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We always welcome contributions and can help if you are not sure how to write what you want to say.

We believe all illustrations to be free to use. If anyone feels their image has been wrongly used, please get in touch.

Contributions for the next edition to be with the Editor by **NOON ON 16th JANUARY PLEASE. Earlier preferred.** You can send in your contributions at any time.

Church News from our Churchwarden

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council of Laxton and Moorhouse, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.



I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last year. Thank you to Janet for all her help and support and to Jean for all her help with the Garden Fete and the Harvest Festival events and socials, etc.

Thanks to Sandra for cleaning the brasses and providing the flowers and also thanks to Sally who now comes in to clean for us.

Thank you to the gentlemen who have helped to look after the outside of the church: to Dave for mowing the churchyard and to Richard for strimming.

Brenda

Open Field Subscription Renewals

We have been fortunate that Tony Tucker's arrangement with a local school has enabled us to not only continue to provide the magazine to subscribers at just £6 a year, but also in full colour. The only compromise on our part is that it is liable to be later than usual when the printing falls in a school holiday. We have had no indications from readers that this is a problem, and so we anticipate no changes in the coming year.

It would be greatly appreciated if everyone would make their payment for their 2025 magazines as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers with Tony.

The subscription for 2025 (February - Dec / Jan) will be £6.00

Please drop your distributor have your subscription in an envelope marked with your name as soon as possible, deliver direct to Jean at Blacksmith's Cottage, High Street or to Joy Allison in Egmanton.

Thank you. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Brenda

Sympathy

The funeral service for the late Tony Crothers of Egmonton was held in Laxton Church on Tuesday 5th November. He was buried in the churchyard with his late wife, Rosemary.

He leaves two sons, Nigel and Paul.

The service was taken by Lay Reader Heather Brown.

The funeral service for the late John Bacon was also held in Laxton Church. This took place on Thursday 14th November.

He was buried in the churchyard with his late wife Vivienne. He leaves a daughter, Kate, and twin sons Alistair and Edward.

Special Birthday Wishes

60

Congratulations to Richard Pick, who celebrates his 60th Birthday in December.

We send very best wishes to one of our newer villagers for a memorable day and many more to come.

Special Birthday Wishes

71

We want to send very special congratulations to Robert Haigh for his 71st birthday in December. Unfortunately The Open Field team's crystal ball failed to register that Robert celebrated his 70th last December. We did suggest that telling us about it might have improved his chances of a mention ...

To make up for it, we send him very best wishes for this year's birthday and also wish him many more to come.

If you would like a birthday mention - let Jean know!

Get Well Soon - Helen Pick

We are pleased to know that Helen Pick is home and recovering from a very difficult time following her illness. She is struggling with instructions to take it easy, but hopefully that will get easier.

We send her very best wishes for the period to come and hope that her recovery will be helped by enjoying the festive season at home with her family.

Thank You Laxton

Following the mention of Charlie Pick's impending birthday last month, Laxton showed its caring nature and, far from getting little acknowledgement of his birthday having come to live somewhere new, he received lots of cards etc. from villagers and was absolutely delighted. Thank you all.

Thank You

Thank you once again to Janet and Roy for putting the soldier up in the churchyard with the lovely cascade of poppies. It really stands out as you go past. Hopefully it will be our turn next year to host the Group Remembrance Service, if things remain the same. We may have some changes ahead within our Group and the Deanery and Diocese.

Brenda

Coffee Morning Corner

2nd Saturdays Egmonton Village Hall 10 - 12 **14/12/24**

No coffee morning in January

3rd Saturdays Laxton Village Hall, 10:30 - 12:30 **14/12/24**

4th Saturdays Ossington Hut, 11 - 1 **None in**

Remembrance Sunday



The Group Remembrance Service this year was held at St. Swithun's Church, Wellow.

The service was conducted by the Rev Alistair Littlewood.

Jon, our bugler sounded the Last Post and Jonathan Price from Kirton read the Kohima Epitaph.

Wreaths were laid by representatives from Wellow, Kirton, Walesby, Moorhouse, Laxton and Laxton Parish Council.

Brenda

The Kohima Epitaph

This is a form of words which will be familiar to all adults, but how many of us know its origins?

The words form the epitaph engraved on the Memorial of the 2nd British Division in the cemetery of Kohima (North-East India). It reads:

**'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'**

The verse is attributed to John Maxwell Edmonds (1875-1958), and is thought to have been inspired by the epitaph written by Simonides of Ceos to honour the Greeks who fell at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480BC.

The Burma Star Association (BEF) [Far East Veterans] use the Kohima; therefore, it would not be part of the dedication for a Royal British Legion Standard.

The Kohima is only said if there are no Burma Star Veterans present at church services. It is only fairly recently that the Royal British Legion has incorporated the Kohima into its activities due to the advanced age of Burma Star Veterans.

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Dave and Joyce Stone

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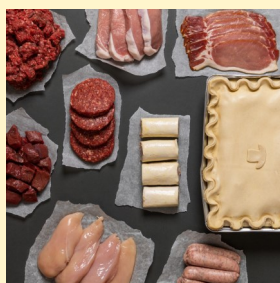
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The first day will be Saturday 30th November finishing 14th December ready for sorting and delivery. Thank you

Remember, just post your cards into the box and make a donation to the church, from **30th November - 14th December, for delivery soon after.**

Please note the advice below.

1. Deliveries are made in Laxton and Moorhouse only.
2. Please make sure each envelope has a **clear name and FULL address on the envelope.**
3. Remember, "To Sue" is unlikely to get to Sue and "Sue, Timothy Road," will not fare much better.
4. Please support the church this Christmas. The income from the donations is very valuable.

Thank you

Brenda

Nature Notes from Moorhouse

Our correspondent, Paul, has sensibly decided to make his contributions approximately quarterly in future so that there is a real difference in the seasons he is writing about.

We send thanks for the articles we have seen so far and look forward to more from Moorhouse in February.

Laxton History Group Craft Fayre



This annual fundraiser which Jean Hennell organises for the History Group proved as popular as ever this year.

Following her annual juggling act trying to find traders who are free to come and to fit in the tables, Jean found herself blessed with a full hall of stalls, including one who signed up less than 24 hours ahead of the event. They all looked attractive and Christmassy. The visitors began arriving as soon as the doors opened and continued to do so until just a few minutes before the end.



Sandra and Stuart were there, as always, selling raffle tickets and handing out tickets for a free cuppa. The café area was soon full of people of all ages chatting happily. A number of the toddlers with village connection came with their parents and we were pleased to have visitors from further afield. We thought it was commendable that one couple had come from Rotherham, inspired by their own History Group's interest in the town and having learned about the effigy of Archbishop Rotherham on Laxton church.

Their journey was later eclipsed when a young woman said she had come from Canada - although admittedly not only for the Craft Fayre!



The tea bar proved the usual focus of much attention. Lesley, Janet and others had surpassed themselves baking a wonderful selection of sweet and savoury offerings. There was certainly no need to encourage people to find their way there, and more than a few started with tea and cake then came back for soup and a cob.



It was good to see Charlie Pick, who got a special mention last month for his forthcoming birthday, coming over on the big day itself. It was equally good to

see his Mum, Helen, who is recovering from her period of ill health. Her loaded arms seemed to suggest she had done well on the tombola.

There was a great raffle. Helen Sheard had a big tray full of tickets left with her to check and there was still a good crowd in the hall when John Chambers organised the draw. There was even a bit of trading when one winner was approached by an earlier winner to see if he wanted to swap his prize. He was only too pleased to do so, so they were both happy.

Jean had been 'inviting' everyone to have a go at guessing the number of sweets in her jar. The winner was Joan Cottee, who got it sopt in, with a guess of **52 sweets**. Well done Joan.

This year the History Group decided to donate the profit from the event to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. After the adding up, it was great news to hear that we had raised **£500.01** for this excellent service. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way: giving prizes, time or support on the day. It is greatly appreciated.



Birthday Wishes

Overleaf we have a combined list of birthday wishes for December and January. Local people don't seem keen on winter weddings, as we have no anniversaries in either month.

Please let me know if you would like your name on the list for next year or let Jean or Joy know if you have a big one with an 'O' at the end. We like to ensure everyone who would like a mention gets one, but you do have to tell us when!

A happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.

Brenda and the team at Open Field

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DECEMBER CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event in December.

The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Brenda Noble, Robert Haigh, Emily Hennell, Richard Pick (60), Ann F. and Jonathan and Jake.

JANUARY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to everyone celebrating in January.

The birthday roll of honour for this month is a very long one!: Sue S, and our other Sue S, Margaret P, our other Margaret P and her twin Steff L, Mike J, Mary N, Mike Manning, Stuart Rose, Anne H, Jeff Naylor, Pat Naylor, Chris W, Jenni V.

If anyone would like their name added to the birthday and anniversary lists, especially for special ones, please let me, Jean or Joy know details ready for next year.



Brenda

Laxton History Group



In October we started to get into the festive spirit with a visit from Danny Wells, to tell us about “The Victorian Christmas”

Danny put a display of Christmas books and London Illustrated News magazines at the back of the room to further illustrate his talk.

He then gave an outline of Christmas through the ages. In pagan times before the fourth century in England there was a mid-winter festival which celebrated the harvest and looked forward to the new year.

The Roman Saturnalia held in mid-winter encouraged feasting, generosity and spending. The world was turned upside down during the festival, servants becoming masters, men dressing as women etc. Remnants of this festival are still seen in pantomime today, men playing the parts of women and vice versa.

In the 5th and 6th centuries, New Year is more important than Christmas, celebrating the harvest of last season and the new growth to come. In 17th and 18th centuries Christmas becomes even less important and between 1790 and 1835 Christmas is not mentioned once in The Times newspaper.

It was the Victorians who influenced and changed how we celebrate Christmas. With the coming of the Industrial Revolution, the gap between rich and poor widened. Philanthropists promoted a strong moral code and anchored it in the celebration of Christ’s birth. Charles Dickens, horrified by poverty and child labour, helped to shape our modern Christmas with his view of what Christmas should be in his novel, “A Christmas Carol.”

The coming of the railways meant folk could travel to see their families, especially as a Christmas holiday was promoted for the working classes. Then Queen Victoria and Prince Albert embraced the idea of a “Family Christmas”. The London Illustrated News published a picture of the Royal couple with their children decorating a Christmas tree. They sent Christmas cards to family and friends. It very quickly became the fashion and it spread to America.

Because there was a fear that English rural life and traditions were being lost during the Industrial Revolution, Christmas cards often depicted a romanticised view of English village life. During the years before the First World War the association of Christmas with old England grew stronger and Christmas traditions began to be seen as ancient English customs.

In fact, however, this is far from the case. Christmas pudding for instance relates back to Saturnalia and is a Celtic tradition imported from Ireland. Christmas decorations date back to decking the halls for New Year in Tudor times, with boughs from the sacred trees of pagan religion.

The Christmas tree tradition comes from Germany. Christmas stockings come from the tradition of Dutch children putting out their shoes on December 5th for St. Nicholas to fill with gifts. Santa Claus goes back to a 4th century Saint Nicholas who was from Turkey. The reindeer are a comparatively modern addition, 1823, from a poem in the New York times written by Clement C. Moore.

The Victorians embraced and combined these traditions from all over the Western world to bring about our modern Christmas.

We helped to start the village to get into the festive spirit when once again we held our popular Craft Fayre in November, this year on Saturday 16th.



The event was very well supported with a good number of attractive stalls, lots of customers from near and far and the ever tasty treats from the tea bar.

We do not meet in December because our date would fall too close to Christmas and neither is there a January meeting as we learned that members are not keen to come out on such cold, dark nights. Speakers are no keener to face a potentially difficult journey either.

A Special Start to the New Year

We will start our new year of meetings with a very special speaker. Thanks to a chance conversation, we became aware that John Millin, the son of Piper Bill Millin, who played his bagpipes during the D-Day landings, lives quite locally.

A very pleasant visit to him and his wife resulted in him readily agreeing to come to speak at our meeting on **February 19th 2025**. As with all our meetings, this event is open to anyone and we are hoping that members of some of our neighbouring Historical groups will be able to join us. If you are not a regular attender, we just ask that you let us know if you plan to come so that we can organise sufficient seats and refreshments. Please put the date in your diary.

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10:30 am

Laxton Church

Everyone welcome

Thank You Everyone

Thank you to all our readers and contributors for everything you have sent us in the last year. Without you we would not have a magazine. New contributors are always welcome. We look forward to your 2025 news.

Thanks also to those who proof read in the hope that not too many mistakes remain by the time you read your copy.

Thanks to Jean, our editor for making sure we cover all the village news and also to Roy for taking her to collect the magazines from Claypole monthly. Jean prepares them for our distributors to whom we also say a big thank you. They are the loyal team who make sure yours lands in your letter box.

Thank you everyone.

DECEMBER SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

24th November

10:30am Kirton **HC** Rev Alistair

1st December Advent

10:30am Laxton **Advent Sunday** **Rev Alistair**

4:00 pm Wellow **EP** Heather B

8th December

Kirton social

15th December

10:30 am Kirton **HC** Rev Vaughan

10:30 am Wellow **HC** Rev Margaret

TBC Laxton carols

22nd December

10:00 am Walesby Christmas Service Rev Vaughan

10:30 am Wellow **HC** Rev R Ford

3:00 pm Wellow **Carols** John P

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24th December (Tuesday)

4:00 pm Kirton Christingle Rev Alistair

7:00pm Moorhouse Christmas Service Heather

25th December (Wednesday, Christmas Day)

No services in our group **HC** at New Ollerton with Richard

January 2025

5th January

10:30 am Laxton Plough Sunday Rev Margaret

4:00 pm Wellow **EP** Heather B

12 January

10:30 am Kirton **HC** Rev Alistair

19th January

10:00am Walesby **HC** Rev Vaughan

10:30 am Wellow **HC** Rev Margaret



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Sun 1 st	Lights Switch on at LVH, 5pm
Mon 2 nd	Chop & Chat Christmas Lunch
Thurs	Exercise class (LVH) Pilates
Weds 11th	WI
Thurs	Exercise class (LVH) Pilates
Sat 14th	Christmas card collection ends



JANUARY

	Chop & Chat
Thurs	Exercise class (LVH) Pilates
Weds 15th	WI
Tues 27th	Parish Council

Forward Planning:

Regular Events:

<i>Parish Council</i>	<i>4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November</i>
<i>Quiz Night</i>	<i>1st Friday March tbc</i>

March 2025

**Copy Date for FEB 2025 edition:
12 noon, 16th JANUARY 2024**

Please let us have your contributions in good time. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. Late arrivals are unlikely to make it into print.

IT is a well known fact that Laxton WI ladies are multi-talented and versatile, so it was no surprise to find them designing and creating their own Christmas cards this month.



Sandra had collected a quite literally glittering array of buttons, bows, sequins, paints, feathers and glue to apply to the blank cards she had provided.

Silence reigned for a short while until options were weighed, suitable decorations located, and work began. It became

obvious that no two cards would be remotely the same.

Composition is not easy, to fit something onto a limited area so that it looks as if it couldn't be anywhere else is hard and takes careful planning. Whatever sort of design it was, each card looked right – quite an achievement.

And what a range of designs! There were single, elegant fir trees, delicately shaded poinsettia flowers, formal geometric grids made delicate with colour, asymmetrical leaves and berries, a decidedly stern looking pheasant's head, and more.

One member revealed an otherwise unknown talent for beautiful handwriting.

In the middle of the frantic squash to get everything done these days and the pressure to 'get it done yesterday', it was a most enjoyable oasis.

Thanks to the kindness of Janet and Sandra, refreshments were brought round and the relaxed conversation flowed on while the final touches were put to the cards.





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December is our annual Christmas Dinner, which this year is at the Dovecote.



Plough Sunday Service

Laxton Church

Sunday, 5th January,

10.30am

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Sports Field Bonus Ball Weekly Draw

19/10/24	25	Sam (Dovey)
26/10/24	13	Linda M
2/11/24	34	ROLLOVER
9/11/24	18	Helen Sheard
16/11/24	41	ROLLOVER

Since last month, Bonus Ball numbers **32** has recently become free, so we now have 6 of the 59 numbers available for anyone who would like an additional one or who would like to become a new member.

The available numbers are: **32, 34, 37, 51, 52, 53** As a reminder, all proceeds go to supporting the Laxton Sport and Recreation Field facilities.



Group Oil Order

The daily price published by Boilerjuice for the average price of 1000 litres of oil in England has been falling steadily, and has been lower than the price paid for our last order for a week of so and on 18/11 was 57.62p per litre inc VAT. With the coming of the colder weather imminent, I decided we needed to get our order in quickly and asked for orders by mid-day on Wednesday 20th November. That resulted in a very pleasing offer from Chandlers of 53.10p/litre, compared with Watson's 61.1p/litre. It should see everyone comfortably refilled for the festive season if they took the opportunity to order.

The next order will be towards the end of January depending on price, temperatures and your comments about need. Please feel free to send in orders when you think of it as there will not be another Open Field until February.

You are welcome to join the ordering group at any time provided that you can be contacted by email.

Everyone orders as much as they want and when they need oil at the time of an order. There is no obligation to order and nothing stopping members ordering with any supplier between group orders.

Please use my personal email if you have it. oil@openfield.org.uk is a general address you can use if you don't have mine, which I don't publish because of the amount of spam it generates.

Joy

News from the Museums of Tuxford

Walks of Life Museum

Both museums are improving their facilities. The Walks of Life will have some heating in the rural barn. We have finished decorating the shed, which is a tribute to sheep. This was instigated by one of our students. Shepherding is



one of the oldest occupations and still reliant on those who love the countryside and dedicated to caring for animals in all weathers. Did you know that the nursery rhyme Mary had a little Lamb was written by an American Josephina Hale in 1830. It is thought to be based on a real-life event involving Mary Elizabeth Sawyer.



Festive celebrations are often a time when we create memories with family and friends. On 12th December children of the school who are supported by the CHINK charity shop in Tuxford will be celebrating Jamhuri day. (Jamhuri is the Swahali word for republic).

The Walks of Life Museum will have a display to mark Kenya Independence Day. Our founder Dorothy Harrison was there and had such fond memories of her time spent teaching. Keeping photos and memorabilia of happy times is very important to many of us. A simple token with thought and personal effort is much valued.

The museum is looking forward to capturing the memories of Dosco and Holly Bank Engineering when past members of the work team

meet in November and help us creating a folder of information.

A programme from the company's annual Christmas dinner at the 'Old England' in 1970 caused great amusement. With humorous quotes including "a successful executive is one who can delegate all responsibility, shift all the blame and take all the credit" (anon).

Carriages at 2 pm. We wonder if anyone was lucky enough to ride in one like that at the Museum of the Horse?

Museum of the Horse

They have been working on restoring the old ballroom at the back of the Newcastle Arms as a conference /party room. Hopefully it will be



finished before Christmas. A few people have memories of going to dances in the old ballroom. I wonder if anyone has any old photographs or things to share about those days? The old ballroom must have lots of stories to tell. During the war I am told the airmen from Gamston used to come to dances there. Can anyone tell me how much longer after the war it was used?

We would like to know what type of events you would like to see when it is opened up again. Some of the first plans include an opening party and afternoon tea dance and, next spring, a

children's book fair with an exhibition of old pony books, miniature toy ponies and saddlery.

If you would like to be included in any of these please do contact Sally at the Museum of the Horse. The Museum is open daily from 9am to 4pm Saturday from 9am to 2pm.

The Walks of Life Museum is open from 11am to 4pm Thursdays and Saturdays.

Tel 01777 872776 please leave a message)

dianehunt08@btinternet.com

Free admission but donations very much appreciated.





Many thanks to Dave Sheard for sharing his lovely snowy shots of Laxton



Milton Mausoleum



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us in the events we have organised this year, we appreciate your generosity. Your support helps us to contribute to the upkeep of this historical building and to share the story of its links to Clumber Park.

May we wish you a happy Christmas time and best wishes for 2025.

From The Friends of Milton Mausoleum Committee.

The Milton Mausoleum is cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust

*Milton Mausoleum, The Avenue,
Milton NG22 0PW*

Christmas at Doddington



The annual Christmas spectacular at Doddington Hall is now open for booking on the web site. The theme this year is 'A Christmas Chorus'. Opens November 9th to December 23rd.

All the main rooms are decorated and the display extends over all three floors. It is an opportunity to soak up the seasonal festive atmosphere in this family home, with a four hundred year plus history.

Tickets are £15 for adults, Children 4 - 16 £8.50 and 3 and under free. There are family tickets for 2 adults and 2

children at £40 and for 1 adult and 2 children for £27.

Doddington season ticket holders go free if the card is shown at the gate, but other cards which are accepted on most dates in the year are not accepted for this special event.

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- card or security details have been lost or stolen
- statement shows payments you don't recognise
- card has reached its limit or account has gone into overdraft - and you weren't expecting it

Check your bank statement or the bank's website for the phone number to call for reporting security issues - or go to their branch in person. If you haven't had money taken from your account, your bank or building society will still take action to protect your account, for example by cancelling your card or changing your security details.

If money has been taken from your account this is known as fraud and is illegal.

When you contact your bank, they'll take action straight away to protect your account so no more money can be taken. For example, they might cancel your cards or cheque book and send you a replacement.

You should also report the crime to the police through Action Fraud. They'll log it and give you a crime reference number.

This is called 'identity theft'. If you start getting bank letters, bills or letters from debt collectors that you know nothing about, this might have happened to you.

Action Fraud:

Tel: 0300 1232040, Textphone: 0300 1232050 Mon - Fri, 8am - 8pm

If you've received a scam email, text or phone call you can also report a scam to action fraud.

If someone used your name to open new accounts, get credit or buy services.

This is called 'identity theft'. If you start getting bank letters, bills or letters from debt collectors that you know nothing about, this might have happened to you.

You should contact your bank straight away and let them know. Keep a record of all conversations you have with the bank and copies of

letters to do with the fraud. The bank will investigate, take action to protect your accounts and refer the crime to the police.

If you think someone has applied for credit in your name, for example because you've had letters about loans or credit cards you didn't apply for, you should also contact the main credit reference agencies. Explain you've been a victim of identity theft and ask them what credit accounts or services are on your file. Tell them which ones you didn't apply for and ask for the information to be removed.

The credit reference agency will contact those companies listed on your file to sort out the accounts that were wrongly opened in your name.

You should contact all 3 agencies as each one might only have part of your file. You can contact the following:

- TransUnion
- Equifax
- Experian

You can also ask the credit reference agency to add a password to your file - this is called a 'notice of correction' password. The credit reference agency will ask you for the password if you apply for credit. If you require assistance in speaking with these organizations please contact us.

If you think someone has got your details by stealing your post, or by getting mail redirected, you contact the Royal Mail Customer Enquiry Number on 03457 740 740.

For further help or information on this or any other issue, you can call us or visit us in person, on the details below.

In person

Newark office Tues/Thurs 9.30 - 2.30, Castle House NG24 1BY

Ollerton office Mon/Weds 9.30 - 2.30, 5 Forest Court, NG22 9PL

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Email karenbaker321@outlook.com mobile **07399 669380**
- ◆ **Pilates** - Thursdays from 5:30pm - 6.30pm with Holly Rye. **Non on 26th December or 2nd January.**
Contact **07415436001** Email holly-rye@hotmail.co.uk
Egmanton WI - Third Thursdays in the Hall
- ◆ **Coffee Morning: December 14th Christmas event** 10 - 12 then on the second Saturday of the month. Next will be **February 8th.** **Non in January.** All welcome.

Reporting Potholes

A reminder about the pothole reporting contact details are:

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Laxton Defibrillator

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

Michael Manning

Booking Laxton Village Hall

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

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

Useful Contact Details

Defibrillator Contacts:

Neil Randall 01777 871229 & 07710 398745, evenings and weekends
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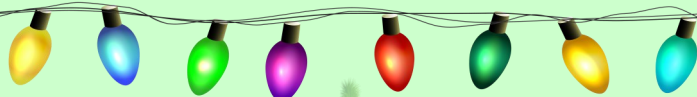
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