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Letter From Rev Zoe

Dear Friends

As we prepare for Christmas, I wonder what's on your wish list – what do you long for most for this Christmas? One of my longings is that everyone gets the opportunity to hear, know and experience in their own lives, the difference that Christmas story makes to all of us - this is a gift that money can't buy!

Over 2000 years ago, God did something that was unexpected and was the answer to our deepest longing. God the Father gave us a gift wrapped in flesh: a gift of love born of flesh and blood and full of divine love. Baby Jesus grew up and dedicated his whole life to showing us the way of love. The way of love was costly, Jesus was misunderstood, didn't live up to everyone's expectations, he refused to become the image the people had created of the King they wanted and expected; he was let down even by those he viewed as his friends: denied, betrayed and eventually crucified. When the world threw its worst at this gift of love, love contained it. But what the world didn't expect was that love did much more than this because this gift of love wrapped in flesh transformed the worst that the world could throw at him and he became the means by which all our needs and hopes in the truest sense of the word are satisfied. The Christmas story speaks of heaven's gift unwrapped and born on earth not just at Christmas but every day and for all eternity and this gift is for everyone – Jesus came for you!

A number of years ago, a friend shared this poem with me which I would like to share with you now:

A boy was born in Bethlehem
With not a penny to his name
A stable bed was all he had
But famous men to see Him came.

A boy was born in Africa
And no one knew he had been born
Except his mother, poor as he
Who begged for bread in the white man's town.

A boy was born in India
And no one knew he had been born,
There was no food in all that land
And so, he died before the dawn.

A boy was born in Nottingham
He had clean sheets to lie upon
And people who saw to all his wants
And food till he could wish for none.

And the boy who was born in Nottingham
Knew not about the African
And the boy who was born in Africa
Knew not about the Indian.
But the boy who was born in Bethlehem knew about
them all.....

And the baby who was born in Bethlehem knows all about you too.
Have you met Him yet? And if you have, do you keep in touch with
Him regularly? He is the reason for the season and the answer to
our deepest longing – definitely worth being on our wish lists.

May you know his presence in your hearts and in your homes this
Christmas time and many blessings in 2017!

Rev Zoe



Licensing of Anna Alls

The Licensing of the Revd. Anna Alls by the Rt. Rev. Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham as Growing Disciples Priest in the parishes of Ollerton with Boughton, Kneesall, Laxton with Moorhouse, Wellow, Egmanton, Kirton and Walesby in the Deanery of Newark & Southwell will take place on Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton.



After her licensing the Revd. Anna will work alongside the Revd. Zoe Burton and join the team of ministers and readers within our group.

Everyone is welcome to this service after which refreshments will be served.

We will be joined by clergy from other parts of the diocese and members of the other eleven churches in our Group to welcome Revd. Anna to our Group.

Rev. Anna is presently a priest at Brinsley, Underwood and Eastwood.

Everyone is welcome but please let me know on 870541 if you plan to come to enable her to plan the catering and seating.

Brenda Noble

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is the winner of the Harvest Competition class for a photo for the cover of Open Field. Congratulations to Christine Rayner for this image capturing the presentation of the cheque from the Charity Barn Dance to the Air Ambulance representative.

This class is an annual feature of the competition, so why not think about taking something during the year so that you can enter and maybe see your winning image on the cover?

Now we have a colour cover it is even easier to get a good shot. We look forward to seeing what you can do.



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Starts Monday 5th December. Closing date:

5.00pm Thursday, 15th December



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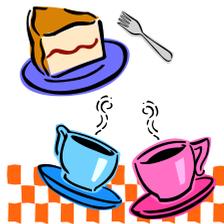
Coffee Morning

This month will be on **8th December** at
Corner Farm, the last property on the
right going down the village towards
Kneesall, from 10.30am - 11.30am.

Everyone is welcome to this informal group.

You don't have to commit to monthly attendance
and are welcome to pop in to enjoy
some friendly, cheerful company.

Plenty of tea, cakes, chatter and warm
welcomes for newcomers.





Group Advent Service

Laxton Church

Sunday November 27th, 10.30am

**Blessing and lighting of the
advent wreaths**

**The service will be taken by
the Revd. Phil Howson and
Janice Haddington**

Followed by refreshments

Everyone Welcome



Plough Sunday

Laxton Church

Sunday 8th January

10.30am

**Blessing of the Plough and the
Churn**

Followed by refreshments

Everyone welcome

The Dovecote Inn at Laxton

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Monday 5th December

Festive Menu

The party starts here and now! with the commencement of our lovely festive menu. Book early to reserve your choice of date and table. Festive menu runs every lunch time and evening until Dec. 24th, except Sundays.

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve Party Night from 7.30pm

TICKET ONLY EVENT

Join us in the heated marquee for a hot spiced cider reception, music, dancing and hot pot supper. £5 per person.

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day Lunch

This delightful 4 course Christmas day lunch is a 'must book early' occasion. One sitting at 1.00pm for a relaxing afternoon of delightful Christmas Fayre. £65 per person. £35 for children 12 and under.

Bookings now being taken on all these events. For further information of our events or to book a table, please call us on 01777 871586, visit the Website www.dovecoteinn.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

All events can now be booked and paid for on line using PayPal

**We look forward to seeing you all soon at your local pub,
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Congratulations Sophie



Congratulations are in order for Sophie Turner after winning the twin titles of Scottish and Great Britain Apprentice of the year 2016, for her work at St Magnus Cathedral on Main Island, Orkney.

Sophie left Egmonton a number of years ago with her parents to live in Orkney where she finished her schooling, attended university at Edinburgh and obtained a degree in Fine Arts and Photography. She then, instead of continuing her university education and not liking the rush and bustle of a modern city was glad to return to Orkney for some peace and serenity.

Sophie excels at anything she takes on and her apprenticeship as a stone mason exceeded

everyone's expectation. It is almost unheard of for a female to have a career in a male dominated craft, but Sophie saw this as a challenge which she took 'head on'. Whilst her work was mainly at St Magnus she also spent time at Elgin college where she took her final exams

Sophie completed her apprenticeship earlier this year and received the awards at a ceremony on London run by the Construction Industry Training Board (C.I.T.B.) from Adrian Belton who presented the awards.

Sophie knew she was in the running for the Scottish award but she was pleasantly surprised when it was announced she had won the one for the whole of Great Britain as well. She is now the resident mason at St.Magnus, following the retirement of her predecessor who guided her through her apprenticeship and passed on many of his skills who says that the building is in safe hands.

Of course as Sophie's grandfather none of the above should be seen as me bragging, Oh dear me no, perish the thought!

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Harvest



The weekend started as usual with our Friday evening church service, which was taken by our new curate, Rev Phil Howson and attended by approx. 60 people. Thanks to Mike and Simon for reading, to Graham for playing the organ and to Robert and his team for ringing the bells. A big thank you also to everyone who helped decorate the church.



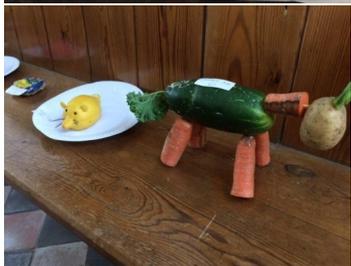
After the service everyone made their way to the Village Hall for the supper of steak pie, potatoes and veg followed by a selection of home made sweets, cheese and biscuits, tea, coffee and drink. A huge thank you to Anna and Sarah for their help and to everyone else who gave food and helped in the kitchen. We must not forget to thank the men for their help clearing away at the end.



Saturday afternoon was competition time again. This year we had approx. 150 entries with a good selection of baking and the children did well in their classes also. Thank you to everyone for entering items. Thanks to Jean for her help and especially to Elizabeth Banks for judging once again.



On Sunday we held our usual Family Service at 4 o'clock, which was taken by Rev. Phil Howson and Heather Brown, one of our readers from Eakring. Thanks again to Graham for playing the organ and recorder and also to Phil who played guitar accompanying the hymns. A special thank you to the girls, Emily, Amelia, Amelie, Grace, Jasmin and Lyla for reading the poems and prayers.



After the service everyone enjoyed tea and home made biscuits thanks to Janet. Phil then gave out the prize cards for the



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competition after which he auctioned off the produce. The total raised was £238. Half of this will be donated to a local charity.

On behalf of the PCC I would personally like to thank everyone for their help and support over the Harvest Weekend. It is hard work but everyone rallies round and enjoys it.

Thank you again

Brenda

Thank You - Coffee Mornings

The last coffee morning was held at Roberta's home at Crosshill House. We must thank her very much for her hospitality for the months she has had them. This was the last Coffee Morning Roberta will hold, which is a big shame as she is leaving the village.

The December 8th Coffee Morning will be at Corner Farm. This will be the last unless someone else comes forward with an offer to host them some months. We have lost most of our hostesses over the last few years with people getting older or moving away and it is no longer possible to continue with so few to share the work.

If anybody is interested please let me or Brenda Noble (870541) know thanks.



Jean Hennell (870276)

Thank You - Open Field

Thank you from the 'Open Field' team to all our advertisers whose support helps us produce the magazine and keep the price down to subscribers. Thanks also to our subscribers and to everyone who has sent in articles, poems or photographs this year.

The magazine is for the community and is made much more interesting when we can include items from members of the community about the things that matter to them.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and all good things in 2017 and we look forward to continuing to receive your articles etc. next year.

Laxton History Group



We have continued to work on our three new booklets and they now have titles. The set is called 'Laxton Stories'. Volume 1 is 'Village Folk', Volume 2 is 'Village Buildings' and Volume 3 is 'The Variety of Village Life'. They tell the stories of some of the individuals in the village during the period we studied from 1900 - 1920, look at some of the key buildings in the village and what was happening to them at the time and finally bring to light some of the less well known aspects of everyday life which influenced life here.

Residents may be interested to know that they will be able to look up who lived in their house in 1911, which is something many people have expressed interest in.

If you know people who did not get the first set but who would like to read them, please direct them to www.laxtonhistorygroup.org.uk where they can now be downloaded free of charge.

At our October meeting we had a record attendance and welcomed several visitors to hear from Nick Brown, Resident Agent at Thoresby, which is now known as part of the Pierrepont Estates.

The name 'Pierrepont Estate' encompasses all the lands it owns. The Pierrepont family came over with the Normans, were granted lands in Sussex and in 1314 Henry de Pierrepont married Annora de Manvers. Through the marriage he acquired the lands in Nottinghamshire which include what today is called Holme Pierrepont. They retained these lands until 1941 when they were sold. Nick brought the red leather bound sale particulars which bore the dates 1279 - 1941 which was displayed for us to see.

The lands around Thoresby were acquired in the early 17th century. The family have built three houses there. The first was designed by Talman, who also designed Chatsworth and burned down in 1745. The second house was designed by Carr of York and cost £17,000 in 1771. It was pulled down and replaced by the present house after around 100 years. The house we know today as Thoresby Hall was designed by Anthony Salvin and completed in 1874 at a cost of £171,000. The family's Bath Estate was sold to finance the new build. As we saw later, this did not prove to be a good move financially.

The family held a sequence of titles and the Estate has changed hands via several indirect routes over time. A Charles Meadows inherited and he took the name Pierrepont. He became Baron Pierrepont, then quite

quickly Viscount Newark and finally Earl Kingston. The Earldom was inherited by title holders who were politically astute, managing to be on the right side at different periods around the time of the Civil War. The title of Duke of Kingston was conferred but short lived, dying out after the second Duke. He had inherited aged 15.

The last title was that of Earl Manvers, which also died out for lack of a male heir, this time after the 6th Earl. The 6th Earl negotiated the sale of Laxton to the Ministry of Agriculture before his death in 1955, realising that by this means its heritage could be preserved and his death duties could be offset. His daughter, Lady Rozelle was the only one of the Earl's children to survive to adulthood and she inherited the Estate on his death.

In 1980 the Coal Board bought the Hall in a compulsory purchase. Only £400,000 was paid, which was a very small increase on the cost of building over 100 years. The value of the Bath Estate, which had financed the build would surely have been vastly more. Having bought it, the Coal Board never extended mining operations under the Hall and after Countess Manvers died in 1987 they sold it for £1.5million. Over a period of 12 years the building passed through various hands with disastrous effect, becoming semi derelict and being placed on the 'At Risk' Register. Eventually it was sold to Warner who undertook an excellent restoration and created the very successful country house hotel which remains today.

Nick gave a summary of the land and property in the ownership of the Pierrepont Estates today. He remarked that until last year when a new farm tenant was granted a lease, Mike Jackson was the Estate's newest tenant – having arrived in 1974.

The Stonebridge Trust looks after Thoresby Courtyard, the former stables and riding hall. It houses the family archive and arts facilities. Research currently being conducted indicates that the lake in Thoresby Park may be the first such feature created for purely ornamental purposes in parkland in the country.

Nick took questions and answering one he said it was unlikely that the Estates would buy back Laxton, but they did maintain a strong interest and would very likely want to be involved if Laxton were to be the subject to a significant change in the future.

Our next meeting on November 16th will be reported in January's edition along with our Christmas Craft Fayre as they will miss the copy deadline. We are looking forward to a talk from Howard Heeley about Stained Glass Windows in Nottinghamshire which relate to the Air Force. We do not meet in December.

History Group Notice Board

We have been fortunate to be allowed to redirect some of the money we were given by the Heritage Lottery Fund to pay for a noticeboard to be sited in the village.

This will enable us to make public to residents and visitors alike where they can find the text of our booklets and Educational Resources. We will also use it to publicise our meetings and the programme for the year as well as occasional events.

It will be positioned between the bench and telephone box which is a good, central position for people to see it.

We have chosen the green colour we are associated with to differentiate it from the County Council noticeboard outside the Village Hall. Our new logo has been incorporated into the top panel and looks really smart, picked out in gold.

Many thanks to Jean Hennell who has worked with the suppliers on the design of the board and paid several visits with John Chambers, our Chairman, to ensure we got just what we wanted.

We will have photos next month.

Things to Do this Month

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| Nov 27th | Film for children 'Spirited Away', 3.00pm, Maplebeck VH |
| Dec 2nd | Bookings open for Markham Players' Little Red Riding Hood |
| Dec 3rd | Winter Music Afternoon, Milton Mausoleum 2pm. |
| Dec 4th | Lights Switched on at Tuxford, from 3pm |
| Dec 5th to Dec 15th | Christmas card box in church for village delivery |
| Dec 8th | Christmas Coffee Morning, Corner Farm |
| Dec 14th | WI AGM / Supper Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall |

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Music in the Village Hall



The music evening on 29 October exceeded all expectations.

'howdenjones' were on form with their insightful and original lyrics combined with a range of music styles

including folk, jazz and blues. The stories prior to each song linked the music to the reason behind them being written and were a great way of introducing the songs and enhanced our understanding of what makes Paul and Kate such observant people. We felt we had known them, their life style and their narrow boat for years.

An added dimension in the shape of Joe, a fiddle player, extended the range and depth of the music. An accomplished musician in his own right, Joe demonstrated his skill with howdenjones as well as individually.

Steak pie and peas were served during the interval and we were able to chat to the musicians as they joined us.

The raffle was a little unusual. Paul produced a contribution to the group of prizes. It transpired that the contents of the bag were Morecambe Bay kippers which proved to be very popular.

Absent friends missed a superb evening and we would recommend looking out for them in the future.

Pat Naylor



Remembrance Service



This year it was our turn to host the Group remembrance service with approx. 70 people attending. The bells were ringing and luckily it kept fine for us and we were able to process outside to the War Memorial. For 11 o'clock, led by the Revd. David Moore.

Thanks to Barry for playing the Last Post and Reveille.

Wreaths were laid by representatives from

Laxton,
Kneesall,
Wellow, Kirton,
Egmanton,
Walesby and
the Rotary Club.
It was also nice
to see the
children placing
crosses on the
war memorial.



Thank you to everyone who took part, to Margaret for playing the organ, Stuart for reading the lesson, Grace and Emily for taking collection and especially to Revd. David Moore for a lovely service. Everyone

stayed for refreshments. Thanks to Janet, Sandra and Mavis.

A quick reminder that the December quiz will be on Friday 2nd December 2016.

Please ring me for your teams 01777 870844

Michael Manning

Group Oil Order



The next group order is now in hand and may have been delivered by the time you read this. There will be another order in approx.

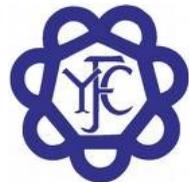
February depending on the weather. Prices have gone up since the autumn order and come back down again a little, so who knows where we will be by then. As always we will achieve the best price with the largest order, so if you need some please make it known in good time.

It is nice to welcome new members of the Group at any time and you order only if you want to when your stocks are getting low. The Group also has members in Egmonton, Kneesall, Tuxford and Carlton-on-Trent.

If you need oil from the next order please remember to send any new email addresses or contact numbers as otherwise you will not be contacted. You are welcome to send updated information at any time.

New members of the group in Please email oil@openfield.org.uk or call **871506**.

Tuxford Young Farmers



This month in Tuxford YFC has been eventful. We have been bowling and we also had our harvest supper and autumn dance. Well done to everyone who won a trophy at the harvest supper.

Tuxford YFC went to the Claas tractor factory and saw all of the new tractors and combines also the other brands they take care of. Moreover we learnt about the history of the Claas tractor and where it is mainly based. Fact : the main country that produces Claas is Germany and also a main one is France.

Well done to everyone. Tuxford YFC have raised a huge amount of money so far this year and hopefully much more to come for our charity this year.



Tuxford YFC correspondent



CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR GROUP DECEMBER 2016

4th December 2016 - ADVENT 2

9am	Kirton Holy Communion
9am	Moorhouse Holy Communion
10.30am	Kneesall Holy Communion
4pm	Messy Church (New Ollerton)

11th December - Advent 3

9am	Walesby Holy Communion
10.30am	Laxton Holy Communion
4pm	Wellow Carol Service
4pm	Egmanton Advent Praise
6pm	New Ollerton Tree of Memories with nativity

18th December - Advent 4

8am	Walesby Holy Communion
9am	Egmanton Holy Communion
10.30am	Boughton Holy Communion (St Matthews)
4pm	Laxton Christingle

Christmas Eve

3pm	Wellow Crib Service & Holy Communion
4pm	Christingles at both Kirton and New Ollerton
6pm	Egmanton Crib & Carols – Anna
7pm	Moorhouse Carols & Holy Communion
9pm	Walesby Mass
11.30pm	Midnight Mass at Ollerton Village

Christmas morning

9am	Egmanton Mass
10.30am	Kirton Mass
10.30am	Kneesall WFA
10.30am	New Ollerton Christmas morning Communion



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2016

- Dec 2nd Quiz Night
- Dec 3rd History Group Trip to Newstead Abbey
- Dec 6th WI River Group Carol Concert
- Dec 7th Licensing of Rev Anna Alls
- Dec. 8th Coffee Morning***
- Dec 14th WI***

2017

Forward Planning

- Jan 8th Plough Sunday***
- April 19th History Group AGM & Historical Supper***
- Sept 30th Southwell Ploughing Match***

NB New entries appear in ***bold italics*** for the first month.

If you know the date of a meeting or an event, please pass it on so that others can take it into account when planning.

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Laxton WI



Brenda welcomed Chris Walker, joining us for the second time, and was pleased to hear she has decided to become a member next year. Karen White, a new villager, came for the first time and she was warmly welcomed.

We had been well represented at the annual 'Apple day' celebrations in Southwell in October. Elizabeth banks was thanked for preparing our group entry of a 'tea Tray for the speaker' for which we were awarded third place, though some who had been to the event felt we were 'under marked'. Elizabeth had achieved second and third prizes with her entries in the individual events. Mavis, Brenda and Janet had all entered various classes but had not been placed.

Brenda was able to announce that the 'Sow and grow' Challenge given to member WIs in Nottinghamshire had so far raised an amazing £8,000. This was achieved by giving each WI £10 to invest to make money for the County Federation and some ingenious ideas had been thought up to raise such an impressive sum. This was the first time it had been tried and Jenny Bailey, the County Treasurer is bound to be pleased.

Brenda read out a very nice letter from the Child Bereavement Centre thanking us for the £300 donated from the proceeds of the tea we held for the Queen's birthday. Members agreed we should accept their offer of a speaker. Members were asked to suggest ideas for other speakers for next year.

Preparations are now in hand for the River Group Carol Service to be held at Weston, for our team for the Village Hall Quiz Night and for our AGM, which takes place next month.



This month we had a practical evening with Lesley Brensley, who was returning to us for a second time, having previously spoken to us about 'Oxo' and silver jewellery. We were pleased to welcome her guide us through making a Christmas decoration. This turned out to be a clown and Lesley showed us a number of examples of the clowns she has made.

Fortunately she had cut out all the pieces and made up packs containing all the parts we needed to make our own. Pots of glue were handed out and a machine was set up for the one stage which



really needed to be done this way. Joyce is not known for her happy relationship with her sewing machine, so maybe it was as well she was not able to join us!

Everyone set too stitching, sticking and making with various degrees of success. It took longer than we normally take, so Sandra suggested that the 'prize' for finishing first was to go and make the tea. Poor

Karen, our new guest, was the unlucky 'winner' of this dubious pleasure, but at least she got to meet everyone individually as she took orders and delivered tea. Thank you so much Karen. You really proved you are a good sport and we hope you will come back now you have met us.



At the end of the evening the finished clowns were all lined up on the

table and Lesley was asked to judge the three best. The winning clowns (below) were made by L—R Pat Naylor, second and to the delight of us all, Karen, and third Bridget Smedley.



Next month we have our AGM when we will hear a summary of the year's activities and review the state of our finances. We will also elect

our Committee for the coming year and choose our President.

As a reward for this we will enjoy a light supper, followed by the now legendary puds. This is normally the time when envelopes are given out for payment of our subs for the following year, which fall due in January. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 14th December.



New Village Signs - Update

Just a quick update regarding the new signs. An order for the Laxton signs has now been placed and completion is expected in around 10 weeks.

Regarding the Moorhouse signs, they are still at the consultation stage and as soon as they have agreed, an order can be placed.

The reason Laxton has moved more quickly is that The Crown, having agreed to fund the Laxton signs, is wanting the Project to be completed as soon as possible.

Those new to the village may not realise that many of the houses and all but one of the farms are owned by the Crown Estate. This came about because the Estate was in the ownership of the Pierrepont family, later the Earls Manvers, at Thoresby Hall. In the early 1950s the Estate was sold to the Ministry of Agriculture to hold for the nation. It then passed to the Crown Estate in the 1980s, and the Estate is the current Landlord.

Moorhouse was never in the ownership of the Pierreponts, with the exception of Church Farm, which was sold into private ownership many years ago. The Denison family of Ossington owned much of the land.

The historical difference accounts for the Crown, as landlords, funding the signs for Laxton but not for Moorhouse. Separate funding will pay for Moorhouse.

Michael Manning



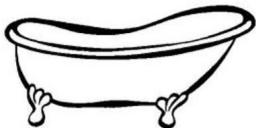
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Pat Naylor would like to thank everyone who supported her Inner Wheel charity stall at the History Group Craft Fayre. A very pleasing £51 was taken.

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Dukeries Singers

We are well on the run up to Christmas with rehearsals resounding with Carols and Christmas songs. I am writing this on respite from the kitchen where I am up to the armpits in mixed spice, brandy and pounds of mixed fruit making my Christmas cakes.

The Concert, with Les Baladins des Bords de L'Indre, the French Choir from near Tours, was a huge success. The music soared, the wine flowed and everyone had a good time. After the last piece of music of the evening, a joint performance by the two Choirs of Adoramus Te, we had a standing ovation!! A rare event but well deserved I feel. If you feel inspired to sing with us, do come along to rehearsal and give it a try and see if it is your "thing." The New Year would be an ideal time to begin a new, fun and sociable activity. You would be made most welcome, especially if you are a man. We really would like to recruit more manly voices to give a better balance to our sound.



We practice every Wednesday in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. This is best accessed from the Leisure Centre entrance and car park. More details about the Choir are to be found on our web site thedukeriessingers.com

Our Christmas engagements are;

- Thu 24th Nov Carol Singing, Edwinstowe Christmas Lights switch on from 5.00pm. onwards. *(Not 5.30pm)*
- Sun 27th Nov Singing at the Winterfest, Thoresby Courtyard, Riding School 12noon until 2-00pm
- Sat 17th Dec The Annual Edwinstowe Christmas Concert in Edwinstowe Village Hall at 7-00pm.
- Sun 18th Dec A Capella Carol Singing in the afternoon at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre from 2-30pm to 3.30pm.

We already have some engagements for 2017 but we have plenty of dates available. If you would like to book us for your Celebration, Fundraising event or Charity Do, our Concert Secretary Phil Robinson on 01623 822070 would be delighted to hear from you. The Dukeries Singers wish all our readers, friends and fans a wonderful and harmonious Christmas.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
22/10/16	23	Danny
29/10/16	42	Johnny Godson
5/11/16	27	Brian C
12/11/16	8	Evie

Thank you all for your continuing support for our Sports Field. Since the National Lottery increased the number of balls to 59 several of the new numbers have been allocated, but there are still some available. **If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 52, 53, 56, 57, 58 and 59. Anyone with a current ball is also invited to take another.**

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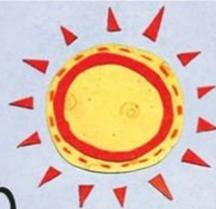
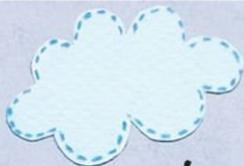
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If you enjoy going to the pantomime you couldn't do better than pay a visit to Markham Players who will be performing 'Little Red Riding Hood' early in the New Year.

There will be three performances in East Markham in the Village Hall on Friday 27th January (evening) and Saturday 28th January (matinee and evening).

This is an amateur group with a strong membership drawn from the local area and with a wide range of ages. They have been rehearsing since September and perform with enthusiasm and skill to appreciative audiences. They would welcome any local people who would enjoy some great local entertainment.

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The final event of 2016 at the Mausoleum will be the Winter Music afternoon on December 3rd. Starting at 2pm.

This is a concert / audience participation event and last year proved to be very enjoyable. A mild afternoon will help no end in the unheated church, but everyone is invited to bring a blanket / hot water bottle if they feel it would be wise. No need to book in advance, just come along.

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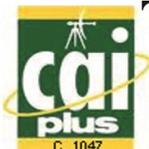


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Health Matters: Childhood Vaccinations 2

Leading on from last month's look at the vaccination programme for infants during their first four months of life, this month we look at the remaining vaccines that children should receive before they go to school.

One Year Injections

At one year infants receive four vaccinations. The first is a booster for Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib), which is combined with a vaccine for Meningitis C. The vaccine for Meningitis C was previously given in the first few months of life, but protection against Meningitis B was considered more important at this stage as younger infants are more vulnerable to this particular strain of the disease. The second vaccination is a booster for Pneumococcus. The third is the combined vaccine for Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR), and the fourth is a booster against Meningitis B. A booster for Meningitis C is given at age 14 years.



Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for ages 2-6 years

Seasonal nasal vaccine is offered to all children between 2 and 6 years from September each year. For children at school this should be done at school. For those pre-school this can be obtained from your GP surgery.

Injections at 40 months (3 years and 4 months)

At this pre-school time there are 2 further vaccinations. The first is a second MMR vaccination which increases the effective cover against these diseases. The second is a booster against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) and Polio. A further booster against Tetanus Diphtheria and Polio is given at age 14 years.

What are the conditions that these vaccines confer protection against (but not previously discussed last month?)

Meningitis C is the second most common cause of bacterial meningitis in the UK, a serious condition that can be fatal if not treated quickly. In addition it can cause septicaemia, pneumonia, conjunctivitis (eye infections), septic arthritis (joint infections) and myocarditis (inflammation of the heart).

Measles is a highly contagious viral infection, which begins like a bad cold with a temperature and a rash. Symptoms last for a week and a child can feel quite miserable and develop a bad cough. The reason that we vaccinate against this disease is because serious complications can result from this illness in as many as one in 15 children affected. It is the most likely of all the childhood illnesses to cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) which can sometimes cause brain damage. It can also cause convulsions (fits), ear infections, and pneumonia which can lead to long term lung problems. Unfortunately even in this country a few children die of measles each year, and measles is becoming more common again due to the increasing number of children not receiving the MMR vaccine.

Mumps is a viral infection that causes swelling of the salivary glands and is usually a mild illness, but distressing as the child cannot usually swallow the increased amount of saliva that they produce whilst the glands are swollen. Like measles it can cause serious complications such as inflammation of the pancreas, the organ that produces insulin and digestive enzymes (pancreatitis), inflammation of the testes in boys (orchitis), viral meningitis and encephalitis. Mumps is equally dangerous to both boys and girls and can cause permanent deafness in either ear.

Rubella or German Measles is usually a mild viral illness that causes a rash, a sore throat and swollen glands. It is not usually dangerous to the child and the reason for the vaccination is to provide life-long immunity to this condition. It is very dangerous for the unborn children of pregnant women as it can cause significant damage to the heart, brain, hearing and sight, leading to what is called congenital rubella syndrome. The vaccine was introduced in 1970 and has seen a dramatic reduction in the number of babies with congenital rubella syndrome.

Even if your child has had one or more of these conditions before the age of one, they should still have the MMR vaccination. Large studies have all concluded that there is NO evidence that MMR vaccination is related to either autism or inflammatory bowel disease.

Further information:

NHS Choices website – look under vaccines.

Thanks to Dr Chris Shearstone-Walker from Tuxford Surgery for this article.



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Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark has helped with over 7000 debt issues in the last 12 months. A number of people sought advice on debt relief orders.

Nationally, more people have been helped with a debt relief order (DRO) since the amount of debt covered rose from £15,000 to £20,000 last October. Debt relief orders are a last resort for people who have exhausted all options for repaying their debts and won't be able to pay in the near future. They work by pausing most of your debts for a year so that your creditors can't chase you for repayment. At the end of the year, unless your circumstances change your debts will be written off.

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Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark is now urging people who are struggling to keep on top of their debts to seek advice early on, so they have the best chance of repaying their debts and avoiding debt write-offs.

Lesley Barrick, Advice Service Manager at **Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark** said: "If your finances are getting on top of you and you're struggling to pay your debts it's crucial you seek support right away.

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	10 th Jan., 21 st Feb., 28 th Mar, 2 nd May,	
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