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Letter From Rev Zoe

Dear friends

I don't know about you but I am pleased that the daylight hours are drawing out – that we are experiencing more light during the day and as I write this letter we have just began a New Year when I use this time to reflect upon all that has been over this last year and as I revisit experiences to see them in new 'light' so I might learn helpful lessons to carry us forward.

You will have received your magazine around the time in the Church calendar when we celebrate a festival called Candlemas (there will be a Candlemas service at St Paulinus Church on Thurs 2 Feb, starting at 2pm – all welcome!). This festival is 40 days after Jesus was born and marks Jesus being presented in the Temple and held in the arms of a gentleman called Simeon who said He was a 'Light' to the world. At this festival traditionally candles were blessed and people often observed the festival by placing lit candles in their windows at homes on the evening of the festival.

Candles will be lit in church at this festival. We could say that Candlemas is a festival of light. In some traditions of the church, the Christingle service will take place at Candlemas. In our Family of Churches we offered several Christingle services as part of our Christmas programmed. These services were well attended. Our Christingles reminded us that Jesus is the Light of the World and our call, to use the words of Simeon in the Temple, to be Christ's lights in the world changing lives in our homes, communities and in the case of this service, giving generously to the Children's Society which seeks to be a light for children in poverty.

On Sunday the 12th February at 10.45am, St Paulinus Church will be hosting our Celebration of commitment service when we will be lighting candles again – this time, baptism and wedding candles as we remember the vows and promises that we made either as wedding couples or parents and godparents and we renew our commitment. If you wish to come along to this 'celebration of commitment' service with your wedding and baptism candles, you will be made more than welcome. Later in the year we will be lighting candles again as we remember those we love but no longer see – watch out for the dates of our memorial services – again all are welcome to come along to these services.

As the daylight continues to draw out, please think about the different ways in which you could be a light to someone who is experiencing

'darkness' in their lives for various reasons – whose lives might you touch over this coming month with your light? My prayer is that you might experience the light of Christ shining in your life bringing hope, comfort, healing, strength, peace, forgiveness, love, joy, a new start as well as renewed commitment. May Christ's light shine in your lives bringing new insight into your experiences so that we might grow and learn and become hopeful people and transformers of community for the good of all people.

Blessings Rev Zoe

From the Registers - Baptism

Congratulations to Isabelle Charlotte Mary Chase who was baptised into the church on Sunday 8th January 2017 at St Michael the Archangel, Laxton.

Isabelle is the daughter of Rob & Anna Chase and granddaughter of Richard and Diane Wood and great granddaughter of Ken Shepherd.

Sympathy - Derek Mawer

We were saddened to hear if the death of Derek Sherwood Mawer of Primrose Farm, Moorhouse who died at home on Boxing Day 26th December at the age of 83. The funeral took place at Ossington Church on Friday 27th January. Our sympathy to Lucille and all the family.





Sympathy - John Hayward

We were sorry to hear of the death of John Hayward from Westwood Dairies at Tuxford soon after Christmas. The milk Jean sells from her fridge comes from this dairy and we send sympathy to all family and friends.

Get Well Soon - Roger Cottee

We are pleased to hear that Roger Cottee is making an excellent recovery from his recent operation. We send good wishes for a rapid return to full health and enjoyable walks in South Field with his faithful dog Pepe.

Get Well Soon - Gordon Plant

We are sorry to hear that Gordon, who is a former resident of Laxton, is currently in intensive care at Kings Mill Hospital. We wish him well and our thoughts are with family and friends at this difficult time.

Laxton Parish Defibrillator Update

You should receive a flyer with this month's magazine telling you about the progress towards installing a defibrillator in the Visitor Centre

As mentioned last month, the Defibrillator being donated to us from Newark and Sherwood Recreation Centre and organised by Anne-Marie Harriman (neé Shepherd) was handed over at the Sports Meeting on 9/1/17. Until basic training is complete it is being looked after by Neil Randall

The Village Hall has been booked for awareness training on **Thursday 9th February at 7pm**. This is only likely to last around an hour and we would like as many as possible to engage with us on the use of this vital piece of life saving equipment.

As mentioned previously this is excellent news for the Laxton and Moorhouse communities as we are so isolated, and many thanks go to the Visitor Centre who have agreed to house the unit in there as it will be protected, out of sight and available 24/7.

You never know when you may need to use it and this is your chance to find out what is involved when there is no emergency to confuse you.

Please come along if you can, see the "Flyer" for details.

Things to Do this Month

Feb 8th WI - Child Bereavement Trust 7.30pm VH

Feb 9th Defibrillator Awareness 7.00pm, VC

Feb 14th Film night at Maplebeck, 7.30 pm

Feb 15th History Group - Cooking in Pre-history 7.30pm, VH

Feb 18th Children's Puppet Show at Maplebeck 6.00pm

Mar 3rd Quiz Night VH

Book your tickets for the Church Dance and

Village Hall Quiz Night.

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Parish Council Minutes

Please accept our apologies for the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 10/11/16 not being sent to appear in the December or January Open Field.

We are not sure how this has happened as they were published on the web site, but we will ensure this does not happen again.

These minutes can be found at the back of this edition.

Village Hall Quiz

A quick reminder that the March Quiz will be on 3rd March 2017

Michael Manning

New Village Signs

We are expecting the new signs to be completed ready for installation mid-March / April 2017. More news next month



Congratulations - Bill and Pat Haigh

Many congratulations, albeit a little late, to Bill and Pat Haigh on celebrating the milestone which was their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on 19th January 1952, which was also Pat's 21st birthday.

We wish them continuing happiness together.

Laxton Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union do not meet in January so the February outing is the first meeting of the new year. It takes place on 27th February. We will meet again at our regular venue in Anne Dutton's home on the last Monday of March. The programme is still being finalised. The speaker will be announced next month. Everybody is welcome - we are always looking for new members.

Unexpected Visitor to Laxton



We have heard that there was a visitor to Laxton early in the New Year who lived here during the second World War. The lady in question is in her 90s and is the daughter of one of the vicars who served Laxton during the War years. She called with her daughter to have a look at the vicarage where

she looked and was pleased to be shown the room she called hers at the time.

Unfortunately she didn't leave her name or any contact details. Does anyone remember hearing about one of the vicars having daughters? We are hoping this lady might return once the works on the vicarage are complete, but sadly have no way of getting in touch.

If anyone has any ideas who this could be, please contact Jean on 870276

Christingle



It was lovely to see the children in church on 18th
December for our annual Christingle service, which this year was taken by our new vicar, the Rev Anna Alls.

The lessons were read by Emily hennell,

Jack Hoyland and Amelia Hennell and the candles on the Advent wreath were lit by Madeline and Bailey Wortley and Ella Hoyland.

The children all received a Christingle which were then taken and lit by the Rev Anna. The lights were then turned out while Graham Laughton quietly played the organ for the carol 'Away in a Manger' while the children sang.

Thanks again to Janet Cooke for the refreshments and photos.

Plough Sunday

Sunday 8th January was our annual Plough Sunday service. The service was taken by the Rev Zoe and the preacher was Janice Hannington. The lessons were read by Mike Jackson, Jonathan Price and Janice.

Roy Hennell kindly wheeled the plough to the altar to be blessed. The churn was carried by Mike Jackson and Jonathan Price and Brenda Noble carried the cross. We were joined by members of our group of churches.

Thank you to Janet Cooke and Mavis Beckitt for serving tea and cheese scones and to Margaret Lindley for playing the organ.

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Church Life

2017 sees the start of a new chapter in the life of all our churches now we have our ministers in place. You will soon be getting to know all their faces as the move around the churches and other village activities.

We have:

- the Rev Zoe Burton, Ollerton,
- Rev Anna Alls, Bilsthorpe,
- Rev Phil Howson, Curate, Ollerton,
- Janice Hannington, Reader, Ollerton
- Heather Brown, Reader, Eakring
- Joan Wood, Reader, Bilsthorpe.

They will be rotating round the parishes for our various services.

I would like to say some 'Thank Yous' again for all the support I have received from everyone during the last year to enable us to keep the church running. We have a Grade I listed building to upkeep, which is not easy but everyone works so hard to keep things going.

Firstly I would like to thank all the members of the PCC and the congregation for their support and also the people from the other churches within our group who join us in our services and activities.

Thank you to

- ☆ everyone who reads and to the children who take part.
- □ Janet Cooke, who is always there at special services with tea and cakes
- Margaret Lindley and Graham Laughton for playing the organ at our services
- Sam Wortley who cleans the church and locks up and unlocks the church every day
- Those ladies who provide flowers for the altar and clean brasses
- Janet again for all the photos she takes which people will be able to look at in years to come and probably say 'who's that?' or 'I remember that.'

- To Robert Wilson for always getting a team of bell ringers to us when we need one and for training the new bell ringers we have got now, which is great. As we have got six good bells it's good to hear them rung.
- Jean Hennell for all her help in organising our fund raising events and to everyone who works so hard when we have our dances, garden fete, harvest, and concert
- The ladies who have hosted coffee mornings each month to buy little extras for the church
- The people who advertise in our magazine and everyone who subscribes for their contributions which help to raise funds for the church
- To the people who write articles, share news and send in photos for the magazine and those who put it together and distribute it, without which we wouldn't have a magazine at all
- To George for all his hard work in trying to keep the church yard looking neat and tidy, which is not an easy job and for all the other jobs he does for us

I do hope I have not left anyone out. If so I apologise. Thank you again to everyone for all their help and support over the last year.

Brenda

Thefts Over New Year

Unfortunately the New Year did not get off to a good start at Bottom Farm where two separate incidents occurred.

Firstly the little egg house from which many locals regularly buy their eggs was stolen along with its signs and contents. This was not a light construction and could not easily have been carried by one person. The last customer to make a purchase did so at 3.30am and its loss was discovered at 7.30am.

The following day the keys were stolen from ten of the farm's tractors. Both incidents were reported to the police.

The policeman taking the details was a little surprised, saying they get very few reports from Laxton. He emphasised that they concentrate their efforts where problems seem to occur, so if you have an incident and don't report it, it will impact the attention they pay our area. You would be wise to secure anything which might be stolen and if anything does happen, please make a report so that it is logged in the police system. We will all get a better service if you do.

Supper Dance

Friday 17th March Laxton Village Hall, 7.30 pm

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A Good Night for Young Farmers



L-R Daisy Haigh, Katie Gent, Will Hill and Jess Rose

Congratulations to the members of Tuxford Young farmers who had a great evening a the County Ball in Colwick recently.

Jess Rose of Laxton was been chosen as 'Miss Nottinghamshire Young Farmers 2017'. The title goes to someone who has shown

commitment and who will be an ambassador for the organisation. Jess has been very involved and committed for many years. One of her early jobs was as News Correspondent, writing for Open Field with her cousin Eve and she has also served as Treasurer for TYFC.

Jess is currently the County Rally Chairman and working on organising some great events for members this year. Among other prizes she won a day at Southwell Races and an iPad mini.

Jess was interviewed about her activities and interests and she was one of six contestants along with fellow Tuxford member Katie Gent, two members from Caunton and members from Southwell and Brackenhurst.

The success did not stop there with Tuxford members Daisy Haigh winning Junior Member of the Year and Will Hill being announced as runner up for Senior Member of the Year. Both will go forward to the next round to compete with members from other counties at the big YFC event in Skegness later in the year. We wish them lots of luck.

Young Farmers play a big part in the Civic Plough Sunday service in Newark, leading the procession into St Mary's Church in the Market Place. This year Tuxford was very well represented with Jess helping to carry the churn and Will Gent with Chris and Andrew Hill helping to bring in the plough assisted by two members from Collingham YFC - see photo on the back page courtesy of the Newark Advertiser.



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CHRISTMAS CARDS SPECIAL DELIVERY SERVICE IN LAXTON

Thank you to everyone who took their Christmas cards to church along with their donations. Thank you to Janet Cook and Pat & Jeff Naylor for sorting and delivering all the cards.



Probably next year we should count them - there seemed to be a lot and the box was emptied twice. A total of £188 was made for church funds.

I must say a huge thank you to everyone for their generosity. I hope you agree it is a good way of getting your cards delivered.

Mothering Sunday Service Sunday 26th March, 10.30am Laxton Church

The service will be taken by the Rev Anna Alls Everyone welcome

Posies of flowers will be given out. The service will be followed by refreshments

Isabelle's Christening



On Sunday 8th January at Laxton Church, Isabelle Charlotte Mary Chase was christened.



Isabelle is the

daughter of Rob and Anna Chase of Wellow and the granddaughter of Richard and Diane Wood of Laxton.

Isabelle was christened in a very old gown belonging to Anna's great

grandma Annie Cree. We believe the gown to be well over 100 years old - we think somewhere between 1890/1900, so it was lovely for it to be used again.

The top photo shows Isabelle in her gown and the 2nd photo shows 4 generations with grandma Diane Wood and great grandad Ken Shepherd.

Diane

Diane's Doing the Moon Walk

On Friday 13th May I'm going to take part in the Moon Walk in London. Very excited about doing it for a charity very close to our hearts.

Quite a few already know that I'm going to do this as I was making cakes and selling for the charity up to Xmas.

If anyone would like to sponsor I have a just giving page set up on my Facebook, also a very big thank you to all that bought the cakes, up to Xmas with

that I raised £80, if you go on the page you will see it has been added.

If anyone would still like to buy cakes they are £5, all of which goes to the charity, just give me a call, our number is; 870764. *Diane*



Laxton History Group



As reported last month, the Launch for the new booklets produced by Laxton History Group was held on 20th January. Both this and the meeting which heard a talk from Michael and Elizabeth Jones of Norwell happened too late for the magazine, so we will write about them next month.

The booklets will again be provided to all households in Laxton and Moorhouse free of charge. We are hoping our usual volunteers will bring them to the people who could not make it to the launch and thank them for doing this extra job for us.

In total the Group has now produced seven booklets which tell the story of the village between 1900 and 1920. They bring to an end the project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund which we began in 2014. The project came about following an idea from Iris Bex that we should 'do something' to mark the Queen's Jubilee in 2012. It proved to be a long road and when we finally achieved the funding the project was dedicated to researching the period when the Open Fields were reorganised and when the war had a big impact on society as a whole.

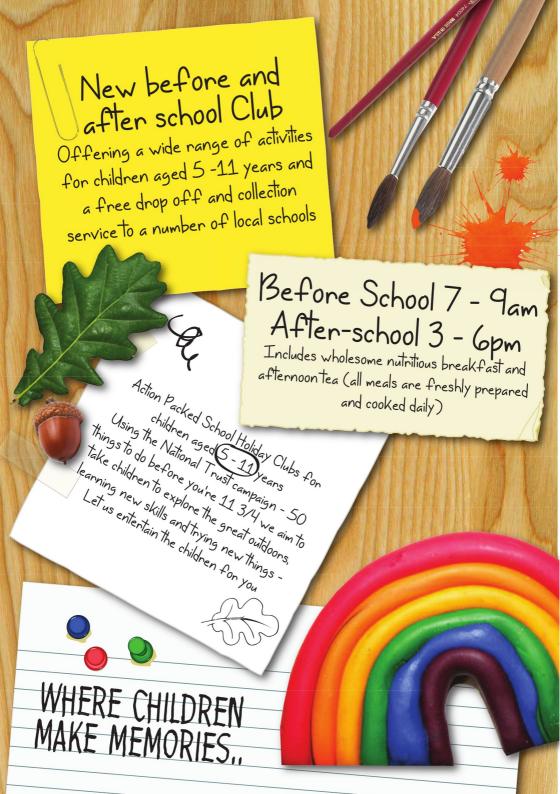
Over the last three years the project has enabled us to:

- Research the period 1900 1920
- Write the seven booklets
- Produce educational resources for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- Purchase the noticeboard now placed by the telephone box in the village
- Purchase additional display boards and materials to display
- Purchase a projector
- Purchase two laptops

We are very grateful to the HLF for making available the funds to enable the project to happen and to all the many people who have helped us in any way during the period we have worked on it.

We still continue to receive stories and photographs from people and we are pleased to receive them. We will continue to collect any information about the village which is offered to us and do our best to make it available for others in the future, including occasional articles in the magazine.





Laxton WI



Our speaker for the month was Laxton resident Ann Haynes with her friend and colleague Julie. They had come to show us how to make stained glass. Brenda introduced them, saying Ann was nervous, but it didn't show as she had everyone fascinated watching the process of applying copper tape to the edges of the glass, cleaning it with acid flux and then applying solder. She demonstrated fitting the individual sections into a design, firmly held in position with pins.

It all looked deceptively simple, so when we were offered the chance to have a go everyone was reluctant to go first. Bridget is normally the brave one and she was encouraged to volunteer. Ann had come with cut out pieces to make trees or sheep and once Bridget went to the table, most other members did.

Ann made it very easy for us and she organised the sheep making group while Julie helped those making trees. Anna's practiced eye declared the results good potential breeding sheep - and we even had a couple of cheeky tups as well as ewes!

It was a very successful evening and we were delighted that Ann and Julie had prepared such a great and entertaining evening for us. Several people were heard to invite them back for Christmas, but we still have to buy from their stall at the History Group Fayre!

Our guests were asked to judge the winning entries in our competition for a decorative piece of glass. The winner was Lesley Booth with a beautiful vase followed by Elizabeth Banks with a colourful glass tray and Sally Brown with a glass bead necklace.

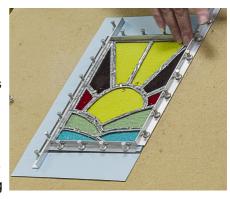
Next month we have a total change of theme with a visit from Caroline Froggatt from the Child Bereavement Trust, which we supported with



funds raised last year at the Queen's birthday tea. The competition will be for a 'Childhood Memory' - a toy, photograph or other item from childhood days.

We will meet on February 8th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and visitors and guests will be very welcome. The first meeting of the new year was a little depleted by illness, but with our recent increase in membership we still had a good gathering. Unfortunately Margaret Noble was not able to join us and Sandra had called in on her way to join us to deliver a plant with thanks to Margaret for hosting of the Committee last year.

Another recipient of a plant was Jenny who has one of those birthdays ending in '0' very soon.





Members were reminded that subs were due and expenses were paid out for various events.

We are hardly into 2017 but already we need to turn our thoughts to the county Show in May, where there will be a display of tableaux designed by WIs reflecting one of the periods in the last 100 years. The theme has been chosen as this is the year in

which the Nottinghamshire Federation of WIs celebrates its centenary.

Members were reminded to look out for the new crocus blooms on the village green. Pat Naylor bought more on our behalf last September and aided by Jeff and Jean and Keith Morton had added them to those they set there last year. The Village Hall and Parish Council



bought more daffodils which the planting team have set round the village, so together they should make a great show.

Plans were made for out institute's party on April 26th. It was agreed that the potential for almost 40 people to attend made having a caterer in the Village Hall the best plan. As last year had been a success it will be repeated and Sandra was asked to try to get a singer to entertain.

Sandra is also organising the summer trip in August had asked for members' views on which of her ideas they preferred. We will hear soon where we will be going.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR GROUP JANUARY 2017

HC = Holy Communion EP=Evening Prayer

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5th February – 4th before Lent

9am Kirton HC 10.30am Kneesall HC

12th February – 3rd before Lent

10.45am Celebration of Commitment Service for baptism

wedding families, New Ollerton

4pm Egmanton evensong, Wellow EP and **Laxton HC**

19th February - 2nd before Lent

9am Egmanton HC – Anna

10.30am St Matthews, Boughton – Anna and Wellow HC – Zoe

26th February - Sunday before Lent

9am Laxton HC10.30am Kirton HC

4pm Healing Service for the Family of Churches,

St Paulinus, New Ollerton

1st March - Ash Wednesday services:

10am St Giles, Ollerton Village said HC

7pm Wellow HC

Tuesday 14th Feb – 'Open Vestry Hour' for baptism and wedding enquiries

6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle, New Ollerton. Alternatively phone the church administrator, Eileen, on Monday mornings between 9am -12 noon tel:07983946930 or email: churchadmin1931@gmail.com Revd Zoe can be reached at the Vicarage on (01623) 862818.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2017

Feb 8th WI

Feb 9th Defibrillator Awareness course

Feb 15th History Group

Forward Planning

March 3rd Quiz Night
March 17th Church Dance

March 28th Parish Council

April 19th History Group AGM & Historical Supper

May 23rd Parish Council and APM
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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We cannot guarantee to include items received after this date.

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We are now at the start of the new year and with it comes the annual call to pay your subscription for your monthly copy of 'Open field'. Thanks to those who have paid. It is a big help.

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Recent Bonus Ball Winners

| Date | No | Name |
|----------|----|---------------|
| 17/12/16 | 8 | Evie |
| 24/12/16 | 12 | Roy Hennell |
| 31/12/16 | 25 | Linda (Dovey) |
| 7/1/17 | 38 | Dorothy Cree |
| 14/1/17 | 33 | Evie |

Thank you all for your continuing support for our Sports Field. The total number of balls is 59, the same as the National Lottery. There are numbers available. If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 34, 52, 53, 56, 57 and 59. Anyone with a current ball is also invited to take another.

To take a new ball please contact either Ken Shep on **870605** or myself on **870844**. Thank you.

Michael Manning

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Dukeries Singers

Glorious sunshine today but my word it's a chilly one. I am eagerly anticipating the appearance of "the fair maids of February." Also known as Snowdrops. They will surely brighten these cold and unfriendly days.

Speaking of friends, our very friendly Choir is now back in full swing. It is not



too late to make a New Year resolution and begin a new hobby of singing with a choir. It really does contribute towards the "feel good factor" and lifts the spirits wonderfully. If you would like to come along for a "taster" session with us, you would be very welcome. There are no auditions and no necessity to read music, although that would be a bonus. An even bigger bonus would be if you were a fella. We love our men and would like more of them!! We meet every Wednesday evening in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy in Ollerton from 7-30pm. until 9-30pm. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park. You can see blogs on our recent activities on our website together with other information regarding the Choir: www.thedukeriesingers.com

We also have some performance items on YouTube when we sang with the Notts. Recorder Group at Laxton Church a few years ago. We sing a wide variety of music in an even wider variety of venues and would enjoy singing for your fund raising, charity or celebratory event. We have some bookings for 2017 but have plenty of available dates if you would like to book us.

Please contact our Concert Secretary Phil on 01623 822070 who would be pleased to speak to you.

We all wish you a very (early) tranquil Spring.

Jan

Film at Maplebeck Village Hall

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Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark was expecting January to be busy for advice on finances

Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark expected people to seek advice on financial matters in January as the national charity revealed that we are more likely to research financial decisions in January than at any other time of the year.

Analysis by the national charity shows that across the country, demand for money and debt advice is highest in January and February, with one person contacting their nearest Citizens Advice for help every 11 seconds and people visiting the Citizens Advice website every 3 seconds in January.

While the post-Christmas period is often associated with squeezed budgets and debt worries, Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark is also expecting people to contact them with money queries as people take stock of their money situation and plan their finances long-term.

Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark anticipates the most common questions around managing debt will cover for example: credit cards, council tax arrears and energy bills.

To help people get started, Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark is sharing its eight top tips to help people get their finances in order for the New Year.

Lesley Barrick, Advice Service Manager says:

"This is a great time to take stock of your finances and think about your priorities for the next year and beyond.

Although many people will be focusing on their next pay check after the busy Christmas period, people can also use the time to review whether they can save money on their bills or set a savings goal.

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Dancacise for the Over 40s at Egmanton

By complete co-incidence another lady has booked Egmanton Village Hall early evenings on Wednesdays to start what she is calling 'Dancacise for the Over 40s' in Egmanton Village Hall. She says it will be manageable exercise for the not so fit to music such as Motown. Details are still being arranged as this is written, so please have a look at the web site **www.egmanton.org.uk** for details.

Children's Dance Classes at Egmanton

A qualified dance teacher is starting classes for children in Egmanton Village Hall on Saturday mornings from **4th February**.

Have your children got the 'Strictly' bug? If you have youngsters then there will be an opportunity for them to join the classes. Latin, salsa, ballroom and a variety of other fun dance styles will be on the menu if there is sufficient take up. The teacher has already had some calls, so it looks hopeful.

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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10 November 2016 in Laxton Visitor Centre commencing 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance: C. Millward (Clerk), Councillor Michael

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| LMPC/ 25/16 | Apologies for absence: Mr S Hill was absent (prior commitment). Councillors consented to the absence. Mr Laughton was also unable to attend (family reasons). | |
| LMPC/ 26/16 | Declarations of interest: Mr Godson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as tenant with regard to items 14 (Access to the castle site). The chair and Mr Brown also declared an interest as members of the sports field committee in item 10 (Property matters including sports field and ownership of mowing equipment) There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda. | |
| LMPC/ 27/16 | Dispensations: None required. | |
| LMPC/ 28/16 | 10 Minutes public speaking: No public present. | |
| LMPC/ 29/16 | Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 22 September 2016: The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair, subject to the following amendments: 1. LMPC12/16 c iii – Financial arrangements – Mr Hennell to refer to Mr R Hennell. The wording of the resolution relating to signatories was confirmed as follows: a. That a bank account or accounts be continued and HSBC ("the Bank") is authorised to act on any instructions provided they have been given by those persons named in the specimen | |

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| LMPC/ 29/16 contd. | a. signature section of the Bank mandate document (or authorised by such persons in accordance with the applicable authorisation requirements as follows: Any two listed persons together b. That any debt incurred to the Bank under this mandate shall, in the absence of written agreement by the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand c. That the secretary is authorised to supply the Bank, as and when necessary, with lists of all persons who are authorised to give instructions on behalf of the parish council, and that the Bank may rely on such lists d. That the parish council accepts the accounts (s) and banking relationship with the Bank will be governed by and subject to the business banking terms and conditions (a copy of which has been provided) as amended from time to time, together with the terms and conditions of specific products and services requested by the parish council e. That these resolutions be communicated to the bank and remain in force until cancelled in writing to the Bank, signed by the chair or secretary from time to time acting or claiming to act on behalf of the parish council and the bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not. 2. LMPC/14/16 c - Property matters - Removal of sub paragraph i. | |
| LMPC/ 30/16 | Matters arising: There were no matters arising. | |
| LMPC/ 31/16 | Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Michael had nothing to report since the meeting on 22 September 2016. | |
| LMPC/ 32/16 | Reports from Councillors: No reports. | |
| LMPC/ 33/16 | Financial Matters: a. Financial position as at 31 October 2016: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 October. Councillors welcomed the new format financial report. b. External auditor's report: Councillors noted the auditor's comments. They will ensure that all matters raised are addressed at the 2016-17 audit. | |



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| LMPC/ 33/16 Contd. | a. Approve appointment of internal auditor: The chair reported that Ms Naylor had decided to step down from the role. Councillors discussed other potential appointees. Mr Brown will approach a financially qualified individual connected with the parish. Mrs Michael will, as she deems it appropriate, make enquiries of other parish councils regarding their arrangements. b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved twelve payments totalling £1634.88. c. Approve standing order for clerk's salary: Approved. d. 2016-17 precept – budget planning: | DB SM Clerk Agenda |
| | Councillors agreed that the precept must be set against a properly prepared budget forecast and at a realistic amount for the future. The clerk will circulate a prospective budget for discussion in advance of the next meeting. Councillors noted that the Government is reviewing parish council's exemption from referenda requirements where precept increases exceed 2% | |
| LMPC/ 34/16 | Property matters including sports field and ownership of mowing equipment: The chair read the sports field committee minutes of the meeting on 25 April 2005 which set out the committee's position in relation to the mower. After discussion, councillors decided to accept that the position regarding ownership of the mower was as set out in those minutes. No other property matters discussed. | |
| LMPC/ 35/16 | Planning matters: a. Applications: 16/01582/FUL Erection of dwelling Land Adjacent Bar Farm The Bar Laxton Nottinghamshire: By unanimous agreement, this item was deferred to the end of the meeting and was considered after item 22 (2017 meeting dates). Councillors discussed the application and unanimously decided to object to the proposal for the following reasons: i. The site is on a known road accident blackspot where there have been previous accidents with vehicles leaving the road and coming to rest where the building itself would stand ii. The position of the proposed building close to the | |

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| LMPC/ 35/16 Contd. | edge of the road and a known dangerous bend places it in the path of any vehicle losing control on the bend. iii. Poor visibility means that the new access closest to the house poses a road safety hazard iv. The building, if approved, would extend the village boundary which is not appropriate in a rural area. b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None. c. Compliance: Nothing raised. | |
| LMPC/ 36/16 | Village development: a. Long term strategy: Councillors discussed the uncertainty within the village in relation to the Crown's long term intentions and extent of its commitment to the parish's unique way of life and rural heritage. Councillors recognized and endorsed the real concern that a commercial attitude to the Crown's assets, such as splitting houses up from their fields, posed a real risk to a rural system of agriculture and land ownership which had been preserved for centuries even though it had been lost elsewhere. They emphasised that separate family entities were integral to the open field system. Councillors decided that the Crown should be invited to visit the village and talk about its long term strategy, intentions and plans. In the first instance, they will provide the clerk with examples of decisions which have caused concern within the village. She will then draft a letter to the Crown for approval at the next meeting. b. Approach to the Crown regarding future plans: See a above. | Clirs Clerk Agenda |
| LMPC/ 37/16 | Village environment and appearance, including: a. Village Hall refurbishment project: Councillors will await the Lottery funding decision which is expected in December 2016. b. Re-location of Moorhouse Road 30mph speed limit sign at Laxton: NCC's views noted. c. Moorhouse "bumps": The clerk will approach NCC Highways to request warning signs. d. New village signs, Laxton and Moorhouse: The chair reported that four signs had been ordered for Laxton, three funded by the monies from the Crown and the fourth from Police Aid funds. The clerk will check with NCC and NSDC whether any consents will be required for the signs. | Clerk |

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| LMPC/ 37/16 Contd. | Councillors noted the potential funding available from the Supporting Local Communities fund, the requirement for supporting evidence and 50% match funding and the closing date, 16 December 2016. They discussed the number of signs for Moorhouse, the cost of each sign, match funding implications and the possible extent of support in Moorhouse. It was decided that: | |
| | The clerk should establish the views within Moorhouse in relation to signs and the number of signs with Mr S Hill The Moorhouse views and accompanying evidence of support needs to be available to the clerk by 30 November 2016 if an SLC application is to be ready for submission by 16 December 2016 If Moorhouse wants one sign only, the clerk to submit an SLC bid, with the match funding to be addressed through the 2017-18 precept. If Moorhouse wants more than one sign, given the match funding which would then be required, the matter to be brought back to the council for further discussion Dog fouling: The chair will display signs asking people to clear up behind their dogs Dog bins to be an agenda item for the next meeting. | Clerk /SH Clerk Chair Agenda |
| LMPC/ 38/16 | Access to the castle: The clerk reminded councilors of their obligations under Localism Act 2011 in relation to disclosable pecuniary interests. Mr Godson did not participate in the discussion of this item, having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest. Councillors noted that the Crown's access discussions continue with the tenant. Agreed no longer required as agenda item. | |
| LMPC/ 39/16 | New bus service: Revised timetable noted. | |
| LMPC/ 40/16 | Defibrillator training – Arrangements – The chair gave a brief update. | |
| LMPC/ 41/16 | Service faults: The clerk will report that the surface of the footpath from the Dovecote to the church is being damaged by root growth. | Clerk |
| LMPC/ 42/16 | Correspondence: Item c - NCC- Winter service | Clerk |

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| LMPC/ 42/16 | assistance – The clerk will place an order for the free salt to be delivered to Mr M Hennell. All other items of correspondence noted. | Clerk |
| LMPC/ 43/16 | 10 Minutes public speaking time: No public present | Clerk |
| LMPC/ 44/16 | Agenda items for next meeting: As above and: | |
| LMPC/ 45/16 | Date of next meeting: Future meetings to be at 7.30 pm and to take place bi-monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month where possible. Future dates fixed as follows: 24 January 2017 28 March 2017 23 May 2017 and APM The meeting reverted to item 11 (Planning matters – Applications – 16/01582/FUL) | |

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