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 PREFERRED. You can send at any time.**

Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

As I write this letter, I have just received my Mothers' Union magazine which sets out a new theme for next year, this being "Building Hope and Confidence." I wonder, what might hope look like in 2020? Building hope depends upon what or whom you put your hope in? When I say the word 'hope' what does it mean to you? Sometimes what we hope for sounds like wishful thinking and there can be a lot of uncertainty about what it is we hope for and sometimes what we hope for is unrealistic and seems as if it all depends upon us. The dictionary defines hope as 'a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen....a feeling of trust...'

We have just journeyed through Christmas and experienced the hope of the Christmas Story, a God who chose to become one of, and with, God's creation. The Christmas Story then points beyond itself to the Easter story, the story of a God who lived the way of love, died out of love and was raised by the Father's love from the dead, opening up the gateway of eternity for all eternity. This same God has sent his Spirit and promises one day to come again when we will have a New Heaven and a New Earth. This is a God who has done everything possible to restore humanity's relationship with God our Maker, each other and the whole of creation for all eternity. Christian Hope is founded on all the saving acts of Jesus Christ.

The Bible describes Christian Hope as Living Hope which does not rest solely on humanity but rather on God. Living Hope is life lived in light of the resurrection; a life which finds its anchor in the one who is alive now, not a product of human wishes and not dependent upon fate or the perishing hopes of this time-bound world.

Living Hope is an awakening to life which is full of hope and is defined by the quality rather than the quantity. Living Hope is an awakening to life in all its fullness before death, life that is able to endure death and survive death and life which goes on beyond the grave.

Living Hope is a gift from God, available to everyone, but like any gift it has to be unwrapped, received and opened up to experience all that it promises. We can choose to or choose not to unwrap the gift. When living hope rises within us, life rises too. After all, life without

hope leads to life without meaning and purpose which spirals into despair and despondency.

The gift of Living Hope is precious and priceless – this sort of hope enables us to journey through dark and difficult times in the knowledge that there is more to life than our present experience of life which can very often be perceived as the back of a tapestry which when viewed from behind are weaves which appear unrecognisable but from the front of the tapestry tell a different story.

2020 I chose to journey with a Living Hope which remains steadfast and offers security, in thankfulness, drawing God's future into the horizon of the here and now as we together seek to work out God's preferred and promised future for our lives and our communities and the world at large.

Wishing you all a hope-filled New Year!

Rev Zoe

Get Well Soon

Very best wishes go to Brenda and to Margaret P, both of whom have been poorly recently. We wish both a very speedy recovery.

Plough Sunday Service

12th January 2020

Laxton Church

10.30am

Come and join us for one of our traditional rural services during which the plough and the churn will be brought into church and blessed.



Church Dance

The first church dance back in the 'new' hall went swingingly! The regulars had remembered us and turned up in force to enjoy once again the chance to dance to the music of Bruce and Marion.

There were 52 people there and several of them came with prizes



for our raffle, which was bigger than ever this time.

We used to take the tables in and set them up in the middle of the dance floor at the break, but now with our new, enlarged foyer area we were able to use the new tables to set out the food there without interrupting the dancing. It is unlikely that anyone was able to rush back onto the floor as they all enjoyed their supper and many commented on just how nice it was, but they didn't have to wait for everything to be cleared away before they could dance again.

A big thank you to the team in the kitchen

who prepared, served and washed up after the supper.

Everyone found the hall cosy and we soon had to turn down the heating when they were all up and dancing. Later on we also opened the double doors into the cooler foyer area which seemed to make the temperature just right.





People commented on how bright and fresh and clean the hall looked.

The evening raised a very welcome £405 for church funds. Many thanks to everyone who came, donated or helped in any way. It is always appreciated.

The next dance will take place on 20th march and it is n ever too

soon to let Jean know if you want a ticket!

Mother's Union

Our meeting on January 27th will take the form of a meal out. We are hoping to be able to book in at The Dovecote. Please contact Janet for details.

Christmas Coffee Morning

We had a great turn out at Janet's house, with some beautiful cakes, and even one in the raffle. This was won by a very appreciative Stuart. There is always plenty of friendly chat and tasty refreshments, so why not come along in the new year.

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We hope you enjoyed the festive season and will continue to enjoy and contribute to your magazine next year.

Happy New Year from all the 'Open Field' team.

Things to Do this Month

- ☆ Pay your Open Field subs for 2020 (£4)
- ☆ Consider whether you could help with church brasses and flowers

January

Weds 15th Learn about the Royal Observer Corps, 7.30pm **VH**

Weds 29th Join with Rotary to hear about the importance of making a Will. South Forest, Edwinstowe, 7pm for the meal.

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Laxton History Group



The next meeting is on January 15th at 7.30pm in Laxton Village Hall.

We shall be hearing a talk entitled 'Forewarned is Forearmed' from David Stillen. This will look at the Royal observer Corps in peace and war. Everyone is welcome.



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Village Hall News

We had a brilliant turnout for the Quiz on 6th December, 11 teams and we managed to fit them all in, just, apologies if it was a bit cramped!

Another hard won fight to the finish with "Village People" taking the win by a small margin of 3 points. In second place with 36 were "No Tallents" and in third "Northern Lights Mark 2" with 35.

Great questions again from CATH and in fact every question was answered correctly by at least one team.

Very big thanks again to ALL who attended and continue to support the Hall, to all the Committee who worked particularly hard (Pat, Sam and Rachel/Neil in the kitchen especially). Also thanks to the Committee and supporters for donating raffle prizes (22 this time!), the wonderful sweets and Ian and Jackie for helping with the raffle

The mushy peas were again produced "in house" on the new hob and the 11 pies were kept warm in the new ovens - very swish!

Thanks to Anna from Maloney's for supplying the pies at last years prices and for putting together a team with the Dart Team and some younger members of the village!



As mentioned in last month's magazine, the
Official Opening of the Hall
will be on
Saturday 8th February.

Please put this date in your diaries.
There will be more details about the event
after Christmas.

Best wishes from the Committee and if you get the magazine before 25/12/19, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

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Jury Day



The Laxton Jury set out, as it has for hundreds of years, to inspect the wheat field on Thursday 28th November 2019. This year, was to be a very untraditional inspection, however, because of the state of the ground. It was a day of two notable firsts. It was Ivan Rayner's first as wheat field Foreman,

and Liz Moore's first as a member of the Jury - the first time there has been a female member for many years.

Nobody can remember an inspection when nobody had been able to get more than a few rows of wheat drilled, and most had managed nothing at all. The landscape looked more like the fallow field than the wheat field. It was difficult to see how the Jury could decide on transgressions when so little had been done.

Every rut had water in it, every tussock had a pool beside it and looking across the landscape the meadows appeared to be underwater. The vehicles



squelched through the mud, even on the roadways and never had





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wellies been more the order of the day.

One small mercy was that the temperature was fairly mild and it wasn't actually raining as they worked. As usual groups of Jury members inspected the overworked dykes and drainage channels and walked along the sykes marking where the strips joined them. There seemed to be a shortage of hammers, and Ivan discovered no problems in knocking one stake in with another. There was no

difficulty in persuading them into the ground.

It was with a sense of a job half done that everyone returned to The Dovecote afterwards to discuss their findings in preparation for the Court Leet next week and then tucked into the most traditional aspect of the whole event - their roast beef dinner.



Court Day



The room was full when Bailiff, Robert Haigh, called the Court Leet to order at the beginning of December. The Jury who will inspect the wheat field in November 2020 was sworn in.



First the field Foreman, Johnny Godson, took the oath on behalf of the Jury and this was followed by the individual jurors confirming their pledge to make 'true presentment' following their inspection.

The findings of the Jury were discussed followed by matters of procedure and the

current status of the sale process. Gregor Pierrepont expressed the hope that things could be concluded in the early part of 2020, but no date was suggested.



Tuxford Young Farmers



We hope you have all had a Merry Christmas and that 2020 is a Happy year for everyone. The County Road Show took place in Egmonton on 13th November and we learned about the roll of different clubs up-to National level

The week after we visited Whittaker's Horse Boxes at Gamston to see how they are put together and all the different designs. The boxes range from a standard pony trailer to luxury transport for Olympic class horses. The 27th was spent filling shoe boxes with toiletries, hats, small toys, writing materials to send off children in Africa. Around 20 boxes were supplied.

December started with wreath making at Hall Farm with the help of Lesley and her staff. We were supplied with the basic needs and following Lesley's demonstration made lovely door wreaths. Tuesday the 10th we visited Freshgrow at Bilsthorpe. We took a tour of the factory and followed the process of washing, packing and storing carrots for the supermarket trade.

We meet every Wednesday at 7-30pm at Hall Farm, Weston and we are always happy to see new people so come along and see us.



Emily

Church Flowers and Brasses

Unfortunately the rota of people able and willing to undertake cleaning the brasses and providing flowers for the ??? Has shrunk still further as some of those whose names appear are no longer able to do the work themselves.

It would be a big help if some new names could be added so that those who volunteer are called on less often. You don't need to be a master flower arranger - just handy with a polishing cloth and able to get up to the church every couple of months.

If you would be able to help out with this simple but important task, Brenda would be very pleased to hear from you on **870541**.

Thank you in anticipation.



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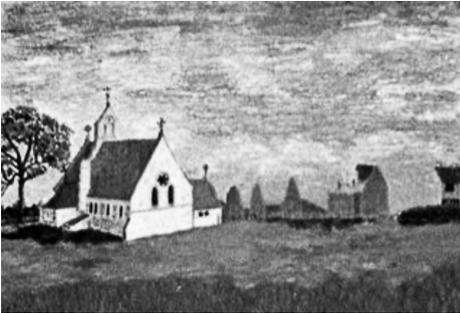
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1965 Moorhouse Church. The last Harvest Home

1952 This aerial shot shows Moorhouse Church (top left Wilmington Farm, farmed by Percy Rose and Church Farm, farmed by George Saxelby.



c1900 William Harpham's photo. He farmed Church Farm for some 55 years, before his death in 1901.

1962 Violet Saxelby in the beautiful garden she had created at Wilmington Farm



1964 Violet and George Saxelby still using the binder. The field was too small for a combine.

Rotary Final Wednesday Speaker.



One of our most important responsibilities to our families when the end comes is to make our affairs as easy and tax efficient as we can for the administration of the estate. Estates obviously vary in size and complexity but your wishes after death can only be carried out faithfully if you have a Will. Make no assumptions such as 'it will all go to my partner/spouse.'

Everyone knows the old saying, 'There are only two certainties in life. One is death and the other is Taxes.'

We are led to believe that a good many of us still do not have a Will set up or it is out of date. We have invited a representative from local solicitors, Jones and Co., to be our speaker on January 29th and they will go through the steps we can take *now* to help with our wishes on care, should we need it, and advise us on Wills and Power of Attorney.



There will be absolutely no obligation. This evening is offered solely as an information gathering opportunity for yourself, on what we should all have in place. If you cannot get to the meeting but are interested leave me a text.

The Speaker is free and will start at 8pm. but if you would care to join us for a meal and a friendly chat beforehand

then the meeting starts at 7.15, arriving 7pm. The cost is as charged by South Forest, £10.

If you are reading this, ask yourself. 'Do I have a Will yet?' Wills are for all, young as well as the not so young. Your young families need looking after too.

Our venue, South Forest Leisure Centre is at the Robin Hood Crossroads, Edwinstowe.

Whichever time you wish to join us please phone or text **07711 802683**

Jeff Naylor

SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

29th Dec 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Wellow Family of Churches **HC**

5th Jan Epiphany

9am Kirton **HC**

4pm Wellow **EP**

12th Jan Epiphany 2

10.30am Laxton Plough Sunday.

4pm Egmanton **EP**

19th Jan Epiphany 3

9am Egmanton **HC**

10.30am Wellow **HC**

26th Jan Epiphany 4

9am Laxton HC

10.30am Kirton **HC**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Jan 8th</i> | <i>WI</i> |
| <i>Jan 9th</i> | <i>Coffee Morning</i> |
| <i>Jan 15th</i> | <i>History Group</i> |
| <i>Jan 27th</i> | <i>Mothers' Union</i> |



Forward Planning

Alternate months, 4th Tuesday *Parish Council*

Feb 8th *Village Hall Opening Event*

March 5th *WI Fashion Show*

March 20th *Church Dance*

Copy Date for February: 16th January, mid day.

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. We unlikely to be able to publish anything received late.

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Our December meeting is our AGM, but sadly plans were derailed at the last moment with our President, Brenda, being taken ill. It had all happened at short notice and, although Lesley stood in, she did not have any of the paperwork and not even an agenda.

We all sent our best wishes to Brenda and asked Sandra to buy some flowers to deliver with our fond hopes for a speedy recovery.

Margaret has also been unwell and best wishes were expressed for her continuing improvement as well.

Sally reported that our finances are reasonably healthy, but will benefit from the expected boos from the Fashion Show which was postponed from last autumn. This is now scheduled for 5th March and more details will appear next month. Sally circulated her accounts for the benefit of those who wanted to look at the detail.

We heard that the subs for next year have only gone up slightly. They will be £43 and Sally will be bringing envelopes next month for members' payments. Please try to remember to bring your money or cheque book.

We should have announced the new committee at this meeting but it was not possible as we were not sure if all the nominees were willing to serve. Joyce proposed that we should elect the 2019 committee to remain in post until the next meeting when we will be able to formally appoint the new members for 2020. This was unanimously agreed.

During the hall refurbishment there had been a suggestion that WI should donate a planter to stand in front of the Hall. Lesley asked for ideas and there was a discussion about where it should be sited, the size which would be most appropriate, the design, the cost and the materials. Various members will be following up on the points made and a decision can be made in the next month or two.



Several members had been on a rag wreath making course organised by County. Lesley brought a sample for us to look at. It contains 250 pieces of rag, which must have taken quite a bit of work to assemble, but the effect was excellent. The fabrics had a Christmassy theme so it was a nice addition to people's festive decorations.



Following the discussion it was time to enjoy the lovely supper which committee members had prepared. We were able to make good use of the new serving hatch in the kitchen to collect our selection. There was a big pan of warming soup with fresh bread and butter followed by three delicious desserts. Jackie had brought her cheesecake by popular demand and this joined a Manchester tart - something of a

tradition at our 'dos' and a tasty St Clement's trifle. Thank you to everyone who made them.

To close the evening on a festive note, Doreen suggested she, with Pat and Justine, should read the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' which had been read at the WI Group Carol Concert. This was an explanation of the meaning of the song which, on the face of it doesn't have much to do with the Christmas story. Everyone enjoyed this then wished a merry Christmas to all their friends and left looking forward to meeting again on **January 8th 2020** at 7.30pm. We always welcome new and returning members, so if you have ever thought about coming, what better time to do it?



We hosted the River Group of WIs for the annual Carol Concert at the beginning of December. Unfortunately the church boiler chose just that moment to succumb to the effects of all the heavy rainfall which had reached it.

The church would have been impossibly cold without the very kind loan of an industrial space heater from Dan Board of Sherwood Marquees. It was too powerful to keep running during the concert, but had managed to get the temperature up considerably before we started. A big thank you to Dan for helping us out.

The concert was enjoyed by everyone and the hot drink and refreshments were appreciated more than usual afterwards.

Wellow Hospital - Clarification

Following last month's item about Thomas Bagshaw, we received a clarification that Wellow Hall and Wellow School were two different buildings standing opposite one another on the A616 at 'Toll Bar Corner'.

Wellow Hall was the building used as a hospital - today it is split into at least two dwellings and its outbuildings have all been converted into several more. Perhaps the descendants of William Ward, surgeon, may have some records of the hospital, which he is said to have created in part of Wellow Hall in the 1840s.

Wellow House on the opposite side of the main road was for many years the home of the agent to Rufford Estate and the Saviles, before being sold off into private hands, and subsequently becoming the school.

John Bagshaw's [1734 - 1827] descendants were connected with these institutions, over 150 years apart.

1. His son, Thomas Bagshaw, a patient in the former in 1851.
2. His 6th great grandchildren, pupils in the latter in 2019.

Thomas' descendants still live in Laxton.

Group Oil Order

The pre-Christmas order achieved a surprisingly low price of 44.34p/litre at a time when the price was fairly volatile. By the time Open Field went to print it had risen to 54p. 18 customers took the chance to fill up before the usual price rise in advance of Christmas.



The next order will be in February if the winter and our needs follow the usual pattern. If you would like to order oil then, you should provide your details or update what we hold about you and also specify a number of litres. 500 litres is the minimum order. Suppliers will not 'fill the tank'. If in doubt and you really do want it full to the top, you should overestimate slightly and they will charge you for what your tank takes.

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The Bennett Conundrum

Next month we will begin a short series of articles about the Laxton Bennetts. Jenni Dobson, who wrote previous series for us arising from her researches into her own family, has written this series as well.

During the research many people bearing the same names were discovered, making a simple reading of the story of their relationships difficult to follow. Overleaf you will find a key to the people we will meet in this series and the reference numbers they have been allocated to help you navigate through the generations.

Thanks to Jenni for her perseverance in straightening out this story.

Regular readers may recall my article in Open Field discussing whether two men, both named George Bennett and with local connections to Laxton, were related to each other and if so, what that relationship was. They proved to be first cousins, being the sons of two sisters, Sarah and Frances Bennett.

To summarise, Sarah Bennett's son George (G3/C) was baptised 1st Jun 1823 at Marnham and was provided for in his grandfather Samuel's 1827 will. In 1841 he was an apprentice wheelwright in Tuxford and in 1848, married Selina Hopkinson at Laxton. Following her death in 1872, he married Ann Lee in 1874.

He was therefore not the illegitimate son of Frances Bennett, who married John Keyworth, as believed when John Beckett wrote about him in 'A History of Laxton' (p255) in 1989, but in fact her nephew. This misinterpretation was easy to make at a time before so much family history information was widely available. This incorrect interpretation is replicated in 'Village Folk', one of the Laxton History Group booklets published in 2016. The difficulty in unpicking the relationships is further complicated by the fact that Frances also had an illegitimate son named George (G4/C). He was baptised on 27th Dec 1829 at Fledborough and in 1841, lived with Frances in the household of John Keyworth. In 1854 this George married Sarah Whittington at Laxton.

Both Georges were also first cousins to my great-great-grandfather, Thomas Beedham, born in Tuxford in 1840, the son of Sarah and Frances' sister, Ann Bennett, which I trust explains my interest.

However, the Laxton census for 1841 also lists another George Bennett (G2/C). In the forthcoming series, we'll be tracing his family to discover whether he was related to Georges (G3/C) and (G4/C).

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Ref. No.	Name	Details	Dates
George Bennetts			
G1/B	George Bennett	Son of Thomas (T1/A) and his wife Ann, neé Wright (A1/A), brother of Thomas (T2/B), William and Ann (A2/B)	Baptised 1787
G2/C	George Bennett	Son of Thomas (T2/B) and his wife Ann, neé Harris (A3/B); brother of Thomas (T3/C), John, Joseph, Henry and Ann (A4/C), ancestor of Marian Cooper	Baptised 1810
G3/C	George Bennett	(illegitimate) son of Sarah Bennett, sister to Frances, and Ann, neé Bennett Beedham (A6/C)	Baptised 1823
G4/C	George Bennett	(illegitimate) son of Frances Bennett, sister to Sarah, and Ann, neé Bennett Beedham (A6/C)	Baptised 1829
G5/D	George Bennett	Third son of George (G2/C); brother to Thomas (T4/D), John, Joseph, Matthew, Sarah Ann and Charlotte; married Harriet Adamson	Baptised 1839
G6/E	George Bennett	Third son of George (G5/D) and his wife Harriet Adamson; brother to Charlotte and William	Baptised 1876
G7/E	George H Bennett	Second child of Matthew Bennett and his wife Emily, neé Walker, brother to Charlotte E.	Baptised 1875
Thomas Bennetts			
T1/A	Thomas Bennett	Parents unknown; husband to Ann Wright (A1/A); father to Thomas (T2/B), George (G1/B), William and Ann (A2/B)	Baptism unknown
T2/B	Thomas Bennett	Eldest son of Thomas (T1/A) and his wife Ann, neé Wright (A1/A); brother to William, George (G1/B) and Ann (A2/B0; married Ann / Hannah Harris (A2/B), father to Thomas (T3/C), George (G2/C), John, Joseph, Henry and Ann (A4/C)	Baptised 1780
T3/C	Thomas Bennett	Eldest son of Thomas (T2/B) and his wife Ann neé Harris (A3/B); brother to John, George (G2/C), Joseph, Henry and Ann (A4/C)	Baptised 1807
T4/D	Thomas Bennett	Second son of George Bennett (G2/C) and his wife Elizabeth Crofts; brother to John, George (G5/D), Joseph, Matthew, Sarah Ann and Charlotte; married Frances Foster in 1865, ancestor of Marian Cooper	Baptised 1836

Ann Bennetts, some of whom took the name on marriage, listed by maiden name			
A1/ A	Ann neé Wright	Becomes Ann Bennett by marriage to Thomas Bennett (T1/A)	Baptism unknown
A2/ B	Ann Bennett	Daughter of Thomas (T1/A) and his wife Ann (A1/A)	Baptised 1791
A3/ B	Ann neé Harris	Aka Hannah; becomes Ann Bennett by marriage to Thomas Bennett (T2/B)	Baptised 1784
A4/ C	Ann Bennett	Daughter of Thomas (T2B) and his wife Ann (A3/B)	Baptised 1815
A5/ E	Annie Dewick	Daughter of Sarah Ann Bennett and John Dewick	Born 188 3
A6/ C	Ann Bennett	Younger sister of Sarah and Frances Bennett; daughters of Samuel Bennett and his wife Sarah neé Lilliman; becomes Ann Beedham by marriage to William Beedham; ancestor of Jenni Dobson	Born 1809
A7/ C	Ann Musson	Becomes Ann Bennett by marriage to William Bennett (Corn 1804) in 1830. William is possibly a 'natural' son of Thomas (T2/B). See Part 4 in the series.	

The 'George Bennett' Key

The series of articles on the Bennett family, which will follow in the next few months, attempts to explain the possible relationship between three men called George Bennett. While researching their families, four more George Bennetts were discovered.

The series also refers to four men named Thomas Bennett and seven women called Ann Bennett. So many people with the same name could easily confuse so to help readers better understand the relationships, this key gives details of each with reference numbers. These reference numbers relate only to the order of the Bennetts who appear in these episodes. You may wish to keep this key to refer to later.

The key uses:

- the initial of the name first; then
- a number in chronological order; then
- a forward slash with an upper case letter for the appropriate generation, 'A' being the earliest generation in our series.

The three Georges in the 1841 Laxton census are deemed to belong to the same generation. The reference numbers have no wider significance.

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Please contact Margaret on:

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Have a very happy and healthy 2020. It will soon be Snowdrop time!!

Jan

Dukeries Woodturning Society

The final meeting of the year, on 27th November, was well attended and was treated to a fascinating demonstration by Margaret Garrard. She made a bud vase during the first part of the evening during which she showed how to create a crackled, coloured finish on the piece as well as a plain colour. Small bands of natural wood highlighted this to good effect.



Later in the evening she made a timely Christmas tree decoration using a process which produced about 15 at a time. Margaret also brought a selection of other work, including an impressive pierced piece, for members to look at and ask about.



The first meeting of our new year will be on 22nd

January at the Jubilee Hall in Ollerton at 7.30pm. This will be our AGM and social, so we hope to see everyone there ready to



discuss the running of the club and to enjoy the refreshments and catch up. Visitors and guests are welcome and it is a good opportunity to meet each other and chat.

Please note that 2020 subs are due in January.



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Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
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23/11/19	31	Mike Manning
30/11/19	51	ROLLOVER
7/12/19	39	Anna and Alan

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: 1, 2, 7, 11, 24, 26, 28, 42, 46, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 59. Please contact Ken Shep on 870605 / Mike Manning 870844. Thank you.
Michael Manning

Babes in The Wood at East Markham

The ever popular East Markham Players return in 2020, after many years of playing to packed houses. This year's fun filled frolics will be aided by the script for 'Babes in the Wood' and showcase the Players' irrepressible love for life. This is the ultimate in family entertainment, guaranteed to blow away the post-Christmas blues - and right on your local doorstep. You may also (just) recognise some familiar faces from the local community. The dates are:

- * Friday 31st Jan 7.30pm and Saturday 1st Feb 2pm and 7.30pm at East Markham Village Hall
- * Saturday 8th Feb 2.30pm and 7.30pm at Dunham-on-Trent Village Hall

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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council: Minutes of the Meeting Held 24/9/19

Present: Councillors:

M. Manning (Chair), S. Hill, R.Hennell, M. Hennell, J Godson
J.Hill (from 7.50 pm), S.Rose

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk), S. Michael (District councillor)
M. Pringle (County councillor), Member of the public (x1)

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were no absences.
2. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the Laxton Visitor Centre and village hall committee in item 10 d (acceptance of donation of clothing bank) and 10 e (village hall request for donation), sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field) and village hall committee in item 15 a (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project).

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

3. **Dispensations:** None required.
4. **10 Minutes public speaking:** Nothing raised.
5. **Open forum – Inspector Heather Sutton, Nottinghamshire Police:** Included as agenda item in error.
6. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 23 July 2019:**
The minutes of the meetings held on 23 July 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
7. **Matters arising:** LMPC/74/19 b - Village Environment – Moor house fingerpost - Councillors were pleased with reports that the Moorhouse fingerpost enhanced the appearance of the village. All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no other matters arising.
8. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Councillor Pringle updated councillors regarding NCC matters.
Mrs Michael reported that:

1. NSDC has created an initiative fund in the sum of £200,000 across three years to facilitate parish and town council activities sitting within the NSDC local plan.
2. NSDC now has a fly tipping working group to address this issue in the district.
3. NSDC is undertaking various activities to help address climate change
4. There have been a number of fuel thefts from lorries parked in laybys in the area.

Mrs Michael noted a report that the roof at Bar Farm has now collapsed and the neighbouring property is in danger. She will make enquiries of the NSDC officer responsible.

9. **Reports from councillors:** Reports were noted of a notice of its forthcoming removal in the Moorhouse telephone kiosk. Mrs Michael and the clerk will make enquiries of NSDC.

10. Mr S Hill will attend the next SNG meeting on 24 October 2019.

11. Financial Matters:

- a. **Financial position as at 31 August 2019:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 August 2019 (incorporating the 2019-20 budget figures).
- b. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** eleven payments totalling £889.19. Mr M and Mr R Hennell declared an interest in cheque 922 (erection of dog bin/fish pond fencing) and did not participate in the approval of that payment.
- c. **Removal of bank account signatory and appointment of new signatory:** Mr Brown no longer being a councillor, councillors **decided** to remove him as a signatory and appoint Mr Stuart Rose, the new councillor, in his place.
- d. **Acceptance of Laxton Visitor Centre donation of Police Aid Convoy clothing bank proceeds and transfer of responsibility for clothing bank to council:** Mr M Hennell and Mr Rose declared disclosable pecuniary interests in this item. The chair, Mr M Hennell and Mr Rose having declared interests, they withdrew from the meeting. Councillors noted that the clothing bank operator had confirmed that there was no obligation attaching to the clothing bank. Given this and the financial benefit to be gained, councillors unanimously **decided** to take responsibility for the clothing bank. They also **decided** to accept

then donation of the proceeds from the Visitor Centre. The clerk will let the operator know.

Mr M Hennell and Mr Rose returned to the meeting.

- e. **Village Hall Committee request for donations (Glazing and village cinema):** A Village Hall Committee representative explained that the intention was to hold a monthly cinema to meet a demand identified in the Village Hall improvement questionnaire and to increase footfall as required by the Lottery funding terms. Councillors observed that £2,300 was a significant sum to donate towards a scheme which had not proven successful elsewhere in the locality. They also noted that Netflix had become considerably more popular since the questionnaire had been carried out.

It was reported that the History Group had offered to loan suitable equipment for a trial. Councillors suggested that the Committee borrow equipment to trial the project before making the financial commitment. Councillors confirmed that they were happy to re-consider in future if a cinema were to be demonstrably viable but **decided** to decline to make the donation at this time on the basis of the limited evidence of a viable scheme.

Councillors went on to consider the request for a donation in the sum of £400 towards the hall glazing costs. After discussion, being an investment in the fabric of a village asset, councillors **agreed** to make a donation for this purpose as requested. As regards the proceeds of the clothing bin, councillors **decided** to publicise the availability of funds for suitable projects and to include "Village project reserve fund and strategy" as an agenda item for the next meeting on 26 November 2019.

The chair returned to the meeting.

- f. **Donation to Green cutting costs:** Councillors noted that no donation had been made in 2018. They **decided** to donate £60 for each of 2018 and 2019's cutting costs.
10. **Property matters including sports field and rent request:** The clerk will check whether rent is due in respect of Glebe Field.
 11. **Planning matters:**
 - a. **Applications: 19/01545/FUL | Householder application to part demolish existing outbuildings and the construction of a single storey rear extension and porch including repairs,**

internal alterations and window replacement | 2 Church Cottages, High Street, Laxton: Councillors considered the application and unanimously **decided** that they had no objection to the proposal subject to the windows on the front matching the neighbouring property to maintain a consistent appearance.

b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC: 19/00824/FUL - Demolition of outbuildings; conversion and extension of The Old School to form 1 No. 3bed dwelling. New garage and workshop. (Revised application of 18/01426/FUL) - The Old School High Street Laxton:** Approval noted.

c. **Compliance:** No issues raised.

12. **Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:**
No developments.

13. **Defibrillator inspection report:** Mr M Hennell had completed the inspection and reported that new pads are required. The clerk will place an order.

14. **Village environment and appearance, including:**

- a. **Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that the work had now been completed but for snagging. Also discussed at LMPC/93/19 e above (Financial matters).
- b. **Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:** The chair reported that he was awaiting a reply from the landowner.
- c. **Fibre broadband for Moorhouse:** Nothing to reports
- d. **Speeding traffic:** Noted that NCC Highways had requested details of the directions the strips are to monitor. These were confirmed. The clerk will let NCC know.

15. **Service faults:** None.

16. **Correspondence:**

Item a - Midlands Rural Housing – Housing needs survey – Review in March 2020 with a view to inviting a representative to speak at the 2020 APM. The clerk will let Midlands Rural Housing know.

Item d – NSDC - Parish conference 2 November 2019 – Mr Hill or Mr Rose will attend subject to their availability.

All items of correspondence noted.

17. **Agenda items for next meeting:** As above

18. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 26 November 2019 at Laxton Visitor Centre

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Thanks to Lynda Moore for this lovely sunset shot taken from The Bar, looking west.



Thank you to the ladies who prepared the church for Christmas. It looked beautiful.