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Keith Morton of Laxton on the Michael Ducksbury Memorial Road Run, 3rd July 2022

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Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON 16th AUGUST 2022 PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.

Thank You

On behalf of the PCC, I would like to thank the family of the late Margaret Rose for their most kind donation of £453.50 to our church funds. This was half of the collection left in church and with the funeral directors, with the other half going to Forget-Me-Nots at Tuxford.

Thank you once again,

Brenda Noble

Sympathy - Marina Smith

We were very sorry to hear that Marina Smith of Bethany Cottage recently passed away at the age of 87.

When Marina and her husband first came to the cottage they were very involved with the chapel at Laxton. Her husband took services there. Their two boys, Stephen and James played football here.

She will be remembered for her love and friendship for everyone she knew.

Thank You From Lesley and Stephen

Lesley and Stephen Booth would like to thank all those kind and caring people who have sent condolences, loving thoughts and cards during a difficult time. They have all been greatly appreciated and valued.

Many, many thanks to you all

Lesley Booth

Get Well Soon

We are very pleased to hear that Sally is continuing to recover well from her nasty accident.

While she has been out of action, Winston has been keeping an eye on things at Corner Farm! Thanks to Kevin for the picture.



Congratulations



Special congratulations to Jessica Rose and her friend Daisy from Tuxford Young Farmers who completed the 8 hour climb and descent of Ben Nevis at the beginning of July.

The date marked a year since the sudden passing of their young friend, a member of Papplewick YFC. A group

of her closest friends and family wanted to be together on this poignant weekend and to do something in memory of their friend while raising some funds. They raised over £10,000 for the Melissa Grace Hatton Children's Trust, a charity set up in her honour to help local children.

Young Farmers' Tractor Run

On 19th June Tuxford Young Farmers and their friends took to the roads in their annual summer road run. Over 50 tractors took part. Age is no bar to this event, which begins and ends at Hall Farm Granary, Weston.



Over £1,200 has so far been raised, which will be shared between the club and the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. A huge thank you to Hall Farm for hosting the event.

A number of Laxton drivers were spotted making their way home later in the afternoon.

A Country Churchyard

**Here in my inner eye I hold
The fragile image of a well loved scene.
Trees in high summer fullness, and the curling river,
Low wooded hillside under a haze of green.**

**Above the river flat and garden plots
Silent and candle cool the old church stands.
Slanting and mote-beamed sunlight
Splashes on flowers placed by loving hands.**

**From his bright eastern window Christ looks down
Onto the gleaming chancel and the nave.
And in the silence hears a blackbird singing
Upon the warm stone of an ancient grave.**

**Here in my inner eye I hold
The precious image, and my heart yet swells
To a surprise of primroses, half hidden,
A march of elms, and Sunday evening bells.**

**In stillness, and slowly passing seasons,
In birdsong and the wide-oak shade,
Century after century unchanging,
This holy place is ever holier made.**

Betty Haworth

*This poem was read by Jessica Rose at the Songs of Praise
for the Jubilee celebrations.*

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Police Aid Recycle Bin

It seems a good idea to remind everyone following on from the Jubilee week-end what we can deposit in the bin and why it is there.

All the clothing etc that we deposit is collected by Savannah Rags of Mansfield; they weigh the contents and the Parish Council is paid according.

All the proceeds from these items are held securely by the Parish Council and used to part fund Laxton and Moorhouse Projects, like the very successful Christmas light Switch on and the recent Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The more we collect the more we spend in the Parish.

The list is below:

YES please

- ◇ Clothing
- ◇ Towels
- ◇ Sheets
- ◇ Blankets
- ◇ Curtains
- ◇ Paired Shoes

NO thank you:

- Soiled Rags
- Carpets and Rugs
- Glass and Metal
- Paper
- Rubbish
- Duvets

So anything on the list you don't want please pop it in!

Christmas Light Switch On 2022

We are very hopeful for a repeat of the "Christmas Light Switch On" on SUNDAY 4th December and would be very pleased to have help organising the event. We will set up a working group again using WhatsApp, so please let us know if you would like to help.

Best wishes

Michael

AUGUST 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(92), Ian C, Cynthia B, Rachel H, Mark W, Sue S, Dave S and Ian R

We wish a happy anniversary to Jean & Roy, Jean & Keith, Robert & Jan, Heather & Derek, Joy & Dick, Pat & Jeff, Jean & Wilf and anyone else celebrating this month.

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

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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.*

Exhibition at Southwell Minster

From August 2nd - 21st, Southwell Minster will host a touring exhibition of photographs taken by the late Peter Marlow. The exhibition features images taken in all 42 of the country's Anglican cathedrals.

A commission to photograph six cathedrals for Royal Mail in 2008 inspired Peter to complete a three year project visiting all of the 42. Church photography is not the easiest subject, not least because the lighting can be challenging. This exhibition features only images taken using natural light and a large format camera, a method determined by Peter to be the most satisfactory after much experimentation.

The images will be displayed in the Chapter House of the Minster.

Nottinghamshire

welcomes the

Tour of Britain



The Nottinghamshire leg takes place on Thursday 8th September.

The same evening that the July edition of 'Open Field' had gone to the printer, the route map for this year's local stage was published on the County Council web site. It was good news for local cycling fans and budding sports photographers as once again they will be coming through Moorhouse. They will bypass Laxton, so if villagers want to see the spectacle it will be necessary to go elsewhere.



This time they will be heading towards Mansfield from West Bridgford and look likely to be here around the middle of the day. No doubt estimated times will be published later.

They will come into Moorhouse from the Ossington direction and turn right towards Weston Road, Egmonton. There they will turn right over the A1. If you want to see them locally you will need to go to Moorhouse or the nearby

roads.

The easiest way to see where the route takes the riders is to search for '**Nottinghamshire County Council Tour of Britain Route**' on your browser and follow the link.

Remember, whether or not you want to see the race, the roads affected and the roads feeding them will be closed for part of September 8th, so you will need to take that into account when planning any journeys. Last time details of road closures and the expected periods for which this would happen were posted on the County Council web site.

Let's hope for better weather than when they came to Laxton in 2018. Thanks to Michael Manning for the photos.





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Laxton History Group



In June it was good to resume our occasional outings. This time Jean had arranged for us to go to the Framework Knitters Museum at Ruddington. We managed to pick virtually the only wet day in a long dry period, but thankfully the meeting was indoors.

Fourteen only slightly damp members, including our Hon. President, Professor John Beckett, gathered for a welcome coffee. The event was an immediate success as the coffee lovers thought the brew was excellent and the scones certainly came up to hopes as well as expectations.



We were given a short talk to introduce the museum and shown a short video covering the basics of what we were about to see before splitting into three small groups for our tour. The museum, as elsewhere, had been closed by Covid, but having just received a very large grant from the Lottery, they used the time to very good effect with major restructuring and

updating of the entire site without any disruption to the service. We could not comment on the improvement, but everywhere looked beautifully presented and we were just sorry we could not sample the lovely garden they have created at the side of the café and which is looked after so well by yet more dedicated volunteers.

The volunteer guides were very knowledgeable and informative and being just four or five in each group made it both personal and possible to go into the small spaces to see the displays.

Central to the museum is the frameshop, where the knitting took place. What a cramped and noisy place this was when it was working! Aside from the noise making workers go deaf, it





certainly prevented idle chatter, had anyone on piece work been inclined to try.

This area had a row of large windows to light the frames, which were rented by the individuals who worked them. We were shown the needles they used and the working of the frames was both demonstrated and explained in detail.

At its height 100 people lived and worked here and up to 30 people would have lived in the cottages we saw. They looked so tiny to modern eyes, and so sparse in terms of comforts and possessions. Moving house would not have been a complicated business when you had so little. How parents and numbers of children fitted in is a mystery. Visiting the upstairs bedrooms where the children slept was a gymnastic exercise.

Everywhere has been researched in depth and the surprisingly bright colours, furnishings and accessories on view are all as close to original as possible and true to the period in the latter half of the 1800s.

The house where the manager lived was part of the little row we saw.



Here there was much more space, though still tiny by today's standards.

There were signs of leisure pursuits and a sink in a tiny scullery which had an outflow, though no running water. There was also a pantry.



There were no indoor sanitary facilities. And just two urinals and two 'long drop' toilets for the use of everybody living and working there. There was also a tiny laundry furnished with scrubbing



boards, dolly tubs and tongs, wooden airing rack and an ironing board reminiscent of a coffin lid. There must have been a rota system to use the room.

In addition to the knitting frames, we saw circular knitting machines which were much smaller and hand driven. They became possible



with advancement of needle technology which enabled needles to be used vertically and to individually capture the thread to complete a stitch.

They could be - and were - operated by children as young as 4. These machines could make socks with knitted in toes and heels.



The largest space is the converted old Methodist chapel where there are drawers of historical knotted stockings, socks etc, from the very finest to thick and warm. A star exhibit was a pair of stockings once worn by Queen Victoria and bearing her monogram.



There were many comments throughout the visit from members who remembered very similar items from their childhood. Yes, we were all retired members, though that is not essential to join our group!



Many thanks to the excellent volunteers who looked after us so well and to Jean for arranging the trip. We would certainly recommend a visit to anyone considering it.

We are looking forward to a visit from Prof. Mark Pearce of Nottingham University in July. If you think his name sounds familiar, the famous 1635 map of the Laxton Estate was prepared by his 'almost namesake' - Mark Pierce. His topic is 'Towards an Archaeology of Cheese'.

We have a break in August because our farming members are hoping to be busy in the fields with some aspect of harvest or field work.



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Michael Dicksbury Memorial Road Run

The Vintage Vehicle Road Run in memory of the late Michael Dicksbury of Tuxford took place this year on Sunday, July 3. It is an



annual event, starting at the family farm in the village. There was an excellent turn out for this year's event, with 93 vehicles setting off on a sunny morning. Everyone was hoping it would stay that way and not be like last year when the heavens opened! They all headed out in line towards Tuxford Academy and past it towards Marnham and Skegby.

They turned across country towards Normanton and via tracks and farmland, where possible, to Sutton on Trent. and

Carlton. The route then took them to the Ossington Road and on to Norwell. There was a spectacle for those lucky enough to witness it as the convoy passed through the ford in Cauntton.

It must have been an unexpected sight for drivers on the A616 when they

crossed over towards the tennis courts and along the back road and through more farm tracks to Winkburn and for their half way point, where they were welcomed by Owen and Cath Sandover of Hockerton Moor Farm and had their lunches.

The drivers were many and various. Some spectators commented on the number of younger women driving. It is clearly not an exclusively male pastime. There have been more





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trailers in recent years, and they are becoming increasingly comfortable with chairs and the wise addition of covers in some cases to protect from both sun and rain.

The route after lunch retraced their arrival at the farm for a short distance to Maplebeck before heading up the hill through Kersall and back to recross the A616. Instead of going towards Laxton, they turned towards Kneesall and took the Kneesall Lane across the to Mill Field. Someone had helpfully cut the path here to make life easier for everyone.

Their tour of the open field brought them to 'Eel Lane' and down the



hill to the bottom of the village before turning up Main Street and turning right at The Dovecote. One more right turn took them into the fields, past Egmonton Wood and down Wood Lane, Egmonton before a final stretch back up to Tuxford to finish a good day, which everyone enjoyed.

Back at the farm, it was time for the raffle with several prizes. When Paula heard her name called she thought she had won a raffle prize. But no - she had won the cup for the most sponsor money! It was a last-minute decision to get a sponsor form, but in a short time she raised £355 for Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield.

The total raised on the day was £2,560. Since the family started these road runs in 2005, they have raised £85,255 which has all gone to Weston Park Cancer charity.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Paula and to everyone else who gave on the day to this worthy cause.





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Another Scarecrow Success



Everyone who was in Laxton during the pandemic will remember the amazing display of scarecrows in support of our key workers. A while later we heard that three photos taken by professional photographer, Terrence Lane, had been selected for a major exhibition. In mid July we heard from him again saying

“... one other

scarecrow has made the Shutter Hub Project Catalogue for "Postcards from Great Britain". The Catalogue has been deposited at 10 major libraries, including Cambridge University, The V&A and the National Libraries of Scotland and Wales as well as with Historic England.



Congratulations to Joan Cottee, maker of this scarecrow, and to Terrence, whose own one man exhibition was recently held at Thoresby Gallery.

Annual Festival of Bird Art



The 2021 British Champion, David Askew carved this curlew

If a drive to the Peak District appeals, you might like to consider visiting the BDWCA Annual Show and Competition, otherwise known as the Festival of Bird Art, held annually at Bakewell. This year it will be on 10th and 11th September.

The event incorporates the British Championship for bird carvers. There are classes for different levels of experience and judging is carried out by both fellow carvers and an

ornithologist, such is the degree of accuracy required in the advanced natural classes.

The skill of the carvers is truly incredible. It looks as though the birds would fly off at the slightest noise.

The event is held in the Agricultural Hall in Bakewell, where there is parking and pedestrian access straight into the town centre over the river. There is a small admission charge.



Runner up Paul Tully carved this interpretive model of two Great Crested Grebes

Southwell Ploughing Match and Show

**This year at Farnsfield (postcode NG22 8HP) on
Saturday 24th September 2022.**

The one thing which goes into diaries from one year to the next in the local farming communities is the Southwell Ploughing Match. It is a friendly local event with everything rural that you could possibly want.

The Southwell Ploughing Match is the largest agricultural one day show in Nottinghamshire, established in 1855 and run by a committee of local business people and rural enthusiasts. The annual show is held at a different venue every year.

The show represents all the really important interests of agriculture from horse ploughing through the vintage years to the modern day tractor, a variety of livestock, static displays and trade stands to suit all tastes.



There are classes of all types from active participation on horse back to baking, floral art, eggs, fruit, veg, hay and more. There can hardly be anyone who could not enter at least one class. Entries open 1st August.

Last year the weather was glorious and the show had clearly recovered from the trepidation during the pandemic. Even in the middle of the day, people were overheard telephoning friends and telling them to come along.

Adults £15, children under 14 free. VIP, available in advance only £75. Includes 4 tickets and priority parking. General parking free. Discounted e-tickets available online via the web site:

www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk/tickets or for standard tickets locally - speak to Jill Hoyland, Paula Doyle or Brenda Noble.

Group Oil Order



Price watching has not been a happy experience, but on 11th July there was slightly better news with the price below £1 for the first time in a while. Group members have been able to buy what they needed for **87.45p/litre**. 20 members in Laxton and Egmonton took part in this order.

Group members receive a discount based on the total volume when ordering together. **We will order next at our usual time of mid - late November.** Nobody wants to order with prices so high, but there is no way of knowing if they will continue to go up or come down. My crystal ball has gone on strike from overwork!

High prices are often accompanied by an increase in oil theft. Please make sure your tank is secure.

Anyone whose order can be placed by email is very welcome to join. Please contact me on oil@openfield.org.uk The group currently covers an area of roughly 5 miles radius from Laxton, plus one former villager who uses oil in his new home. *Joy*

Ollerton Roundabout

There was a recent update on the proposals to improve a number of junctions along the A614. Of the six referred to, the most local is the notorious Ollerton roundabout. The notice stated that:

‘Planning applications for upgrading the six junctions as part of the A614/A6097 Major Road Network (MRN) scheme are being considered by Nottinghamshire County Council’s planning team. The decision on this application will be determined in September.’

Survey works have been taking place at the Ollerton junction in recent weeks.

Subject to the completion of all statutory processes and final approval from the Department for Transport, construction works on the scheme are expected to commence in winter 2023.’

.Where third party land is needed to complete a scheme, ‘Engagement with stakeholders to acquire land by negotiation is ongoing and publication of the Compulsory Purchase Order is anticipated in September.’ It is not stated if this applies at Ollerton.

We will watch developments with interest.

AUGUST SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

Es = Evensong **WfA** = Worship for All **WS** = Word Service

31st July

No Services

7th August

10.30am	Laxton	Lammas	Janice H
4.00pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B

14th August

No services

21st August

9.00am	Walesby	HC	Rev Alastair
10.00am	Wellow	HC	Rev Alastair

28th August

9.00am	Egmanton	HC	Rev Vaughn Sweet
10:30am	Kirton	MP	Janice H

4th September

10:30am	Laxton	HC	tbc
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

August

Sun 7th ***Lammas Service and brunch***

Weds 10th ***WI trip to Tuxford***

Forward Planning

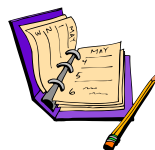
Fri 2nd Sept ***WI Bingo Night***

Thurs 8th Sept ***Tour of Britain Cycle Race in Notts***

Sat 10th Sept ***NHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride***

Sat 24th Sept ***Southwell Ploughing Match***

Sun 4th Dec ***Christmas Lights Switch On***



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 edition:
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Laxton WI



We've had another busy month again starting with four members enjoying a night at Southwell to have a go at playing croquet. Three members had a morning at Rolleston learning how to weave willow, which was followed by lunch. Next it was clay pigeon shooting, when two members went to Orston for a lesson and then had a go. They came back to the meeting afterwards resplendent in the shooting caps to prove they had been.

In the future we have classes in pottery, watercolour painting and, a favourite, steel pan drumming. There will be lessons and then having a go.

The results of the County Quiz have been printed in the county newsletter, the Hornblower, but we were not in the top 10. Never mind. They say it's the taking part that counts. This month we had a photo in the Hornblower showing our members serving afternoon tea in the village hall for the Jubilee celebrations.

Our speaker at our July meeting was Sarah Gauntlett who talked about Fair Trade - what is ethical and sustainable and the impact it has. It started around the 1980s. Fair Trade products can be spotted if you look for the blue and yellow logos on everything. Nothing is tested on animals. Most things in the Co-op are Fair Trade and another company having a high proportion of Fair Trade stock is Body Shop. Sarah brought a whole range of items for us to look at and members were able to buy their favourites.

Sarah is very dedicated to recycling things and has bins in her garage for people to drop things off. On Friday, 2nd September we are planning a Bingo Night in the Village Hall. This is open to anyone, and we hope it will be something different for people to enjoy. There will be prizes for a line and a full house. Food is included and there will also be a raffle.

Please Call Brenda on 870541 if you would like to come so that we have an idea for catering etc.

In October we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary, so we are all hoping to have a party to celebrate.

Our next regular meeting is on **Wednesday 10th August** when we will be going out. We will be visiting the 'Walks of Life Museum' at Tuxford for a look around.

In September our speaker will be Suzanne Plamping, when we will be having a go at Indian block printing.

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21/06/22

Present: Councillors:

M. Manning (chair), M. Hennell, J.Hill, S.Rose, J. Godson, R. Hennell

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from Mr Hill was absent. Councillors consented to the absence.
2. **Declarations of interest:** Save for Mr R Hennell and Mr S Rose's declarations of a disclosable pecuniary interest in invoices to be submitted for payment by the chair, there were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
3. **Dispensations:** No dispensations required.
4. **Financial matters:**
 - a. **2022 schedule of fixed assets:** The council unanimously **approved** the schedule valuing fixed assets at £29,290.
 - b. **To agree the 2021/2022 annual accounts:** Agreed.
 - c. **To certify exemption from limited assurance review under section 9 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015:** Councillors **certified** that, as:
 - i. Both the council's annual gross income and expenditure for 2021/22 were less than £25000, and
 - ii. The council had been in existence since before 1 April 2014, and
 - iii. The external auditor had taken no step in relation to 2020/21 which precluded exemption and
 - iv. The court had made no declaration under section 28(3) of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014
 - v. the council was exempt from a limited assurance review and **authorised** the clerk and chair to sign the certificate of exemption.
 - d. **To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return:** The Annual Return was presented incorporating the completed internal auditor's report. Councillors considered the contents together with the internal auditor's comments. They unanimously **authorised** the chair and clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual governance statement)

which they will arrange, socially distantly, councillors' approval having been obtained.

- e. **To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return** Having considered the contents, schedule of fixed assets and variances, councillors unanimously **authorised** the chair and clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements).

5. **Date of next meeting:** Councillors also approved seven cheques for jubilee event expenses totalling £1,579.32. Mr Rose and Mr R Hennell did not participate.

Tuesday 19 July 2022 at Moorhouse church. Noted that this was one week earlier than usual.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

These minutes are in draft and have not yet been approved by Councillors.

Egmanton Full Fibre Broadband Project

A small working group in Egmanton has been working on behalf of all villagers to secure an agreement with OpenReach to provide Full Fibre Broadband to the whole village. At present there is fibre to the cabinet near the church, but a wire connection to each property.

The Government was promoting 'Full Fibre to the Property', with vouchers available towards the cost. After much effort, the Egmanton Group secured a study to properly estimate the cost, which proved much less than had been suggested and in turn dictated the number of households or businesses needed to make it, free for everyone.

There was a recent Government announcement that the voucher scheme would stop in mid July and 'Project Gigabit' would replace it. This left the Egmanton group less than a fortnight to get the necessary 30 households to register and pledge their vouchers.

Just before Open Field went to print, the magic number was achieved and surpassed. The next step is for those who pledged to validate their agreement to take the service. Assuming at least 30 do so, the village joins the queue to await a slot for the installation to begin.

A big 'Well Done' to Steve Bunnell and his group for their initiative and hard work, which will mean much better Broadband in the village.

Laxton Visitor Centre Trust, Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27th June

Present

Sir John Starkey, Gregor Pierrepont, Robert Haigh, Stuart Rose, Roy Hennell, John Beckett, Michael Manning



1. Welcome and Apologies

Sir John welcomed all.

Apologies had been

received from **Ivan R, Sam H, Joan C and Graham L**

2. Approve minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2021 were accepted and copies were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising.

Professor John B reported that following enquires, it appears that most of the archive documents from 1981 when Carter Jonas were managing the Laxton Estate have not been saved. Gregor confirmed that there is only very sparse documentation from Carter Jonas to the Estate tenant and village matters but that there are much better records between The Crown and Carter Jonas.

After a short discussion it was felt that all the Trustees could do would be to note it!

4. Treasurers Report

Copies of the accounts for the year ending 31/5/22 were circulated, agreed and accepted. There has been a small deficit this year due mainly to considerably fewer visitors but the account still stood at a very healthy £16,053.93 as at 31/5/22. The latest bank statement dated 17/6/22 shows a balance of £15,956.37.

5. Interpretation Panels/Information Boards

Michael met with Andy and Gary from Linney Printers last Thursday 23rd here in the Centre to discuss taking the Project forward and to give them a flavour of Laxton and how the Boards highlight the importance of various aspects of the Estate and Open Fields.

They have all the updated information from Thoresby (kindly updated by John B and Stuart R) and we visited the two Boards that are not available on the memory stick (Church and Castle) They felt the information on these Boards could be recovered and suggested they might borrow them to clean and scan. At this early stage no costs were known. It was suggested that Linney's should be invited to have their logo added to the Boards in addition to The Thoresby Settlement and Visitor Centre, removing the Crown Estate and NCC.

6. **AOB**

The issue of the Castle site access was again raised and discussed. After considerable debate it was felt Sir John should make an approach to the tenant farmer to find an answer.

7. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY 28th June 2023**

There being no other business, **Sir John** closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance.

Cost of Living Crisis Payments Scam

There is a potential scam to be aware of regarding the **Cost of Living Crisis payments** (the first payment of £326 will automatically be paid into eligible customers bank accounts between 14/7/22 and 31/7/22).

Scammers are contacting residents by text and asking for their bank account details to confirm which account to pay it into.

This text looks like it is from Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). This is a scam and people should never text their bank account details anywhere.

If you are eligible:

- You do not need to apply for the payment
- You do not need to call
- Payment to you is automatic
- DWP will never ask for personal details by text or email

This link provides information on reporting scam text messages:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams/report-scam-text-message>

Autumn Vaccinations

On Friday 15th July it was announced that everyone aged 50 and over will be among those offered a COVID-19 booster and a flu jab this autumn under plans to increase protection against respiratory viruses ahead of winter.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has now published its final recommendations for this autumn's programme.

Under the advice, those eligible for a further dose will be:

- all adults aged 50 years and over
- those aged 5 to 49 years in a [clinical risk group](#), including pregnant women
- those aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- those aged 16 to 49 years who are carers
- residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- frontline health and social care workers



In addition, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) will be widening the offer of the free flu vaccine to more eligible groups. These additional groups will only be eligible once the most vulnerable, including previously announced pre-school and primary school children, those aged 65 years and over and those in clinical risk groups, have been offered the jab.

The additional groups set to be offered the free flu vaccine in England will be:

- all adults aged 50 to 64 years
- secondary school children in years 7, 8 and 9, who will be offered the vaccine in order of school year (starting with the youngest first)

The NHS will announce in due course when and how eligible groups will be able to book an appointment for their COVID-19 autumn booster, and when people aged 50 to 64 years old who are not in a clinical risk group will be able to get their free flu jab.

People in these groups are asked not to come forward until further information is announced.

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Things to Look Forward to ...

Here are just a few local events which you might want to think about.

'The English Cathedral', 2nd - 21st August, Southwell Minster. A photographic exhibition showing images from all 42 Anglican cathedrals in the country.

'Sculpture at Doddington' Sunday 16th July - Sunday 11th September, at Doddington Hall 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm). Adults £8.50, Children £4.50, Family £22, Season ticket holders free. See 340 works of art in the summer exhibition. Open daily.

Egmanton Craft & Produce Show, Saturday 3rd September.

Classes in a wide variety of crafts, horticultural produce, baking, preserve, card making, floral art, photography and other handicrafts. Open to entries from anyone, not just village residents. Schedules available online at www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk or from Elizabeth banks on **872633**. 50p per adult entry, free for children's classes. 50p admission to view 3 - 4.30pm.

The Tour of Britain in Nottinghamshire, September 8th. The route is now published and the riders will be coming through Cauntton, Norwell, the Ossington road and Moorhouse where they will turn right towards Normanton. Check the County Council web site for timings to see the riders or to avoid the local road closures.

The 2022 BDWCA Annual Show and Competition, The Festival of Bird Art, will be held on the weekend of **10th and 11th September** in Bakewell, Derbyshire. This event showcases the supreme skill of the people who carve wooden birds to a standard which meets the critical judging eye not only of fellow carvers, but also of ornithologists.

Southwell Ploughing Match and Show 24th September. This year at Farnsfield. All aspects of agriculture plus horse classes, dog show and the farmers market. The biggest one day show of its kind in Notts.

Laxton History Group Craft Fayre November 19th in the Village Hall. The return of this popular opportunity to get some of your Christmas gifts bought while enjoying a chat with friends and neighbours and some tasty Laxton baking!

Laxton Christmas Lights Switch On, Sunday 4th December.

Last year the first Switch On event was held in the Dovecote Car park and was a great success. This year you can not only plan to attend, but also help to plan the event. Volunteers are needed for the organising group. Please contact Michael Manning on **870844**.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
18/6/22	21	Alan and Anna
25/6/22	06	Janet Cooke
2/7/22	01	ROLLOVER
9/7/22	45	Jean and Keith M

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the spare numbers: 1,2,7,13,20,26,29,37,38,40,41,44,51,52,53,57,59.
Please contact me on 870844. Thank you. *Michael Manning*

Thanks to Steve Digby, Editor of 'Idle Talk' for permission to use this quiz, set by his sister in law.

Straightforward, cryptic, hidden or phonetic: what's the link

Quiz Questions (answers overleaf)

1. Who starred in The Sound of Music as Captain von Trapp?
2. What name is given to the rope attached to the bow of a small boat for tying up or towing?
3. Who was the phenomenal female American sprinter of the 1980s/90s who was just as famous for her incredibly long fingernails?
4. Who wrote the series of guides to walks in The Lake District?
5. Who partnered Jayne Torville at ice dancing?
6. Which group had hits in the 1970s/80s including "Sylvia's Mother", "Sexy Eyes" and "When You're in Love with a Beautiful Woman"?
7. Which surname is shared by the playwright who wrote "The Singing Detective" and a cartoon character of immense strength?
8. Which element has the symbol Cu?
9. Which now defunct car manufacturer had models including the "Gazelle"?
10. Who painted "The Fighting Temeraire"?

Dukeries Singers



We have had a busy summer. We've been out in the community supporting the work of other groups too. We had a fantastic day at Poppy fields community centre in Mansfield, Tuxford Jubilee community event and The Alders pub in Ollerton. We also supported a singalong hosted by Newark and Sherwood District Council, who we would like to thank for supporting our work through community funding in the past.

We rehearse on a Wednesday evening 7.30-9.00pm at The Methodist Church Hall in Ollerton (we are not linked to the Church)

If you would like to get involved with The Dukeries Singers by making a booking or joining us then you can contact us as detailed below:

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| 1 Christopher Plummer (Plumber) | 6 Doctor Hook |
| 2 A painter | 7 Potter – Dennis and Pansy |
| 3 Florence Griffiths Joyner
(Joiner) | 8 Copper |
| 4 Alfred Wainwright | 9 Singer |
| 5 Christopher Dean | 10 JMW Turner |

11 Link – they are all occupations/professions

Summer Reading Challenge

The **Challenge** is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. It encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun as well as helping to prevent the summer reading 'dip'. Each year it motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

Enquire at public libraries or see

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is **Gadgeteers**, created in partnership with **[Science Museum Group](#)** and illustrated by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford.

This year's theme 'Gadgeteers' will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. With resources and activities from the Science Museum Group, the Challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone.

The Challenge and the accompanying book collection will show that imagination can unlock endless possibilities. Through taking part in the Challenge, with free packs from public libraries or on the children's website, children will be able to join six fictional 'Gadgeteers' who use their curiosity and wonder to understand the science behind a whole range of interests from fashion and technology to cooking and music.

Children can use the website all year round to keep track of the books they're reading, find book recommendations, and take part in fun book themed activities and competitions.

Why is reading for pleasure important?

- * Currently, 1 in 5 children in England cannot read well by the age of 11. Reading for fun improves literacy.
- * Reading for pleasure is more important to children's academic success than their parents' level of education or socio-economic status.
- * Embedding a love of reading in children can help their wellbeing later in life. 19% of adult readers say that reading stops them feeling lonely.
- * Studies have found that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of empathy, greater self-esteem and are better able to cope with difficult situations.

Take a Stand Against Scams

Did you know that only 5% of scams are reported and that around 53% of people over the age of 65 have been targeted by scams?



It is estimated that the average scam victim has lost around £3,000. Now there is a way to take a stand against scams and it's called Friends Against Scams, which is a national trading standards initiative offering online learning on the types of scams and how to spot and support a victim. This training is FREE and is open to everyone!

If you would like to become a Friend Against Scams, you can complete a short awareness session. If you are concerned about a friend or relative, you can find out more about spotting and preventing scams in the 'Are you or your loved ones being targeted by scams' leaflet.

www.friendsagainstscamsa.org.uk

'What3Words' - Have You Downloaded it?

Increasingly this system is being used to specify locations, even in advertisements.

Street addresses aren't accurate enough to specify precise locations, such as building entrances, and don't exist for parks and many rural areas. This makes it hard to find places and prevents people from describing exactly where help is needed in an emergency.

What is what3words?

The developers divided the world into 3 metre squares and gave each square a unique combination of three words.

It's the easiest way to find and share exact locations.

Supporting life-saving services

Around the world, emergency services and others are using what3words to find and help people in need. If you have an emergency and have the app, you can pinpoint exactly where you are for rescuers and potentially save them vital time finding you..

You can download it free.

The Highway Code - More Changes

A new section for self-driving vehicles has been added to the Highway Code

From 1 July new rules on the use of self-driving vehicles in Great Britain have come into force. The changes are included in a new section in The Highway Code which can be accessed free on GOV.UK.

Currently only vehicles with advanced driver assistance systems are available in the UK. No vehicles in Great Britain have been classed as self-driving yet but they could start to be as soon as next year. Any that are classed as self-driving will be listed on GOV.UK.

What's changing in the new section

The changes to the Code will help ensure the new technology will be used safely, explaining clearly that while travelling in self-driving mode, motorists must be ready to resume control in a timely way if they are prompted to – e.g. approaching motorway exits. It also includes details about appropriate insurance for self-driving cars.

The plans also include a change to current regulation, allowing drivers to view content which is not related to driving on built-in display screens, while the self-driving vehicle is in control.

It will however, still be illegal to use mobile phones in self-driving mode, given the greater risk they pose in distracting drivers as shown in research.

The government is working with the manufacturer, retailer and leasing industries to ensure that anyone accessing a self-driving vehicle will receive advice on how to use it.

Why staying up to date is important

It's important that everyone – not just learner drivers – understands their responsibility for their own safety and that of other road users. You can read the full version of The Highway Code is available, free of charge, on GOV.UK.

The Highway Code is updated regularly so it's really important you keep up-to-date with changes. GOV.UK includes a list of the latest updates that have been made, so it's quick and easy to see what has changed.

If you've not already done so, you can sign up to receive email updates of any future Highway Code changes.



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3. Work out how much you can pay - Create a budget. Add up essential living costs, e.g. food, housing, and take these away from your income.
4. If you can't pay your debts - little/no money spare to pay your priority debts, get advice. If you can't pay off other debts, such as credit cards and loans, it would also be worth contacting your nearest Citizens Advice.

If you're struggling to pay for basics like food, seek help immediately. We can check if you are receiving the correct benefits, offer budgeting and money saving advice and see what support might be available to you in the form of grants and funds.

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afternoons from 2pm – 4pm when our volunteers will give you a tour of the building and share the story of the 4th Duke & Duchess of Newcastle. Why not bring along members of your groups for a tour of the building, with refreshments, at pre-arranged times. Our volunteers are happy to welcome you to this historic place.

Our latest fundraising project “Unrestored Windows” is already off to a great start and gathering pace!

Here are the final events planned for 2022:

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| <u>Sunday 25th Sept -</u> | Georgiana Memorial Service ,2.30pm plus talk by Dr. Richard Gaunt followed by tea/coffee and cake.
Please contact us to reserve your seat. |
| <u>Sunday 25th Sept.</u> | Sunday openings – season closes |
| <u>Saturday 12th Nov.</u> | Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre 10am – 4pm.
<i>Back by popular demand!</i> |
| <u>Saturday 3rd Dec.</u> | Carols by Candlelight at the later time of 4pm-5pm |

Please contact Gillian **01777 248310**, Jenny **01777 871706** or Bobby **01777 870300** to reserve your place at the events listed. We thank you for your continued support and hope to see you at these events.

The Friends of Milton Mausoleum.

Egmanton Village Hall

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

- ♦ **Yoga with Gregg** – Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Pay Gregg - £36 block of 6 sessions, £7 drop in. Info from Gregg: **07761 344250**.
- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Thursday 18th August in the Hall

Egmanton Craft & Produce Show

The 22nd Show takes place in the Hall on **Saturday September 3rd**. Entry is open to anyone interested - 50p per adult entry and free for children's classes.

Classes many and various. Staging on the morning of the Show.

Schedules are on the web site or in printed form from Elizabeth Banks on 872633

Village Notices

Mike Manning maintains a list of email addresses for villagers and other local people who want to receive up to date information.

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Michael Manning

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

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