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Emily and her Craft Stall at Laxton History Group's Craft Fayre, 4th November 2017

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# Letter From Revd. Zoe

#### Dear friends

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 22 candidates were confirmed, by Bishop Tony, at St Paulinus Church New Ollerton and I, along with other team ministers and church members, had the privilege of



preparing 14 of these young people and adults from our Family of Churches. Who do you recognise in this photograph? Some of you may be wondering what confirmation is?

Many people will have been baptised/christened as babies and basically Confirmation is about making for ourselves the promises which were made for us years ago by our parents and godparents. But what promises were made for us? Promises which speak about Jesus and the difference Jesus makes to our lives because of what he did for us and continues to do for us.

As we approach Christmas we remember that God the Creator of the Universe participated in his own invention. The all knowing, almighty God chose to reveal himself to us in human form by taking on flesh and blood just like us. The divine became clothed in humanity and through that covering of humanity, the inner light of heaven shone forth and transformed it. The Christmas story shows us that we matter because God did this so that we might know him and have friendship with him. God was and always will be fully committed to humanity. The God who made humanity truly beautiful; transfigured humanity in heavenly glory by coming into the midst of it; walking, living, loving, dying and then raising it to a new height by taking humanity into heaven - the Christmas story is not just a story of bygone days but a story for today and everyday as we savour the mystery and in the savouring discover that God continues to come into the midst of us, bringing and birthing heavenly gifts of hope, forgiveness, peace and so much more. What the 22 candidates did on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October was make this life-giving story, God's story their story and they reclaimed their birth right as people made in the image of God.

Over the coming weeks if any of what I have said above stirs your hearts and you want to know more, please get in touch with me or a member of my team. As we enter the Christmas season, I invite you to ponder the Christmas story through new eyes and from a new perspective, consider whether you want to own this story, God's story, as your story. My prayer is that you may experience the blessings of Christmas in your homes and in lives not just on Christmas day but every day of your lives. Amen.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# From the Registers: Baptism: Elizabeth Laura Hall

Congratulations to Elizabeth Laura Hall, who was baptised into the church on Sunday 5th November 2017 at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton. Elizabeth is the daughter of Jemma Antcliffe and James Hall of Sheffield and granddaughter of Kate Antcliffe of Town End, Laxton.

#### Marriage

Congratulations to Timothy James Keay and Angela Heidi Hunter who were married in St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton on Saturday 28th October by the Rev. Zoe Burton.

Tim and Heidi moved to Twitchill Farmhouse at the beginning of the year. We wish them every happiness in their married life and in their new home. We hope they enjoy living in Laxton.



## Sympathy: Nora Kent neé Maddison

As reported in last month's 'Open Field', we were all saddened to hear of the death of Nora Kent on Saturday 4th October at the age of 75 years.

Nora's funeral was held on Friday 3rd November 2017 at St Michael the Archangel's Church, Laxton. The service was taken by the Rev. Canon Valerie Rampton and was attended by many of her friends from the village. Cremation followed at Ollerton.

On Tuesday 7th November Nora's ashes were interred in the grave of her husband, Ernest, at Laxton by the Rev. Valerie Rampton.

#### **Thanks**

Jean, Margaret and family would like to thank you all for the many cards, flowers and kind wishes received at this difficult time. They are also very grateful for the support arranging Nora's funeral.

#### **Congratulations Jake Noble**

Congratulations to Jake Noble who has just been voted new teacher of the year in the school academy chain after being mentioned favourably in a recent school Ofsted report. The award was not only for the excellent GCSE results of his science students but also because of his report and mentor's skills. Well done Jake.

# **Congratulations Robert & Mary Haigh**



Congratulations to Robert and Mary Haigh on celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on 15th October. The couple celebrated with



friends and family at The Dovecote, Laxton.

#### Harvest Weekend



Having been inspired by the way the church was decorated for a wedding earlier in the summer, the ladies who decorate for Harvest decided to revive the custom of decorating the pillars for Harvest this year - as

long as it didn't involve ladders!
Congratulations to all involved. The church looked even more beautiful than usual. If any athletic people would like to volunteer to help with putting up the strings and decorating the pillars in future, please let Brenda know now (870541) to help keep this tradition alive. She will add you to one of her many lists!

#### **Harvest Festival Service and Supper**

Friday 13th October was our annual Harvest festival Service in church. The congregation were welcomed by the Rev. Zoe Burton, who led the service for us. The sermon was given by reader Heather Brown of Eakring and the lessons were read by Mike Jackson and Simon Hill.

Thanks to Graham Laughton for playing the organ and to Robert Wilson and his team for giving up their time to ring the bells for us. It's lovely to hear them ringing. We would also like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the harvest service so special and the church look so nice.

After the service everyone made their way to the Village Hall for a supper of hot steak pie, potatoes and veg. A huge thank you to Anna Hill and her helpers for cooking the meal for us and to everyone who made puddings. A big thank you also to those who served and washed up in the kitchen and those who helped set up the hall and clear away. Thanks to Jean for all her help.

#### **Harvest Competition**

Saturday was competition time again, but we were a little disappointed



that the number of entries in the fruit and veg classes was down this year, although the baking seemed to be up.

The children had done very well this year and their entries were very good. Thanks to Jean for helping me with the booking in and special thanks to Elizabeth Banks for coming to judge for us.

#### **Harvest Family Service and Harvest Auction**

We held our Family service at 4pm on Sunday. Our thanks to Janice Hannington who stepped in to take the service for us as Rev Philip was not well and was unable to come. Most of all a big thank you to the girls, Jasmin, Lyla, Amalie, Emily and Madeline for reading the Bible readings and prayers and to



Madeline and Bailey for presenting the harvest produce. Thanks also to Madeline, Bailey and Ruby for taking the collection.

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After the service Janet kindly served tea and homemade biscuits. Janice and Simon then presented the prize cards to all the winners.

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#### **Harvest Auction**

The auction began with Simon Hill being persuaded to act as auctioneer. Thanks Simon. Everyone agreed you made a good job of it, even if it was your first attempt. We must say thank you to those people who brought cakes etc. on Sunday especially to put in the auction to boost funds.



A total of £160 was made, which will be divided between the church and a local charity.

Harvest is always hard work, but everyone enjoys it and it is one of our traditions which we must keep going, hopefully for a long time.

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Blessing and lighting of the advent wreaths

The service will be taken by

The service will be taken by Reader Joanne Wood.

**Everyone Welcome** 





Laxton

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# Christingle Service Sunday 17th December 4.00pm

The service will be taken by the Rev Philip Howson (+ guitar)

All the children will receive a Christingle Please come and join this family service and then stay for refreshments.

**Everyone Welcome** 

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### **Memories from Marian**

Marian Cooper, who lived the village has sent us this recollection of her Laxton schooldays during the War:

Watching programmes commemorating the Battle of Dunkirk, I was reminded of a poem given to me to recite at our school Christmas concert. My mother had kept it in her box of photos etc. The concert was performed in the afternoon due to the blackout.

We sang patriotic songs - 'There'll Always Be An England' and 'Rule Britannia' and performed a short play. I well remember reciting that poem, which was well received.



Our Big School was organised to dig for victory by our Head Mistress, Miss Cox (left). We were given an area of overgrown garden at the Vicarage which we cleared and dug. The boys grew large amounts of vegetables. We girls grew lettuces, radishes and marrows. The produce was sold and after expenses, the money was given to help the war effort

The boys also grew willows as we had lessons in basket making from Mr Marshall of Sutton-on-Trent. The boys made large fruit baskets which were always sold quickly. I

made a work basket complete with lid for my mother, which I still have.

Miss Cox also arranged the collection of old kettles, pans and newspapers. In the autumn we picked rosehips to make syrup, which was given to families with young children.

The bombs dropped on our village brought the War close to home. We shared our school with evacuees. We were issued with gas masks and trenches were dug to the left of the Vicarage drive. This is where we went when the sirens sounded - fortunately not often as they filled with water in the winter.

Later we shared our homes with RAF families. We had Sergeant Martin, his wife and son Tony for two years. Tony and his wife came back three years ago and, with George Noble's help, found me at Edwinstowe.

Twenty nine men and women went to war from our area and all returned home, some having experienced great hardship in the deserts and jungles at sea and in the air. We should not forget their fight for our freedom.

# The Little Boats of England

The little boats of England, The little motor boats, The little penny steamers, From Lands End to John O'Groats. The Brighton Belle, the Margate Queen, The Vigilant, The Lark, The Saucy Jane, The Gracie Fields, Even a Noah's Ark Picked up their country's message That it's back was to the wall. "There is danger, there is danger, Will you answer to the call?" Francis Drake and Collinwood And Nelson of the Nile Were on their quarterdecks again; You should have seen them smile When all the little boats pushed out From Dover to Dunkirk To heed their country's message That was their job of work. How they performed their fearful task The epic of those days, The history books will tell our sons But let us sing their praise And as they lie at anchor From Newcastle to Poldhu, With their battle scars upon them, With their pennants red and blue, We say to them with grateful hearts: 'Nelson is proud of you.'

Author Unknown

### A Memory from Moorhouse

This recollection was written on 11/11 2017.

Just sitting here listening to Remembrance stories, my thoughts turn to my Dad's second cousin, George William Saxilby, who was killed at Ypres in December 1915.

I was told his story by his brother and three of his sisters.

An officer had learned that George was two or three trenches away and allowed his brother to go and see him 'when there is a lull'.

Came a lull. A moment's joy, years of horror!

The sniper shot George as he jumped up to greet his brother. Fate can be very cruel.

Seventy years later Bill Beckitt told me that George was the fastest runner and the best cricketer in the district and 'my best friend'. And he wept!

M.W,S.

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Starts Friday 1st December. Closing date:

5.00pm Friday, 15th December

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### Village Hall News



By the time you read this in the magazine the Village Hall Coffee morning will have taken place and for those of you who came, thank you for coming and we hope you enjoyed it and found it useful.

All the ideas and suggestions that we hope you gave us will be discussed at one of the frequent meetings the Committee is having.

The legal process is continuing with some speed although all the I's and T's are being dotted and crossed several times!!! As it is Lottery (public) funding everything has to be carefully monitored.

The Quiz is as normal on FRIDAY 1/12/17 and the Committee wish all Open Field readers a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. As soon as we know when the building work can start we will let everyone know ASAP.

We are still getting a fabulous new Hall, watch this space!!!

Michael Manning

# 2018 Open Field Subscriptions

The village bulb planters have been out again, planting bulbs bought by Laxton WI and the Parish Council. Over the last few years Pat & Jeff Naylor and Jean and Keith Morton have been round the village planting bulbs by the roadside, on the green and in the pinfold. The results have been seen in spring when the village has been looking beautiful as they all bloom.



Many thanks to the team, assisted this year by grandchildren Ciaran and Grace as well as the village organisations for providing the funds to enhance the village

## Things to Do this Month

⇒ Check details of road closures

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Meal and Speaker, RNIB Talking Books, South

Forest Leisure Centre 7 for 7.15pm.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Village Christmas Card Post begins

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** Maplebeck Childrens' Puppet Show

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> WI - AGM and Social 7.30pm, VH

**Dec 20**<sup>th</sup> Meal and Speaker, Dukeries Musicians, South

Forest Leisure Centre 7 for 7.15pm.

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

# Coffee Morning 14th December 10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 14th

December at Diane Wood's House opposite the church.

Why not come and join us? Everyone is welcome to this informal group. You don't have to come every month and are welcome to pop in to enjoy some friendly, cheerful company.

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Plenty of tea, cakes, and chatter.

#### Laxton's Open Field Farming System 1

As mentioned in last month's Open Jfield, The Crown Estate met with all the agricultural / Open Field tenants on the Estate on 2/11/17. From that meeting it appears the Crown Estate intend to relinquish / sell / handover the Estate to a new owner, and are looking at a possible Trust / charitable organisation that could generate income to support and preserve the ancient farming system. Hopefully this will prove to be a good solution and one recommended by Norman Coward in his review of the Estate way back in 2009!!.

This, we imagine, will be a lengthy procedure and the Parish Council and the Visitor Centre Trust expect to be able to engage both The Crown Estate and Carter Jonas in discussion through this process.

Sir John Starkey, Chair of the Visitor Centre Trust was due to meet with Mr Ken Jones the Rural Director for The Crown on 16/11/17 and we will let you know what transpires from that meeting.

Michael Manning

## Laxton's Open Field Farming System 2

Meanwhile the business of working the Open Fields continues. November is the month when the Jury meet and inspect the wheat field. This takes place at the end of the month and will be reported next month. A group of Oxford University researchers engaged in a project looking at 'Feeding Saxon Britain' are coming to visit and see how this ancient farming system works. Professor John Beckett from Nottingham University, author of 'A History of Laxton' and Honorary President of Laxton History Group, has the date in his diary and hopes to be able to come, as he does most years.

The wheat field for 2017 / 18 is West (Top) Field and some members of the Jury will walk around the strips, positioning the stakes at the junctions with the sykes. A second group will insect the watercourses to ensure they are clear and working. The Foreman of West Field, Johnny Godson, will note any infringements, which will be taken to the Court the following week.

The Jury members, who were sworn on to serve at the Court Leet last December, meet at The Dovecote before they set off and return there for lunch at the end of the inspection. After lunch they discuss their findings and prepare the 'Presentment Paper', which is take to the Court.

We have described the way the farming year works previously, but with the number of new villagers and the concerns for the future, it seems a good time to repeat it.

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Sunday 31st December New Year's Eve Dinner and 'Past & Present Soap Stars at the Dovey' Party Night

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project. We needed to use much of it before we were repaid and the money is ours to use as we see fit. Members' suggestions to use this were presented on a voting sheet and the results were announced in November.

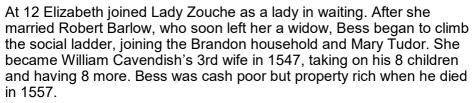
The agreed priorities were to set aside more funds for the Michael Wood Award,

set up a repair and replacement fund for our equipment, to fund historical visits for members and a donation for coverage of the HLF project in this magazine. The small sum remaining was voted to go towards the Michael Wood Award.

In October we were pleased to welcome Rosemary Gibson, assisted by Tony Jackson, to talk about 'Bess of Hardwick'. Rosemary came dressed in traditional yeoman's clothing. She explained that for women of her station linen was generally used for the garments and aprons and that once women married they covered their head with a cap or hat.

Bess' story was one of a formidable woman making the right connections, not rags to riches as she came from the lesser gentry.

Her father left money and 500 acres in Derbyshire/ Lincolnshire to his brother to manage and care for the family. The brother died soon after so the Court of Wards took over.



Bess became lady in waiting to Queen Elizabeth and married William St Loe in 1559. He paid off all debts and educated the boys, allowing her to develop Chatsworth. He died in 1565 and she married the 6th Earl of Shrewsbury, George Talbot. The Earl became keeper for Mary Queen of Scots and literally kept her a prisoner in his house and from interfering in Queen Elizabeth's affairs for 14 years.



Rufford was one of Bess's properties. She bought Hardwick from a brother and began to improve it. Despite family problems, Chatsworth flourished and the present residents are related to Bess.

Bess employed Robert Smythson, a well known architect, and began to build a new hall at Hardwick. 'ES' is repeatedly carved around the top of the building and it is 'more glass than wall'.

Bess died in 1610 and her tomb, also by Smythson, is in Derby Cathedral. The Dukeries as an area is a direct result of Bess's children, their wealth and ownership of land.

#### **Craft Fayre**

Our Craft Fayre on 4th November was a great success, raising £600 for the Group before expenses - £100 up on last year. We welcomed many new visitors to the event. A big thank you to everyone involved in setting up; baking; serving from the kitchen; booking their own or managing our stalls; coming to buy and donating items for the super raffle, the cake stall and the tombola. Most of all a very big thank you to Jean for organising it all and for making the bunting with our name on it.

There was a lovely atmosphere and the hall was full throughout. The kitchen and the folk at the door selling entry and raffle tickets were busy nonstop. It was particularly nice to have a chat with our visitors and to see villagers enjoying a get together over coffee and cake.

Jim Munro, a visitor from Southwell spotted our sign board and called in



with his wife. He told how he had won a 2 lap, 12 mile, race through the open fields 30 years ago. The route ran behind the Dovecote, through South Field and via Kneesall Syke back ito the village, finishing by the church. Jim still has his trophy engraved to mark his win. Does anyone remember this event? Do you know why it was run and who organised it? We would be pleased to hear from you.

A pair of spectacles was left at the catering hatch. If anyone knows who owns them, please contact Jean (870276) or Joy (871506).

#### **November Meeting**

Our last meeting of the year attracted a record turn out, when Mark Langrick came to present the results of his researches into the cottage formerly occupied by his ancestor, Sarah Rose.

Chairman John Chambers welcomed everyone and there was a short discussion about plans for the future. Members agreed they would like to celebrate our 100th meeting and our 10th anniversary next year. Suitable suggestions to Jean by the January meeting please.

John introduced Mark, who first looked at the family history, showing how he was related to Sarah and drawing on the research done in 2009 by Kathryn Summerwill of Nottingham University for their exhibition. He spoke of knowing from a young age, without any detail, that the family had roots in Laxton. The family trees he showed gave evidence of links to a number of families and also to the Roses currently living in the village, who were represented to hear about it.



Mark then turned his attention to the cottage, known as Bar House, which had stood in what is now Bar Orchard, near the entrance to the Sports Field. He thanked Bill Wagstaff, who owns the site, for permission to access and survey it. Censuses show that it was occupied until Sarah died in 1900 but that her son, Thomas, who lived with her throughout his life, moved out to School House after her death, ending over 300 years of occupation

by the family. Research by our Group showed it ceased to be occupied after this and was referred to in Thoresby Estate papers as having been demolished by 1920. It is believed much of the brick was deposited in the well, which can just be identified in the grass now covering the site.

There is evidence on the 1635 Mark Pierce map that a second property stood to the right of it and the bricks from it may have been used to build the extension on Sarah's cottage.

A photo from about 1895 shows great detail of both the cottage and Sarah, and was the basis of a painting by Herman van Batenburg, the Belgian refugee living in Laxton in 1916. The original painting was displayed along with the cooking pot, bed pan, books and other artefacts from Sarah's cottage which Mark had brought.

The cottage roof had all but collapsed at one end, the thatch was thin and the bricks

were spalling. It would have been a cold and wet property. Mark suggested the eastern end would have been unfit to live in. Measurements taken by Mark from the photo give evidence for the property having been built of Tudor bricks. Joan Cottee thanked him for a very interesting presentation.

### **Tuxford Young Farmers**

At the start of the month we had a new members night, which is a great opportunity for people to see what we do at YFC. We played lots of games and had a great laugh. Hopefully we will have new people join us!

The week after, David Chase, a farmer came in and taught us about bees. He showed us parts of the hive and honey combs. We learnt lots of new facts and how to care for the precious bees.

SuperBowl! This time we went bowling. Everyone did really well and achieved scores of higher than eighty. Almost everyone got a strike and everybody scored half a strike. We all had a great time at Newark SuperBowl.

For the last week of October we obviously did Pumpkin Carving ready for Halloween. Everyone had a go at carving their own pumpkins and we had a variety of excellent designs for example: tractors, faces and animals.

We are now excited to see what fun we get up to in November.

Ashleigh Eteo - Age 11

Tuxford YFC Press Correspondent

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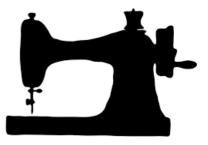
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# Request from the Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest

An initiative supported by several Inner Wheel clubs involves groups of women in several locations including Zambia and Malawi learning to sew and produce garments, bags and other useful commodities for sale. This allows them to earn a living and become self sufficient. In order to do this they need access to sewing machines.



If you or someone you know has a sewing machine in working order, that is no longer needed, I would be very happy to collect it and pass it on to National Police Aid Convoys (NPAC) who in turn will transport to the appropriate location. The machine can be manual or electric the only proviso being that the electric ones come with their cables.

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

26th Nov Christ the King
9am Moorhouse HC
10.30am Kirton HC

Sun3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Advent Sunday

10.30am Kneesall Advent Wreath Service4pm Wellow Advent Carols with HC

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 2 10.30am Laxton HC

4pm Egmanton Advent Praise

Weds13<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm Kneesall, Carol Service + Kneesall School

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3 9am Egmanton HC

4pm Laxton Christingle
4pm Wellow Carol Service + Wellow House School Choir

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 4 – Christmas Eve

9am Walesby HC 10.30am Kneesall FC

3pm Wellow Crib Service following by HC

6pm Egmanton Carols/crib

7pm Moorhouse Carols following by HC

25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas morning

9am Egmanton HC 10.30am Kirton HC

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Dec New Year's Eve

10.30am Family of Churches HC, St Matthews Boughton

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### 2017

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> MU

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Quiz Night

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Start date for village card postal service

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> WI

Dec 14th Coffee Morning

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Closing date for village card postal service

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Carols at The Dovecote

#### No History Group meeting this month

#### **Forward Planning**

2018

Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Church Dance expected to be in the Village Hall

Details of other events will appear later, bearing in mind the closure of the Village Hall for works.

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.

# NB Early Copy Date for January: 12th December.

Please ensure we receive your contributions for the magazine by this date. We cannot guarantee to publish anything received later. It is always helpful to receive items as soon as they are to hand. Thank you.

## **Laxton WI**



A busy year looks like coming to a busier end for members of Laxton WI. Sandra was circulating tick sheets for the Weston WI taster evening and the Group Carols at the November meeting. Brenda then added a whole long list of other activities coming up.

We need to think of a good speaker for the next Group meeting and also of possible speakers for our meetings next year. Any ideas to Brenda please.

The County offer of Bingo with a fish supper was very popular and we lost out in the ballot for tickets. The offer is to be repeated on February 2nd 2018, so members please check to see if you can go next month. There will also be three Burns Lunches, so members will need to book tickets if they want to attend.

The County Chair's Challenge this year was to do something to benefit the community. You will have read elsewhere in the magazine that our bulbs have now been planted thanks to Pat Naylor and her team. Many thanks to Pat for that. We are also looking into buying a planter to place outside the Village Hall after the works are completed.

The County are producing an archive photobook featuring each Nottinghamshire WI and Lesley has produced a short piece about our WI which she has managed to sum up in just under the permitted 175 words. Joy will bring a selection of photos next month for members to choose the five we have been asked to submit. We are making our own book, which will cover the period April 2017 - April 2018.

Next month is our AGM when we will have a light supper. Committee nominations were requested at the meeting.



Brenda offered congratulations to Elizabeth Banks on her successes at the recent Apple day in Southwell. She was awarded a first prize for the apple preserve and seconds for an apple pie, apple cider cake and centenary card. Well done Elizabeth!

Elizabeth is not a person to let

the grass grow under her feet and she had been enlisted to run a session making cards and crackers at the meeting. She arrived with all her kit and materials for us to work with. Her sample 'snow globe' cards looks so beautiful that we doubted we could ever make such things, but by the end of the evening everyone who opted for this style - which was most of us -



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had produced something creditable, though possibly with the polish Elizabeth's experience gives her. It also proved to us that to make one card, you need an awful lot of accessories and bits and pieces as well as skill.

Some worked with pre-cut pieces to assemble a decoupage decoration for the card while others chose a design from a selection provided by Elizabeth and cut their own sections out. We learned how to assemble

these and then how

to fit the egg shaped dome over them. This was fiddly and involved lots of double sided tape, which had to form a perfect seal to stop the 'very expensive' snow escaping. This done, we fitted the dome into the card blank and learned how to encase it and fit the card insert. After a great evening

with lots of chatter and hard work we all had something beautiful to take home.

Finally we each made a small cracker, which was much easier. The shape was pre-cut and the sides slotted together. Then it was just a case of tying, filling, tying the other end and decorating.

Elizabeth worked very hard going from table to table helping, encouraging and

There was not time for her to efforts, but everyone

demonstrating. judge our thoroughly

enjoyed the evening. Sadly guite a few members were unable to come on the night, but we were pleased to welcome Anne from Ollerton, who intends to join us in the new year. We would like to say a big thank you to Elizabeth for all the time and thought she put into the preparation as well as on the night.





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### Laxton Cricket Club

This month Jo Godson's research moves on to the social side of Laxton Cricket Club, which at one time included Whist drives and dances. Retford Gainsborough and Worksop Times reported the following events.

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NB spellings shown as published

#### 24th April 1914

A successful whist drive and dance was held in the schoolroom in aid of the Cricket Club. More than one hundred were in attendance. The prize winners were:-

<u>Ladies</u>; 1, Miss C. Moody; 2, Miss C Merrills; 3, Miss Burton. <u>Gentlemen</u>: 1, Mr Cuppitt; 2, Mr Turner; 3, Mr J Wardell.

Dancing was kept up until 2 a.m., Mr Clark acted as M.C.

#### 13th January 1922

A WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE was held in the schoolroom on Thursday. There was a huge gathering and the funds of the Cricket Club will be considerably improved. The proceeds, including the takings at the refreshment stall, amounted to £8 17s 10d.

#### 10th February 1922

A WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE was held in the schoolroom in aid of the Cricket Club. There was a crowded attendance and the receipts, including the takings at the refreshment stall, amounted to £9 0s 10d. The arrangements were in the hands of the club committee and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The prizes were given by Mrs Cocking and Mrs Hare, Messrs Quibell, Johnson, M Bailey and Clark. The prize-winners were:

<u>Ladies</u>: 1, Miss M Quibell; 2, Miss M Moody, 3, Miss A Laughton. <u>Gentlemen</u>: 1, Mr Ernest Jones; 2, Mr Ronald Upton; 3, Mr Wm Quibell, jun.

Messrs Veitch and Andrews supplied the instrumental music (violin and pianoforte), which was much appreciated.



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#### Return of the Laxton Donkeys

Thanks to Sarah McConnell for sending the photos and updating us on the donkeys who have come to regard

Laxton as their second home.

Through the season these donkeys work on the tourist beaches of Lincolnshire and are kept by their owners. They work hard and spend a lot of time on the sand. By the time the tourists go home they are

ready for a rest and it is traditional that they go into the countryside and stay in farmers' fields where they can graze and recover ready to

home year on year unless there is a problem. Laxton has been receiving donkeys for many years and their reappearance in the village is

something of a sign that autumn is comina.

When they are established with a home the

owners simply deliver them with their tack in case a child in the family wants an occasional ride and similarly at around Easter they are collected to return to work. Look out also for

Banjo, the donkey who has been coming to Bottom Farm for a long while now.







Chico has been coming for over ten years. He his a live wire .



# The Hewerdines of Laxton: Family Strands Tied together!

This episode concludes Jenni Dobson's tale of the Hewerdine family of Laxton and brings it up to date.

Taking attention back to Episode 2 of this series, we can see that William Merrills and his wife Charlotte, neé Bennett, had four children: Henry/Harry born in 1880; Fred, born in 1882, Kate born in 1884 and Clara, born in 1889. Let's see what happened to them:

It seems likely that Harry Merrills married Mary Elizabeth Rose in the June quarter of 1908 at Worksop because Laxton parish records show a baptism for Harry, son of Harry (a brick maker) and Mary Elizabeth Merrills 'of Worksop' on Easter Day, 27<sup>th</sup> March 1910.

Kate Merrills married Hawksworth Marrison in the December quarter of 1915, which was registered at Lincoln. They had Thomas Hawksworth who was baptised on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1917 and Una Sarah who was baptised 1<sup>st</sup> August 1920, both at Laxton. Hawksworth is shown as a farmer and was mentioned in the recent Laxton History Group booklets.

Clara married James William Price, son of John Thomas and Amelia Price, in the Sepember quarter of 1916. Their marriage was registered at Southwell. The Price surname is still well-known in the Laxton area. John Thomas was landlord at The Dovecote Inn. James William, was eventually executor of his father-in-law, William Merrills' will, after William's death in 1940.



When Fred Merrills married Mary Ann Savage at Laxton on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1911, the witnesses were Hawksworth Marrison and Kate Merrills. They had four children (left): Millicent, born in 1912; Gladys baptised on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1914; Mary aka Moll, born in 1915 and baptised on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1916 and William Frederick, baptised on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1919.

A collection of photographs shared with 'Open Field' by a member of the family includes photos of the 'middle' sisters with their respective husbands and bearing their

Christian names on the reverse. Gladys appears to have married Robert A

Hayes (pictured right) in the March quarter of 1942 at Bristol, Gloucestershire. Given its distance from the family roots, this may have been a civil marriage whilst the groom was a serviceman.

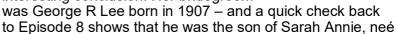


Mary/Moll married Douglas E Sanderson in the June quarter of 1944 (right), which was registered at Southwell.



No such photo has been found for their young brother William (left), However, it seems likely that he married Elizabeth Trickett in the June quarter of 1947. This marriage was registered at Nottingham.

However, it's the 1935 marriage of Fred and Mary's eldest daughter which brings this series to the most interesting conclusion. Her bridegroom



Hewerdine, and Robert Lee.

In other words, the man whom Millicent married was her father's second cousin, because his mother was a first cousin to her grandfather, William Merrills jnr. who had married Charlotte Bennett.

A family tree shows how the respective ages of this couple meant they were of close enough age for the marriage not to seem out of the ordinary. Millicent's grandfather William jnr. was the eldest child of Jane Hewerdine and William Merrills snr. whilst George R's mother, Sarah Annie, was the youngest child of Jane's brother John, himself eleven years younger than Jane.

An important point to emphasise is that this would not have been a prohibited marriage.

As with previous series about the Weatherall family, it's been fascinating once again to show connections with many local names and hopefully may also inspire readers to explore the extent of their own links. In telling this story, I've appreciated the encouragement and information supplied by Jonathan Price and another descendant also living locally, with whom it was my very great pleasure to meet.

The Open Field team would like to thank Jenni for her hard work on this series and for sharing the results of her research with us through these pages. She is currently working on the history of the Bennett family from Laxton, to whom she is also related.

Local people known to be related to this family have been contacted, firstly so that they know this series is to appear in 2018, but also to invite them to collaborate with Jenni if they wish. She welcomes input from anyone with knowledge of this family so that the story told in Open Field can be as accurate and complete as possible at this time.

If you have any information you would like to share with Jenni and are not already in touch with her, please email <u>advertising@openfield.org.uk</u> or call Joy on 871506.

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A quick reminder that the December quiz will be on Friday 1st December 2017.

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Michael Manning

## The Dukeries Singers

A Happy Christmas to you all! Yes I know it's early, I just wanted to be among the first to send out jolly greetings before my jolliness becomes buried under

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Our engagements for December are;

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Milton Mausoleum, 2-00pm until 3-00pm

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas singing at Norwood Park Christmas

Experience 11-00am

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas singing at The Alders pub/restaurant,

Ollerton, 6-00pm until 8-00pm

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Edwinstowe Christmas Concert, Edwinstowe VH 7-00pm

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.....and a Happy New Year!!

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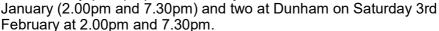
From Wednesday 1st of November Nottinghamshire's recycling centres, operated by Veolia (Nottinghamshire County Council's waste contractors) switch to winter opening hours. The recycling centres will be open from 8am and close at 4pm until Wednesday 28th February.

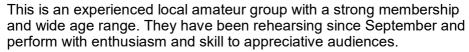
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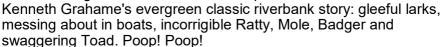


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# Minutes of Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council Meeting 26/9/2017

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday

26 September 2017 at The Visitor Cente, Laxton commencing 7.30 pm

**Present: Councillors:** 

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

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk), M. Pringle (County councillor), S.Michael (from 8.00 pm)

**Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence with reasons were received and accepted from Mr J Hill and Mr D Brown. Councillor Michael had been delayed.

**Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in items 10 a (Property matters – Sports field and water supply) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 14 a (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project and grant).

There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.

Dispensations: None required.

10 Minutes public speaking: No public present.

**Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 25 July 2017:** The minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.

**Matters arising: LMPC/72/17** – Matters arising – The clerk had forwarded a copy of the approved schedule of fixed assets to Mr Godson. Councillors confirmed that the schedule of fixed assets will be reviewed in November 2017. The clerk will circulated her original schedule discussed at the meeting on 23 May 2017 (LMPC/55/17a).

There were no other matters arising.

Reports from district and county councillors: Mr Pringle had nothing to report. The meeting reverted to this item after item 14a (Financial position as at 31 August 2017) to allow councillor Michael to address the meeting. Councillor Michael reported that:

NSDC's new headquarters at Castle House are now fully operational and the shared base for a number of other services

The next SNG meeting is on 5 October 2017. Mr S Hill will try to attend.

She had spoken with the NSDC officer, Mr Batty, regarding the two empty properties in the village who had confirmed that:

aa. NSDC is currently considering the position in relation to Bar Farmhouse bb. The other property had been sold but, as yet, no application for planning

permission had been submitted.

The meeting reverted to item 9 b on the agenda (Accounts for payment).

**Reports from councillors:** The clerk will order the free winter salt to be delivered to Mr R Hennell. Location of and access to community resilience container to be agenda item for November 2017 meeting.

#### **Financial Matters:**

Financial position as at 31 August 2017: Councillor Michael arrived at 8.00 pm at the beginning of this item.

Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 August 2017 (incorporating the 2017-18 budget figures).

Councillors noted that concerns had been raised by the Open Field regarding the volume of the 23 May 2017 minutes and the number of pages they had used. Councillors noted that this was because of they were not in the usual format due to holiday.

Councillors noted a request for a contribution to the printing costs. They recognised the implications of longer minutes in terms of paper and associated cost. After discussion, they agreed, in principle, that the council would provide financial support to this much valued village publication. Mr R Hennell will make enquiries of the Open Field as to the amount of additional cost attributable to longer minutes. Financial contribution to Open Field printing costs to be agenda item for November 2017 meeting.

The meeting reverted to item 8 on the agenda (Reports from councillors) to allow Mrs Michael to address the meeting.

**Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously approved eight payments totalling £1099.03.

**Appointment of internal auditor:** Mr S Hill will pursue his initial enquiries regarding a potential candidate.

**External auditor's report (if available):** Not yet received. Property matters including:

Sports field: Nothing to discuss.

**Cricket pitch:** The chair had made an approach the landowner to discuss the possibility of the land remaining designated as a cricket pitch. He reported that initial indications were positive. Councillors agreed that he should pursue the possibility further.

**New parish council website:** Councillors were pleased that the new website was up and running. They thanked Mr Brown for all his work on the original site. The clerk will use the site to publish parish council news and events going forward.

#### Planning matters:

Applications: 17/01585/FUL | HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF AN ATTACHED, DISUSED FARM BUILDING TO FORM ANNEX | Twitchill Farm House Cross Hill Laxton: Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided to support the proposal.

To note planning decisions by NSDC: 17/01123/FUL – Ivy Cottage, main Street, Laxton – Erection of rear first floor extension – Approval noted.

Compliance: No issues raised

Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:

The chair updated the meeting as to the following developments:

Following representation to him at his parish surgery, Mr Robert Jenrick MP had arranged to meet with the Crown representatives on 10 October 2017.

Other meetings are in the pipeline

The Crown Chief Executive had written and expressed the Crown's support for the open field system.

Councillors were pleased at the progress. The clerk will write to the Chief Executive to let her know that the council welcomes this positive response, offering the council's assistance and asking to be kept informed of developments. She will also ask Mr Jenrick's office to keep the council updated.

#### Village environment and appearance, including:

Village Hall refurbishment project and grant: The chair reported that the Village Hall refurbishment project had been awarded Lottery funding of £204,000. Councillors congratulated those involved on this fantastic news which would secure a very valuable asset for the community now and in the future. They recognised the huge amount of work that the project had taken so far and would take going forward and the substantial time commitment and responsibility involved. They thanked all behind the project and particularly the resident who had been the overall driving force and would take the project forward. The clerk will write a letter of thanks.

**Footpaths:** In hand. No longer required as agenda item.

**Re-surfacing – Moorhouse – Mid October 2017**: Works noted together with Via's confirmation that:

It will only be working on the carriageway and repairing the settlement over the culvert.

The brick arch, parapets and coping stones will be unaffected.

**Brown information road signs:** Councillors agreed that signs would be valuable and discussed possible locations and contents. They decided to hold a meeting at 7.00 pm immediately before their next scheduled meeting on 21 November 2017 to canvass views more widely.

**Moorhouse – Village fingerpost:** The clerk will send Mr S Hill the 2016-17 SLC funding information for information. This year's funding has not been announced.

Service faults: The clerk will report streetlights 13, 17 and 19 at the

## 🖁 Final Wednesday Speaker Evenings with Meal

The December "Speaker" is a group of musicians from the Dukeries Academy. After our Christmas meal there will be a short talk about Christmas and then we will sing carols accompanied by the musicians. This is a well tried format which we do every Christmas so if you want to get into the Spirit of Christmas come along and join us. It is a very popular night so please remember to book in by phoning South Forest or contacting a Sherwood Forest Rotarian.

If you are in a position to help your local Rotary Club for one or two hours with the Christmas Collection at Tesco on Saturday December 16th, Sunday 17th December or Monday 18th December your help would be really appreciated. Please contact 07711 802683 if you could help us. Every penny of the collection gets fed back into the local community.

Wednesday 20th December, South Forest Leisure Centre, Edwinstowe, 7pm for 7.15pm start. £11 including meal and speaker.

If you have a general interest, or a specific reason for finding out more, then please come and join us for our Final Wednesday Open Meeting on December 20th at South Forest Leisure, Edwinstowe, 7 for 7.15.

MEAL £12.50 at 7.15, or "Speaker only" at 8pm for £4. A no obligation opportunity to see your local Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest. Please phone South Forest on 01623 823866 to book your meal.

top of Cross Hill which are not working at all and streetlight 20 which is lit during the day.

She will send Mr Pringle the email received from NCC footpaths officer regarding the timing of the restoration of the fingerpost at West Field which he will investigate.

Mr S Hill will send photos of the drive problems on Green Lane reported at the meeting on 25 July 2017 which the clerk had raised with NCC.

Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.

10 Minutes public speaking time: No public present

Agenda items for next meeting: As above.

Date of next meeting: 21 November 2017 at Laxton Visitor Centre

NB Minutes published in draft form, to be approved at next meeting.

## **Egmanton Village Hall**

www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk / 01777 871171

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

- Tuxford Young Farmers 6th, 20th
- Yoga with Greg Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- WI Thurs 21st November

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- Children's Dance Classes Saturday mornings (Jill, 07790 601877)
- ◆ Computer Problems? Call 01777 871171. If your computer is misbehaving or you need help setting up a new one, please call. Donations to Egmanton Village Hall in lieu of fee.

## Maplebeck Village Hall Events

www.maplebeck.org.uk / 01636 636692 / 636185

#### **Regular Activities**

Yoga\*Tues 9.45am and Fris 9.30amWalkersWeds10.00amLadies RunningWeds7.00pmBook ClubTues7.30pm

5<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10th Oct., 14th Nov.

Kurling (without the ice!) 2nd Weds monthly 7.30pm

#### **Upcoming special events**

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.00pm Children's Film T.B.A.

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6.00pm Children's Puppet Show Wind in the

Willows

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm Film Juno (15)

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm Preview 2018

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan Supper / Dance Burns Night

#### **Useful Contact Details**

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Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings

Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required

Linda & Max McNaught 01777 870127, as required

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Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,

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Danger to life or crime in progress 999
Otherwise police switchboard 101

Crimestoppers (anonymous crime reports) 0800 555111

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Bassetlaw Hospital 01909 500990 King's Mill Hospital 01623 622515

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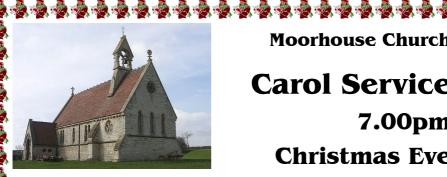
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## **Carols at The Dovecote** Weds 20th December 7.45 for 8pm

## With the Rev Philip Howson on guitar accompanied by Graham Laughton Mulled wine, mince pies, nibbles Come and join us for an evening of carols. You can choose your favourite for everyone to sing. Carol sheets provided



**Moorhouse Church** 

Carol Service 7.00pm **Christmas Eve** 

The service will be taken by the Rev Anna Alls

Followed by refreshments.

Afterwards there will be a short service of Holy Communion for those wishing to stay.

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