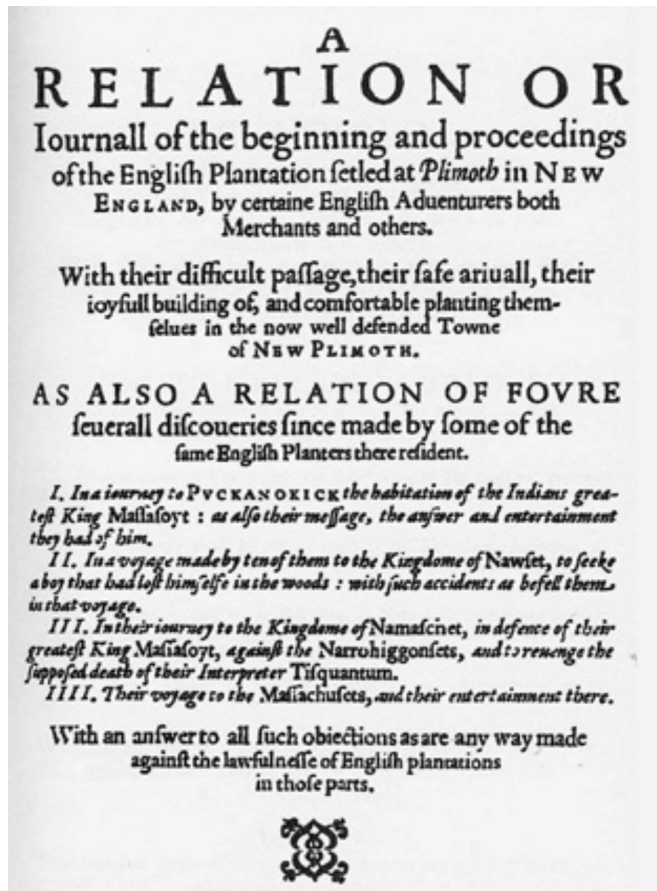


The group met on a lovely June evening and were pleased to welcome Adrian Gray from Pilgrims and Prophets to give the follow up to his talk about the Pilgrim Fathers, which we enjoyed several years ago.

This time Adrian spoke about how the story of the Pilgrim Fathers was changed over the years. He outlined how entrepreneurial vicars and Local Councils changed the real story of the Pilgrims' journey in order to make money from the Americans, who were trying to establish their identity and history as a nation.

As a Group we became very aware of the worth of different types of evidence for historical stories when we worked on our booklets. Direct evidence from witnesses or writings from the time are the best sources, and are known as 'primary evidence'.

There is very little primary evidence of the Pilgrim Fathers' journey around the English coast. The earliest text, detailing anything at all about their journey and settlement of New Plymouth in America, "Mourt's Relation" which is an account written between November 1620 and November 1621 by Edward Winslow with contributions by William Bradford. They were both passengers on the Mayflower. William Bradford served as governor of the colony intermittently for 30 years. Edward Winslow served as his



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assistant governor and then went on to become governor himself for three terms. There is no detailed mention of their journey across England.

This lack of any detailed evidence of the actual journey led to the distortion of genuine historical facts to aid various towns and villages in raising money from America. For example, for many years there was uncertainty about where the Mayflower set sail from. Suggestions include Immingham, Killingholme Haven, Stallingborough, East Halton, Plymouth and Southampton. Modern scholarship has established that it was in fact Stallingborough.

In 1914, however, the vicar of Immingham, Rev. Miller Reid, was one of the first to try to make money from the Anglo-American Centenary Peace Committee. He wanted £2000 for repairs to his church. Consequently, he travelled to New York and claimed that Immingham Church had sheltered the Pilgrims whilst they were being persecuted, and that it was the last place where the Pilgrims worshipped before departing for America.

This is spurious as it was a Church of England church, the very establishment the Pilgrims were rebelling against. This did not prevent Americans, desperate to know their history, from accepting it as fact. In 1924 they erected a monument on Immingham docks. The edifice has their departure date as 1609 instead of 1608. In 1970 it was removed to the town park. So now the monument has the wrong date and is in the wrong place and has managed to alter the Pilgrim's story.

Another notable example of how the story of the journey of the Pilgrims was changed in order to try to make money from American tourism is the monument at Plymouth. The Mayflower Steps in Plymouth are claimed by the town council to be the final place where the Pilgrims embarked for America. A granite block marks the approximate site of the original steps.

In 1934 a large commemorative portico with Doric columns was built on the sea front. The town council had embraced the idea that the Pilgrim Fathers departed for the New World from Plymouth, UK to establish New Plymouth in America. After they left Stallingborough they called in at Southampton, Plymouth and finally Falmouth before setting sail for America. We now know that Plymouth was merely a short stopping place, since they needed to take on water at Falmouth. Nevertheless, the Plymouth Guide Book still claims that the Mayflower departed from their town. The Gin Distillery even has a picture of the Mayflower on their label. All of which brings American tourism and money to the town and once more changes the story of the Pilgrim Fathers.

Adrian went on to detail various other changes to the story of the Pilgrims. The only primary evidence which we possess still remains

Mourt's Relation and the brief notes recorded by Edward Winslow and William Bradford. It is a lesson to all of us to research primary sources for genuine history and not to rely on stories, myths and legends as true historical fact.

Our annual outing, and joint meeting with Chop & Chat at the Horological Museum at Upton followed by lunch at Maxey's Farm Shop and Café will be over by the time you read this. Our next event is the garden tea party courtesy of the Sheard family on 20th August.

## Young Farmers' Tractor Run

Nottinghamshire Young Farmers staged their summer road run on 22nd June, starting and ending at The Dovecote Inn in Laxton. They must have wondered if they would be sun baked on the tractors without cabs, as the week before had seen record temperatures for June in many places. It would have been a relief when they woke to find a cooling breeze and a very acceptable 23C for their event.

Around 25 tractors took part. The route took them through Eakring, noticing the gathering clouds on the horizon, then towards Kirklington, where they stopped for lunch. The Hill brothers were trying to cook burgers in a gazebo while the drivers tried to shelter from the rain..

The weather really caught up with them around Southwell when they found themselves driving through a cloudburst. Those who were in tractors with cabs were coping, but those without were soaked and struggling to see their way.



Some gave up and headed for home, but those who braved it out were rewarded with bright sunshine soon afterwards. Back in Laxton they were able to compare notes and finish drying out on a pleasant evening in the pub yard over a pint once the raffle had been drawn.



## Nature Corner



Lynda Moore has sent us the picture on the left, showing one of the many varieties of ladybird we now see, beautifully co-ordinated with the flower it is sitting on. Thank you Lynda.

These two moths were seen in Egmonton. With the warm evenings there has been more evidence of moths, both while out in the garden and coming in through open windows.



The picture above shows a **dingy footman**. While that on the left is a **box tree moth**. It has only recently become a regularly sighted species in this country - much to the dismay of gardeners. Rather like the spindle ermine moths we featured earlier in the year, it lays its eggs in protective webs, but its host is box wood. The larvae feed on the leaves and can destroy topiary and severely weaken box hedges. The RHS is monitoring sightings.

On a more positive note, to coincide with World Environment day on 5th June, it was announced that Forterra, the owners of Kirton

Brickworks, have an active programme for biodiversity. As a result they have nurtured a colony of **dingy skipper moths** on the old railway line running through the site. This species is becoming increasingly rare because it needs to bask on bare earth. Left to its own devices, this will turn to scrubland. Maintenance of their preferred environment has helped the colony recover. Several other species have also benefitted.

# News from the Museums of Tuxford



**The Walks of Life Museum,** Tuxford will be holding a commemoration of V.J Day on Friday 15th August when the nets of poppies and tributes will be on display. We will be

planting named roses 'Peace' and 'Tranquillity' in the memorial garden at the Walks of Life Museum. From 11am until 3 pm, please join us to remember all those affected by war. It will be a time of reflection with a cup of tea.

Every cart in our collection tells a story. Alongside the stonemason's cart, we have the history of Sir Abraham Woodiwiss who was knighted by Queen Victoria for his work on railways.

The history of Tuxford railways is on display. Tuxford now has the Network Rail Innovation and Development Centre. Thanks to Jacob, the Test Track Manager, for arranging an open track day. This will be a chance to walk down the line and find out about the UK premium rail test facility.

**EVENTS:** Wednesday 20th August 10am to 2 pm - **Open Track Day**

Saturday 6th September 10am - **Charity Day.** There will be free stalls to promote your cause and raise funds. Places must be booked. Please contact Diane - see below

**The Museum of the Horse** has a small exhibition of recent acquisitions. Sally is preparing for the **next on online auction on Sunday 19th October from 6 pm.** Viewing will take place on Friday 17th 10am to 4 pm and Saturday 10am to 2 pm.

In the auction will be paintings and prints and a collection of the late Jim Mead, Horse and Hound photographer for many years. The auction includes a fine original Lionel Edwards oil painting, and large French Glen hand painted faience wall platter. These sell new for over £1000, so will be a real bargain for someone. Entries are invited - see contact details at the bottom of the facing page..







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## JULY SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

**27th July**

**No services**

**3rd August**

<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Laxton</b>	<b>Lammas and HC Rural Dean</b>	<b>Rev Sarah Pattern</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Wellow</b>	<b>EP</b>	<b>Heather B</b>

**10th August**

<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Kirton</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Rev Alistair</b>
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**17th August**

<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Walesby</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Rev Vaughn</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Wellow</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Rev?</b>

**24th August and 31st August** **No services**

**7th September**

<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Laxton</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Rev Margaret</b>
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**Friday 12th Laxton 7:00 pm Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 14th 3:00 pm Harvest Service and Auction.**



# *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

## **AUGUST**

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup>**

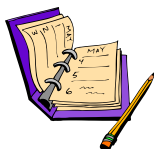
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**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Village BBQ at 1 Saywood Cottages**

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup>**

**LHG Garden Party - invitations to be circulated**



## **Forward Planning:**

**Sept: 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Laxton Harvest weekend**

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Harvest Competition**

**Sept: Sat 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Southwell Ploughing Match (Farnsfield)**

**Nov: 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Village Hall Quiz**

## **Regular Events:**

**Parish Council**

**4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July,  
September and November**

**Copy Date for SEPTEMBER 2025 edition:  
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*Please let us have your contributions in good time. We have given you an extension this time as the magazine will not be printed before the start of September. 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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## The Last Laugh – Jean Townsend

Jean Townsend's fascination with gravestones started early in her career. As an archaeologist and sociologist, she gained in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience of burial rituals and practices during a project to clear and re-catalogue graveyards.

Before she began to tell us how and why her interest was born, she launched on to what she described as her 'high horse'.

The graveyards of Britain, thanks to the church authorities, are being hammered by bureaucratic diktat after diktat. The size, the stone, the lettering and the written content must now conform to uniform and petty rules. Ornamentation is not allowed, everything must be dull, dull, dull. Character and individuality are trodden under the blanket of bureaucracy.

Jean Townsend is furious about it and brought us examples of the width of human involvement and a world of social history some of the old gravestones have preserved. What wry wit led to the epitaph on a headstone for a head waiter called Guiseppe: "The Lord finally caught his eye." This was Jean's first encounter with gravestone humour.

The grave of David Brown in Skye paints a graphic picture of the man: "Beneath this sod lies another."

Often the older headstones are beautifully carved and decorated. There were all sorts of animals, designs and mementos to the lives and times of these people long ago. Jean tells of a beautifully carved small replica of a gypsy caravan and she was able to follow up the information and discover the life stories of the deceased. The carved gravestone would probably have been due to be smashed up.

Another unusual burial was the discovery of a stone right up against the church wall (obviously consecrated land). This was dedicated to an atheist. The epitaph read: "All dressed up and nowhere to go."

Jean showed us lots of examples of the personal glimpses of the dead through their families' eyes. There was the large imposing



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stone to a man who in life had run his business well and successfully. He sold greengrocery. His wife, showing what spirit had moved them both, used the epitaph to tell the world: "\*\*\*\*\*'s stall. Still the best place to buy fresh fruit and veg at the best prices." The address followed.

The cause of death was not often revealed, so it was intriguing to find an epitaph to a small boy aged three or four due to "a fish bone". Jean researched this and uncovered a tragic story that showed clearly what wretched lives some people led. The child had been the last living child of a desperately poor coal heaver, the lowest and meanest of jobs. The family lived in abject poverty and their large family was steadily depleted by infant mortality until only one child survived. He died "of a fish bone". Despite the cost, which was not inconsiderable, the parents erected this stone, and they must have gone without food for some time to find the money.

There were very many more to be giggled at – allusions to someone's chattering abilities and many an epitaph that could be interpreted in more than one way. Dull, lacking in wit, dry and uninteresting – never!

The story that encapsulates all Jean was saying about the social importance of epitaphs happened when a complete gravestone was discovered under tarmac plugging a hole in the road sub-surface. Jean researched it and discovered an incredible tale from the eighteenth century.

The gravestone had belonged to a small-time farmer who raised poultry, and he had died on a hike from Kensington to London. His goal was a wife fair, where women offered themselves along with their skills to get a husband and presumably a home and future. Like a hiring fair. So if you needed a cook, a home maker or a woman capable of weaving, here you came to look. Sort of a cross between a cattle market and a modern day disco. The difference here was the man in question was looking for his sixth wife (poultry raising must be arduous) and he was 94. They don't make 'em like that any more!

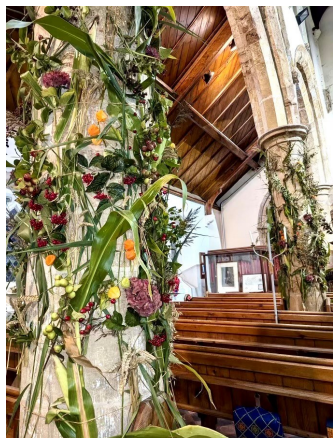
All in all, a most enjoyable evening, a splendid talk by a knowledgeable raconteur.

If you see or meet Jean, do not let her get away until she has told you the tale of Doncaster Obelisk. It's delicious!

Next month is our Annual Outing.

# Laxton Harvest Festival Weekend

**Laxton Harvest Festival Weekend will take place between 12th and 14th September 2025.**



Hopefully those seeds you sowed and have been tending will have produced prize-winning exhibits, or maybe your orchard is brimming with fruit. Now is the time to start thinking which items might be just right on the day.

Have you made a tasty cake, a preserve or craft item this year which you could make again or bring along for one of the classes?

Somebody has to win and all the produce entries serve a good purpose when they are auctioned off at the end. Your contribution will be valued and valuable, whether you sweep the board or merely take part.

We don't auction off your photos, but we do like a good display to show what you have been snapping all year. Why not have a look through your phone and see what you might print off and enter?

If you have children to entertain over the long holiday, perhaps one or more of their classes might provide inspiration to produce a masterpiece or to try out ideas and keep everyone amused for a while.

**The annual Harvest Competition will take place on Saturday 13th September.**

The schedule is shown opposite. **Please take particular note of any specifics**, e.g. jams and preserves should be from the current season. Lemon curd should be under one month old and all should have the date they were made on the label. This is to ensure they are not potentially going to have an adverse effect on the judge, who tastes everything! For the same reasons neither fresh cream nor sausage rolls can be accepted.

We try to keep the rules to a minimum to encourage everyone to have a go. It is all for fun, so please give some thought to entering. If you cannot be there on the day, entries which will not suffer for being delivered ahead of time can be left at Blacksmith's Cottage with Jean.

**If you are bringing your own entries, please deliver to the church between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 13th September.**



**St Michael the Archangel, Laxton**  
**Harvest Produce Show and Competition**  
**September 13<sup>th</sup> 2025**



**Classes**

**Class 1**

- A 3 potatoes
- B 3 onions
- C 3 beetroot
- D 3 leeks
- E 3 carrots
- F 1 marrow
- G 1 pumpkin
- H 3 tomatoes
- I 3 runner beans
- J Any other produce

**Class 2**

- A 3 eating apples
- B 3 cooking apples
- C 3 pears

**Class 3**

- A Jar of chutney
- E Jar of jam
- F Jar of jelly
- H Jar of lemon curd\*

**Class 4 \***

- A Victoria sandwich cake (no cream)
- B Decorated sandwich cake (any flavour)

- C Fruit cake
- D Plate fruit pie
- E 4 small cakes (buns)
- F 4 small sweet pastries
- G 4 fruit scones
- H 4 cheese scones
- I 4 tray bakes

**Class 5 - Photograph**

- A A Country Scene
- B It's Spring Time
- C A wild creature
- E Picture suitable for the cover of 'Open Field'

**Class 6**

**Flower Arrangement**

- A Hydrangea head in a vase
- B Single stem rose in a vase
- C Bowl of floating flowers
- D One bloom, one veg
- E Autumn Arrangement

**CRAFT**

**Class 7**

Craft item, any medium, made in the last year

**CHILDREN'S**

**COMPETITIONS:**

**Class 8 (up to 6 years)**

- A Painted Flower Pot
- B Vegetable or fruit sculpture
- C Harvest Collage
- D A Jar of Flowers

**Class 9 (7 to 11 years)**

- A Painting of Harvest
- B Vegetable or fruit sculpture
- C Model from Lego or similar
- D Hand made greetings card

**NB**

**No fresh cream or sausage rolls**

**Jams /Preserves to be from the current season**

**\*Lemon curd to be no under 1 month old**

**All jars to be labelled with date made**

We welcome additional donations of produce, preserves or home baking for auction, which is held in church after the service. These can be left in church on the **Saturday, or Sunday of Harvest Weekend from 3:30pm** when the winning entries may also be viewed.

**We will also be collecting non-perishable gifts for a local Food Bank.**

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Produce Show

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Everyone is welcome at this colourful and popular local event. Entry to the classes is open to anyone, regardless of where you live, and everyone is welcome to come along and view the exhibits after the judging. The schedule for exhibitors is on the web site,

[www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk)

Entries cost 50p each for the adult classes. Under 18s are free, and they may enter adult classes if they wish.

General admission begins at 3.00pm. Admission is free for children and exhibitors, 50p for other adults.

Refreshments including home made biscuits etc. are available from 3pm. We very much hope to see you there.

## Sculptures at Doddington Hall

Preparations are well advanced for the 2025 Sculpture Exhibition at Doddington Hall as we go to print in mid July.

The opening date is 26th July and the event will run until 7th September.

There will be over 300 works by 58 sculptors from the UK and beyond. The majority of the pieces are in the walled garden or the wild garden with some smaller pieces in the indoor gallery in the stable yard.

Tickets are available on line now giving admission the selected day. Those wanting to view the house, which is open on specific days, are strongly advised to pre-book to reserve a time slot. Tickets are available at the Gatehouse. Entry to the house is subject to availability. Prices are: Adult: £9.50 / Child: £4.50 / Family: £22  
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In recognition of our contribution to the local community, we are honoured to have been **nominated** by Ollerton Together for a **Newark and Sherwood District Council Community Award**. This nomination is a testament to the dedication of our members and the support of our wonderful audiences.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to be taking part in **World Singing Day on Saturday, 18th October 2025**, joining voices with choirs around the globe in a celebration of unity through song.

Our **new season begins on Wednesday, 2nd July 2025**. We'll be meeting at **The Methodist Church Hall, Forest Road, New Ollerton**. We extend a warm welcome to all, whether you're a seasoned singer or just curious to give it a try. There's **no audition**, and while reading music helps, it's certainly not required. What matters most is a love of singing and a willingness to have fun.

We're also excited to welcome our **new accompanist, Sue Bennett**, a well-known figure in the local music scene. Sue brings extraordinary talent and a deep commitment to community music-making, and we're thrilled to have her on board.

If you'd like to join us, simply come along to a rehearsal. We don't aim to be the best choir in the world or even in Nottinghamshire, but we do promise plenty of laughter, friendship, and the joy of singing together.

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## Group Oil Order

The price of oil is still all over the place, but has partially recovered from the worsening of the trouble in the Middle East. The price is now 54.72p/litre. With the warm weather, and with no messages asking for oil, it seems a good idea wait until mid - late August for the next order. Please let me know when you think you will need oil and I will plan with the majority. The ordering group is a way of different households ordering together through me to benefit from a discount which reflects volume ordered. The more we order, the better the price. We all pay the same price per litre.

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# Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25/3/25

**Present:** Councillors: S.Hill (chair), J.Hill, M.Hennell, S.Rose, A. Moorhouse, R. Creighton, D. Sheard

### **In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Wilson (Clerk). S. Michael (District councillor)

Member of the public (x1) (from 7.25 pm)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Pringle's apologies were noted.
2. **Review of Registers of Interest:** The clerk will circulate electronic copies of councillors' current registers for the purpose of annual review following new guidance received from NSDC. Councillors will review and confirm whether there have been any changes individually.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
4. **Dispensations:** None required. 10 Minutes public speaking: No public present.
5. **Thoresby Estate report (if any):** No report. The clerk will contact Mr Pierrepont with details of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting.
6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 January 2025: The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 28 January 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
7. **Matters arising:** *LMPC/09/25 – Reports from councillors* – Mr Sheard outlined the purpose of his envisaged aims and objectives. Councillors noted that his intention was to provide a measure against which decisions could be taken. Councillors will consider the idea which will be a formal agenda item for the May 2025 meeting.
8. There were no other matters arising.
9. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Mr Pringle was absent.  
In her report, Mrs Michael referred to the following in particular:
  - 1) Changes in the political make up and balance of NSDC councillors had had an adverse impact on the efficiency of decision making
  - 2) Proposed increases in council tax and council house rents had



been reduced.

- 3) Issues raised by the local government re-organisation and interim arrangements during the changeover to the new unitary councils.

A member of the public arrived at 7.25 pm.

10. **Annual Parish Meeting 2025 – Arrangements:** Councillors decided to hold the:

- a. Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 27 May 2025
- b. Parish Council annual meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 27 May 2025.

The clerk will invite a representative from NCC Highways to the Annual Parish Meeting. She will also book the village hall.

Councillors discussed ways of increasing engagement with the Annual Parish Meeting.

11. **Property matters including sports field, condition report and Glebe Field matters including extension of licence for a further three years:** Having considered the matter, councillors unanimously decided to extend the licence of Glebe Field for three years to end on 31 December 2027 at an increased rent of £20 per annum. The Thoresby Charitable Trust's decision on the funding application was still awaited.

There was discussion of responsibility for the trees in Glebe Field.

The clerk will check the licence terms and confirm the position.

Councillors discussed the parish council's boundary obligations and **approved** a proposal by the licensees to erect a stock proof fence on the Chapel footpath side.

The chair and Mr Rose will undertake an inspection of the sports field and pavilion.

12. **Planning matters:**

- a. Applications: None. A resident's enquiry with regard to the location of the telephone box in Moorhouse was discussed. As a county council matter, the resident was directed to NCC Highways and Mr Pringle.
- b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None.
- c. Great North Road Solar Park – Update and consider contribution to planning consultant report to be commissioned by the local Joint Parish Council Action Group (JPAG): The chair will attend the next JPAG meeting on 31 March 2025. Councillors discussed GNR Solar's quarterly natural flood management update. The clerk will contact GNR Solar to ask that the parish council be included in those already included for identification by Trent Rivers Trust and GNR Solar's hydrologists of the most effective flood mitigation strategies.

- d. Compliance: Councillors noted that, although NSDC regards the fence at Croftways as a breach of planning controls, the breach does not meet its criteria for enforcement action.

13. **Defibrillator:**

- a. Inspection report: Mr J Hill replace the expired pads and confirmed that there were no issues with the defibrillator.
- b. Replacement defibrillator and implications of listed status of Laxton telephone kiosk: Councillors noted that the kiosk had been listed on 14 December 2010. They **agreed** that the clerk should apply for permission to install a defibrillator.

14. **Dates and venue for community first aid training:** Councillors agreed that the best day for a training event was Tuesday. Given the value of training to the whole community, councillors also agreed that the parish council should fund the hire of the village hall as the venue.

15. **Flood resilience working party – Report and any associated decisions:** Councillors discussed ditch maintenance responsibilities with particular reference to the verge from Corner farm to Brockilow Hill on the right hand side exiting the village. The clerk will contact NCC Highways to establish whether the land is in NCC's ownership.

16. **Parish environment and appearance, including:**

- a. Parish roads and pavements: The Moorhouse Road pavement from Bottom Farm to Moorgate Farm had still to be cleared. The clerk will chase NCC. She will also report that the footpath up the side of Twitchell Farm to the churchyard was overgrown, muddy and slippery.  
It was also noted that a hawthorn was blocking visibility at Kneesall crossroads. Mr Rose will send photos to the clerk. Mr Rose will install two brackets to repair damage to the bench by the phone box. It was noted that the bench remains safe in the meantime.  
Mr Sheard reported that the litter pack had filled twenty bin bags. The litter collected included two tyres and a deep fat fryer.
- b. WWI and WWII remembrance memorial on the Green: The clerk had twice contacted ATTFE to ask if their students would make a community memorial as a project but had yet to receive a response. There was discussion of a VE Day event. Councillors noted that there was a likelihood of NSDC funding. After discussion, councillors **decided** that the parish council would support an event organised by WI or via the coffee

morning if NSDC funding was available. They regretted that council's finances at this time precluded parish council funding otherwise.

### **Financial matters:**

- a. Financial position as at 28 February 2025: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2025 (incorporating the 2024-25 budget figures) which the chair cross referred to the bank statements. They noted that Mr Sheard had received a £20 refund from the expenditure funded by the Thoresby Estate grant.
  - b. 2025-26 dg bin contract: Councillors approved the 2025-26 NSDC dog bin contract and authorised the clerk to accept the contract on the council's behalf.
  - c. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously **approved** eleven payments totalling £1,418.07. Councillors noted that the Dovecote was unable to pay cheques into its bank account. After discussion, they **agreed** that the payment for the 2023 Christmas lights switch on should be made to Sophie Harrison t/ a The Dovecote Inn and a receipt obtained from the pub. The clerk updated councillors with regard to developments in relation to the change of signatories and the complaint made regarding conflicting HSBC communications which had made it impossible to clear security. She is visiting the branch later in the week to try to resolve the matter.
  - d. Appointment of internal auditor: Mr Hill had followed up with the prospective appointee.
  - e. Review 2025-26 risk assessment: Councillors considered and **approved** the draft 2025-26 risk assessment.
18. **Service faults:** None reported
19. **Correspondence:** *Item a – RCAN invitation to join Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust at no cost -* Councillors **decided** that the parish council should become a member. *Item c – National Grid – North Humber to High Marnham: Notification of statutory consultation launch -* The clerk will re-circulate.  
All other items of correspondence noted.
20. **5 minutes public speaking time:** Concern was raised regarding damage resulting from the poor drainage from the dyke from Church Farm to Moorhouse Corner. There was also discussion of the speed limit through Moorhouse where there had recently been a fatality. The clerk will follow up with Mr Pringle.

She will also send the chair a draft petition for a reduction. It was also noted that work is underway with Trent Rivers Trust to install a water reduction scheme and with the Internal Drainage Board opposite The Brecks. It was reported that a feasibility study is being undertaken into a merger of the Visitor Centre and Village Hall.

21. **Agenda items for next meeting:**  
Parish council aims and objectives  
Litter bin for sports field  
30 mph speed limit for Moorhouse
22. **Date of next meeting:** 7.30 pm Tuesday 27 May 2025 at the

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## Milton Mausoleum

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### **Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th September: Heritage Weekend, the Mausoleum & West Markham Church.**

Do you know much about your local or family history? Many interesting, historical and detailed archives will be on show. Maybe, you could add more? Do you have some interesting memorabilia that you would like to share? Free entry to this event. Third draw of our 100 Lottery. Refreshments available. Come along and share your knowledge. For more details, please contact us.



**Sat. December 6th at 3pm Carols by Candlelight in the Mausoleum** – our extremely popular start to the Christmas celebrations. Entertainment will be by The Four Players. There will be mince pies, mulled wine, and a seasonal raffle. The list is already filling up. Come along and join in the fun. Book your place as soon as possible as there is limited seating at this event and places are being reserved now!

**The events are open NOW. Book early to avoid disappointment.**

For all enquiries: please contact Gill **01777 811358** or Jenny **01777 811219** or email **[milton.mausoleum@outlook.com](mailto:milton.mausoleum@outlook.com)** for bookings and any enquiries about the above events.

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

## Only in England ...



Spotted driving through Newark on the hottest day of the year to date in July - a snowplough.

We will publish your ideas on any form of logical explanation next month!

## Only in England ...

Spotted travelling through central Lincoln - a London tube train.

We hadn't heard of an extension of the line this far, but it seems new trains are being prepared for delivery.



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We can run benefit checks to ensure your income is correct and you are claiming everything you are entitled to. If we identify you may be entitled to a benefit which requires a form to be filled out we can book you an appointment with our benefits team to help with the form.

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If you have any issues with your current housing or are looking for new accommodation we can give advice on how the process works. If you have received any paperwork from your landlord you would like advice on how to proceed. We can help with this too.

### **Debt**

If you are struggling with debt or could be about to fall into debt due to your circumstances we can help. We have a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you to find a way forward.

Although these are our most common issues we give advice in most areas and if we cannot help we will signpost you to someone who can.

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# Egmanton Village Hall

[www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk) / 01777 871171

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

- ♦ **Yoga** – with Karen Baker Mondays, 7pm - 8.15pm.  
Email [karenbaker321@outlook.com](mailto:karenbaker321@outlook.com) mobile **07399 669380**
- ♦ **Pilates** - Thursdays from 5:30pm - 6.30pm with Holly Rye.  
Contact **07415436001** Email [holly-rye@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:holly-rye@hotmail.co.uk)
- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Third Thursdays in the Hall
- ♦ **Coffee Morning:** The second Saturday of the month from 10 - 12 .  
Next will be **on September 13th**, as we are taking a break in August.  
All welcome.
- ♦ **Craft & Produce Fair: Saturday 6th September**

*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](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole)

Or ring Customer Services on 0300 500 8080

## Laxton Defibrillator

The defibrillator in the Visitor Centre, is always accessible as neither the Visitor Centre door nor the cabinet housing is locked. Please do remember that the defibrillator must only be used once authorised by a call to 999.

## Booking Laxton Village Hall

The Hall is available for anyone to book and bookings are taken through the web site. Please visit:

<https://www.laxtonvh.org.uk/>

# Useful Contact Details

## Defibrillator Contacts:

Neil Randall 01777 871229 & 07710 398745, evenings and weekends  
Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings  
Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required  
Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,  
evenings / weekends  
Anne-Marie & Geoff Rose 07961 933290 / 07957 991002, as required

## Police

Sgt 2949 Christian Hurley, Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Team,  
Ollerton Police Station

PC Gary Sipson 07525 226575 or 101 x 800 7673

Email : [gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

PC2548 Deborah Bakin supported by  
PCSO 8524 Richard Dunn at Southwell

07595 074292

Web, showing other contacts: [www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Danger to life or crime in progress	999
Otherwise police switchboard	101
Crimestoppers (anonymous crime reports)	0800 555111

## Medical

Tuxford Medical Centre	01777 870203
Sutton-on-Trent Surgery	01636 821023
Ollerton Surgery - Middleton Lodge Practice	01623 703266
Newark Hospital	01636 681681
Bassetlaw Hospital	01909 500990
King's Mill Hospital	01623 622515

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Fire Safety Advice (Tuxford Fire Station) 01777 870381  
MP Mr Robert Jenrick: [robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk) 01636 612 837  
County Councillor: [cllr.mike.pringle@nottsgov.uk](mailto:cllr.mike.pringle@nottsgov.uk) 0115 977 5661  
Parish Council website: [www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk)



# **Laxton Harvest Weekend**

## **Harvest Festival**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, £8 each**

**7 pm, Laxton Church.**

This will be followed by supper in the Village Hall at  
8 pm - pies, peas, puds

***Names in please for catering purposes  
by 7th September to Jean or Brenda***

## **Harvest Competition**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Please bring your entries for the competition into  
church **between 2 pm and 4 pm** ready for them to be  
judged. After the service at 3 pm on 14th, they will be  
auctioned.

***There is no charge for entries***

## **Harvest Service & Auction**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**3:00 pm Laxton Church**

This will be followed by refreshments  
and then the auction.