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Letter From Revd Zoe

Dear Friends

I would like to quash a rumour which has come back to my ears and is certainly news to me – this being that I am leaving or even that I have left!! This is far from my thinking and I am certainly still in the Ollerton vicarage where I have lived for nearly the last 4 years! This got me thinking though – I wonder how or what triggered this rumour?

Over this last year, there has been considerable change to the way we are working now as churches here in Ollerton and Boughton and the surrounding villages. For one, I now have a team of ministers working with me across our family of 12 churches: Ollerton with Boughton, Walesby, Kirton, Egmont, Laxton with Moorhouse, Kneesall, Wellow with Rufford, Bilsthorpe and Eakring. You may have noticed that the Roundabout letter has been written by other ministers other than myself – was this the cause of the rumour? Let me introduce the ministry team that I am charge of: Revd Philip Howson is my Curate and lives in Boughton – I am training Phil to enable him in time to run a parish of his own; Revd Anna Alls is our 'Growing Disciples Priest' and lives in Bilsthorpe along with Revd Margaret Groves who is an Associate Priest; I have 3 lay ministers (known as Readers in the church) in my team: Heather Brown who lives in Eakring, Joan Wood who has particular connection to Bilsthorpe and Janice Hannington who lives in Boughton. All these ministers work across our 12 churches on Sundays. We all take funeral services and the priests, who go by the title 'Revd' in the team, take weddings and christenings. We are all involved in schools and work in partnership with other organisations within our communities. This year Lisa Buckley as 'Children and Families Worker' joined my team - she works with and supports the 'children and families' team, in the town of Ollerton with Boughton, in their collective work with children, young people and their families. Eileen Broadhead also came on board as our part-time administrator.

The days of one vicar, one community around here are long gone. John Donne was known to have said that 'No man is an island entire of itself'. Teamwork offers considerable benefits: there is support, people to share the workload, people to share in the decision-making. Good teamwork honours that each person is a unique person with unique gifts and in sharing and valuing these gifts we are built up in love. I delight in conducting an orchestra rather than being

a 'one-person' band. We are not all flutes, violins, drums or trumpets but a range of different instruments working together with diverse gifts and talents to make something beautiful between us that benefit others. Working as a team has opened up the potential for far more options in our service within our communities - one example: as team, we have increased our input in working with our primary schools (did you know that we have 9 schools within the communities of our family of churches!).

I wonder, what teams do you belong to? Who are the other team members in your teams? What responsibilities or specific contribution do you make in the teams that you are involved in? Do you give thanks for and value other members in your team so that everyone is built up in love? Do you feel valued in the teams you are part of?

May I commend my ministry team to you and when they write the magazine letters it doesn't mean that I have left Ollerton – it means that we have become greatly blessed including in ways that we have yet to discover!

Many blessings

Revd Zoe

From the Registers



Congratulations to Mark John Stockdale and Maria Silvia Terese Piirainen of Tuxford who were married on Saturday 10th June at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton. Mark is the son of John and Sue Stockdale of Laxton. The Service was conducted by the Revd. Zoe Burton.

The marriage ceremony was followed by the baptism of the couple's two children, Aria Mylene Stockdale and Ethan John Henry Stockdale.

Maria's family, her mother, brother and Grandma, had come over from Sweden to be here for both of these special occasions. The baptism was conducted by the Revd. Phil Howson.

Pat's Plant Stall

The Inner Wheel have their AGM and induct their new President shortly. Their collection for Blood Bikes closes then and their donation will be made.

After this time the money raised from the plant stall outside Pat's house will be donated to Laxton Church, so please keep supporting it



with your purchases. There are plenty more plants and planted tubs and baskets looking for good homes.

Mothers Union

Our annual outing on 22nd May was to the Heritage Museum at Bilsthorpe. On our way we called at the Copper Beeches in Bilsthorpe for lunch. We were joined by Michael Mawer and friends. He had relatives who lived at the Copper Beeches when it was a farm. We were made very welcome at the Museum, which is run by volunteers.

One section is devoted to mining and the other to heritage, which we could all relate to. Objects we take for granted in everyday life are now museum pieces!! Now that must tell us something!

In the photo section Anna and family found some memorabilia of themselves in younger days.

On our way home we called at the Bilsthorpe Memorial Garden dedicated to the mining community. This is very peaceful and has a large, beautiful monument in the shape of a miners lamp.

Our next meeting is on July 31st. Please contact Janet Cooke if you would like to come. Everyone is welcome.



Things to Do this Month

Buy your tickets for the Strawberry Tea on July 16th!

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| July 1st | Gymkhana |
| July 1st | Michael Ducksbury Memorial Vintage Tractor Road Run from and returning to Tuxford |
| July 12th | WI, 7.30pm talk subject: 'Bee Keeping' VH |
| July 16th | Strawberry Tea, Corner Farm, 3.30pm - 5.30pm |
| July 19th | History Group, 'Archdeaconry Courts', 7.30pm VH |
| July 26th | Meal and Speaker, South Forest Leisure Centre 7 for 7.15pm start. |

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Rogation Service and Lammas Day



One of our traditional services was held on Sunday 21st May on Laxton Common. Fortunately the weather kept fine for us and we were able to enjoy our outside service. The lessons were read by Simon Hill and Stuart Clarke and we managed four hymns unaccompanied. The Service was

led by the Rev Phil Howson, the first he had taken for us.

Lammas Day

Tuesday 1st August is rapidly approaching and with it our traditional service at 8.00am when the first sheaf of corn is brought into church to be blessed. After the service we usually have breakfast. In the past this has been ably provided at Roberta and John's, but as they have left the village, this year we are looking for a volunteer who would kindly provide breakfast for 15 - 20 people at about 8.45 / 9.00am. If anyone can help we would be most grateful and the PCC are willing to contribute towards this. Please get in touch with Brenda Noble if you can help.

Strawberry Tea for Hospital Helipads



We are all sitting wrapped in thick jumpers and dressing for the chill wind when we go out, so it is hard to think that in just a few short weeks we should be sitting in Jean and Roy's garden enjoying our fresh summer salad and strawberries and cream, but it is a lovely thought to hang on to.

New villagers will not know that this is now well established as a highlight in Laxton's busy summer programme of events. Everyone is welcome to support this excellent cause and it is a lovely, relaxed opportunity to come and meet your fellow villagers. We hope to see you there and really look forward to meeting you.

The proceeds from the event go to support the work to provide helipads at hospitals. It is not well known that many Air Ambulances have to land at some distance from the hospital and transfer the patient to a land ambulance for the final part of the journey. Helipads on hospital premises enable Air Ambulances to land on site, saving patients the delay and discomfort of a transfer by land ambulance from the nearest landing point into the safe hands of doctors awaiting them in the Accident and Emergency departments.

Everyone is warmly welcomed to join in this event and to bring friends or family. If you can't make it (or even if you can) donations of cash or for the cake stall, raffle or tombola would be much appreciated along with simple fund raising ideas suitable for a garden setting. All suggestions welcome to make this a very successful afternoon to help to provide helipads for hospitals.

The tea consists of ham and salmon salad, strawberries and cream, cakes and a cuppa. Tickets cost £7 each from Jean on **01777 870276**. The fences at Corner Farm aren't elastic even if your waist band is in the presence of strawberries, so if you want to come for a delicious Sunday tea, call soon and buy your tickets. We would hate you to be disappointed.





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Spring Concert with Kneesall School

What a wonderful evening! It was lovely to see the church packed with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and villagers eager to hear the children of Kneesall School perform for us. The choir consisted of about forty children, all smartly turned out in their uniforms and impeccably behaved. To everyone's surprise they



were joined by an adult choir of parents formed just four weeks ago specially for this occasion. The choir was conducted by Mrs Coupe, the Head teacher at Kneesall. She said that the school was pleased to be able to perform for us and, having been invited by Jean Hennell several times previously, felt they could not let 'the last Hennell' leave without doing so.

What one parent described as 'Mrs Coupe's exacting standards' showed. She was a lively leader for the children who faced their audience with confidence and composure and filled the church with their beautiful voices.

The adult choir looked nervous as they began their first piece, but were wreathed in smiles as they enjoyed the applause. The same standards had clearly applied here too and they sang beautifully and word perfect.

Between the choirs we were treated to a performance by Kate Roberts



one of the mothers and an accomplished cellist, which was an additional treat.

At the end of the evening Brenda Noble thanked

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everyone for their support and said that the a donation to the school would be made from proceeds of the evening. Mrs Coupe was presented with a bouquet presented by one of the youngest pupils at the school and two who will soon be starting there - Janet Cooke's two granddaughters, Eva and Eliza and Ruby Noble.

Following the performance everyone was invited to share in the refreshments and the feast of cakes and savouries prepared



by church members and friends.

A total profit of £685 was

raised for Church funds, £200 of which the PCC donated back to the school for the benefit of the children's education.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who gave of their time, skills, raffle prizes and refreshments for such a wonderful event in a full church and especially to Jean who organised the evening.



Well Done Diane



On Saturday 13th May I took part in the London Moonwalk, a wonderful experience starting and finishing at Clapham Common, about 15,000 taking part. A rather colder night than what you would expect for May. There were 6 staggered start times beginning at 10.30pm, I was in the fifth and started at 11.45pm, finishing back at 5.30am, luckily just as it started to rain, so managed to escape getting too wet.

I would like to say thank you to all that sponsored me, I managed to reach £300 for Breast Cancer.

Diane Wood

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Pat Naylor and her colleagues from the Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest organised a very interesting evening in Laxton Village Hall featuring a talk about the Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes. This is the charity which will benefit from the plant sales from Pat's stall outside her home.

John, one of the riders, joined the group to share some facts about the organisation. Having started in London in the 1960s, 80% of England and Wales are now covered by a service, with very rapid expansion over the last ten years. Coverage is about to be spread to the north of Wales and stops around the Scottish border for practical rather than political reasons.

It is a totally volunteer organisation. The members actually pay to belong and riders fund their own specialist clothing and fuel to the bike depot. The Nottinghamshire branch of the National Blood Bikes Association (NBBA) is fairly new, having completed a full year of operation in which almost 1000 jobs were completed at a saving of some £10,000 to the NHS.

The audience was staggered to learn that part of the PFI arrangement under which Kings Mill Hospital was built means that even if volunteers transport blood for them, the NHS still has to pay for a taxi. They do have a contract with the Trust, which involves transporting frozen breast milk. In 2016 they got their first contract with Nottingham University Hospitals Trust and are always looking to expand the service.

Not only whole blood is transported. The cargo may be blood components such as platelets, samples for testing or urgent medical notes. For the most part they operate when the hospital's own transport service is closed outside normal office hours.

Nationally the organisation fulfilled over 56,000 jobs last year. A major step forward is that they are now recognised by the Treasury as an emergency service and can reclaim VAT.

A new initiative is working alongside the Air Ambulances. A pilot service saw blood being



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Shirley Isard and John

carried on helicopters so that transfusions can be given on site at an accident. The expected 15 cases with 1 life saved during the trial resulted in 90 jobs and 19 lives saved. Negotiations are on-going to bring this service to our area.

Volunteer riders must be at least 25 years old with no more than 6 points on their licence - terms dictated by their insurance. They must be happy to

ride in all weathers and also either be, or train as, advanced riders. All riders also train as controllers, taking calls at home and allocating jobs to on-duty volunteers. Other volunteers only wish to be controllers. All offers of help are welcomed, however much time a person can offer.

After the talk the audience had many questions for John. Shirley Isard, Inner Wheel President, thanked John for his interesting talk and then guests all enjoyed a very tasty selection of scones and cakes prepared by the Inner Wheel ladies.

Thank you to everyone who came and everyone who donated raffle prizes and mystery bags or helped to clear away. The £320 proceeds of the evening will be donated to the Blood Bikes as part of the funds collected for that cause over Shirley's Presidential year.

Village Hall Update

The National Lottery were due to make a decision about our Funding bid at the end of May, but have been in contact suggesting the bid decision be deferred until the end of July.

They have suggested this to give us time to secure some additional support funding (they say this will really strengthen our application) and also to further develop some ideas for additional activities and services that can be run from the Hall.

The Village Hall Committee with it's new members is now looking at how we can best meet the suggestions of The Lottery and we will update you next month.

If anyone has any ideas then do please let us know as soon as possible.

Michael Manning

Some Memorable Cricket Days

Laxton 1st and 2nd cricket teams had a total of 35 playing members coming from seven different villages; two umpires and two scorers. I can only speak about the 2nd team, which I became involved in from 1950-1956, as the scorer. The team played in the Bassetlaw league 2nd division, also friendly games mid-week and Bank Holidays, against teams from Dunham on Trent, Leverton, Milton, Normanton on Trent, Sutton on Trent and Weston. One of the best games on a Bank Holiday was August 25th 1951, when the team played against Claypole. They really were a top class team, Laxton were not expected to win, but they did!

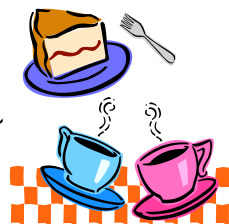
The team always enjoyed playing against the league teams. C.W.S Glass works at Worksop was a beautiful ground and served 1st class teas in their canteen. They also enjoyed visiting Genefaz, Anston, and Steetley for similar reasons.

I will always remember a bowler by the name of Mr Hook from Anston, by the googlies he bowled. He was very successful in getting players out.

Coffee Morning

8th June 10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 13th July at Ivy Cottage opposite The Dovecote



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

Plenty of tea, cakes, and chatter.

Some of the teams had their score boxes separate from the pavilion. What a coincidence that the day we received the Open Field June Magazine, Vernon said just in fun, 'Don't think we will be playing at Normanton today'.

It was raining this Bank Holiday - a game we will always remember. The reason being both teams scored 37 runs. Unbelievable. The worst score ever. There were some very good cricketers from the local village teams. I can still remember them. In the days when playing at Milton, their pavilion-come-score box and changing rooms was a double decker bus.

Now back to the Laxton 2nd team. Vernon was captain, opening bat and wicket keeper, as well as the secretary. After work on a Saturday morning he would go up to the cricket field to mark out the playing area. Two other players would use the big roller.

Margaret Woolhouse and Mary Bingham would prepare the teas in the village hall. On one occasion I asked Margaret to get her mum to make some rabbit potted meat for the sandwiches. It was really nice.

One year when the C.W.S Glass works team came to play at Laxton, we had our teas outside the Parish Room on a long table. The village hall was being used for teas for visitors who came to the garden fête, which was being held in the vicarage grounds on that day. Vernon took a few black and white photographs that day.

Each week after the games played at Laxton, I would send into the Retford Times a full report of the game. The results of the match would appear in the paper on the Friday, as you know now the Retford Times arrives on a Thursday.

The team was picked after practice on a Wednesday night, not only if you were a good cricketer, but if you had transport. At least three cars went, and picked up outside Wilf Saddington's petrol pump at the bottom of his drive. Of course both Vernon and I were on the list, with being wicket keeper and scorer.

The 2nd team was not so competitive as the 1st team. They were more for having a good game and meeting people. With Vernon being the secretary for the cricket team, he used to cycle to Ollerton, leave his cycle at Whites the coal merchants before catching the bus to Worksop to attend Bassetlaw meetings, travel back by bus to Ollerton then cycle back to Laxton. Out of 35 players only 10 are still alive.

Those were the days..

Jean Bartle, Egmonton

Many thanks to Jean for taking the trouble to send in her recollections.

Laxton History Group



The May meeting was a opportunity to have a talk from our Honorary President, Professor John Beckett. He enjoy his visits to Laxton and members enjoy seeing him a relaxed setting.

This time he spoke about (the) Crosshill and invited members to contribute their thoughts on its importance to the village. Having looked into it for his book in the 1980s he found documents implying it may have been a small market. It was generally agreed that this was unlikely in the recent past, but the area had been prosperous in the 12th century but there is no surviving evidence of an application for a market charter.

The idea that it might have been seen as a small village green seemed more plausible, although there are not many Nottinghamshire villages with greens as most land was cultivated. Traditionally a village green is larger, but the area could have been used for leisure.

This brought a discussion of what people did for in their leisure time. For the working people it was a short discussion as they had virtually no leisure time. Their working week was at least six days and they were expected to attend church at least once on a Sunday and probably twice. In summer evenings there may have been time for a little more leisure, but it could equally well have meant longer working hours. It is well known that young men, after enjoying a drink at the Dovecote, offended Revd. Martin, leading to the pub having a six day licence for many years.



A highlight of the week would be dressing in Sunday best and 'promenading' through the village. We were particularly pleased to have Marian Cooper with us and she shared a memory of the last Feast Week in Laxton, which was a really big and much enjoyed event.

We heard something of the festival days in the village - Laxton Wake,

saints' days, Plough Monday, Shrove Tuesday, Mothering Sunday, Easter and Whitsun. Laxton had a maypole and a surviving picture shows it was used for celebrations. The text of the Laxton Mummers

play survives in the archives. The Druids were common in the East Midlands and Edith Hickson in her diary of life in Laxton recorded their events.

Michael Wood Award



The culmination of our work with the children and teachers of Kneesall School came to a celebratory end on 26th May when prizes were presented in the school's Good Books assembly. We had the opportunity to thank the children, families and School for their enthusiastic participation and fantastic results. Each of the children in Years 5 and 6 had taken part and they were presented with a

notebook each. The presentation was made by our Chairman, John Chambers assisted by Jean Hennell. John praised the children for the quality of their work and marvelled at what they had all achieved.

Three children were selected for achievement with their project work and they were presented with book tokens funded by the project. The prize winners were selected by their teacher, Mrs Hodgkinson, in consultation with colleagues. We were delighted that one of the prizes went to Selina from Laxton and another to Jack from Egmont, who is a familiar face in church here with his family. The third winner was Emily from Kneesall. Very well done to them all.



Meetings

In June we will be having our annual trip out, which this time takes place on **Saturday 24th**. We shall be visiting Oakham and its castle.

We shall next meet in the Village Hall on **19th July at 7.30pm** when Carol Bannister will be speaking about the Archdeaconry Courts. We have heard some snippets in the past about how certain Laxton characters' names appeared in these reports so it should be an interesting evening. All welcome.

Final Wednesdays: Speaker Evenings with Meal

Commencing with the final Wednesday in July there will be a programme of twelve monthly entertaining and/or informative talks held at South Forest Leisure Centre, Edwinstowe, 7pm for 7.15pm.

Each evening will begin with a sociable two course meal followed by coffee, or tea, prior to the speaker giving their presentation for 30 - 60 minutes. Evenings usually conclude with a few questions for the speaker and the whole event is over in about two hours.

To book a place for the July talk (for number of meals) please phone South Forest (**01623 823866**) saying you wish to book into the Rotary meal on July 26th.

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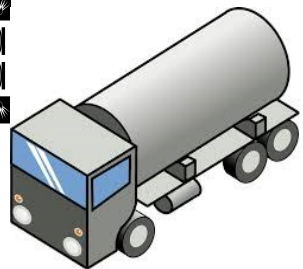
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If you would like to join the group, please provide mobile and land line numbers, email and full postal address plus any special instructions e.g. guard dogs, gates with locks, difficult access etc.

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Strawberry Tea

16th July

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The Sampson Family - USA Enquiry

It is surprising how often we receive enquiries about relatives from Laxton through the web sites of Open Field or the History Group. Most recently Judy Hoenisch from Illinois asks about the Sampson family. If you would like to be put in touch with Judy, please contact Joy or Jean or email info@openfield.org.uk for her details.

She says: My grandparents, George Sampson and Harriet Kipling, were born and married in Laxton, Notts. George Sampson was born at Laxton on July 28, 1857. Harriet Kipling was born at Laxton on April 4, 1857. George and Harriet were married in Laxton on December 8, 1878. William Sampson (son) was born in Laxton on August 8, 1879. George Sampson (son) was born at Sheffield on March 13, 1882. The family moved to Dupage Will County Illinois USA. Seven more children were born from 1885 to 1900.

I am the daughter of John Sampson born in 1900. The youngest son. I am wondering there is any record of my grandparents and/or any members of my grandparents' family that might live in the area that I could contact?

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Sampson Hoenisch

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES JULY 2017

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

2nd July

10.30am

9th July

10.30am

4pm

4pm

16th July

9am

10.30am

4pm

23rd July

8am

9am

10.30am

11am

30th July

10.30am

3rd Sunday after Trinity

St Paulinus, New Ollerton HC

4th Sunday after Trinity

Laxton HC

Egmanton Es

Wellow said Book of Common Prayer HC

5th Sunday after Trinity

Egmanton HC

Wellow MP with baptisms

Wellow Patronal Festival HC

6th Sunday after Trinity

Egmanton Book of Common Prayer HC

Moorhouse HC

Kirton HC

Kneesall MP with baptism

7th Sunday after Trinity

Walesby – Family of churches HC

Tuesday 11th July – ‘Open Vestry Hour’ for baptism and wedding enquiries 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle, New Ollerton. Or phone the Church Administrator, Eileen, on Monday and Friday mornings 10am - 12.30pm **07983946930** or email: **churchadmin1931@gmail.com**
Rev'd Zoe's number at the Vicarage: (01623) 862818.

Wednesday 12th & 26th July – 10am Holy Communion service at St Giles, Ollerton Village

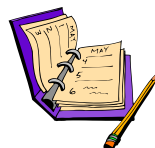
The church will remain open until 4pm and refreshments will be available. Please join us for a cuppa and chat or for a few quiet moments in church. On the 2nd Wednesday we will be exploring local history in Ollerton village. Please come and share what you know and hear something new!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2017

July 1 st	Gymkhana (NB no Dog Show this year)
<i>July 12th</i>	<i>WI</i>
<i>July 13th</i>	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
July 16 th	Strawberry Tea
<i>July 19th</i>	<i>History Group</i>
<i>July 25th</i>	<i>Parish Council</i>
July 31 st	MU



Forward Planning

<i>Aug 19th</i>	<i>Stuart Shepherd Memorial Football Match</i>
<i>Sept 26th</i>	<i>Parish Council</i>
Sept 30 th	Southwell Ploughing Match
<i>Nov 17th</i>	<i>Church Dance</i>
<i>Nov 21st</i>	<i>Parish Council</i>
Dec 1 st	Quiz Night

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.

Copy Date for August: 16th July.

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Laxton WI



In June we held a 'Taster Meeting' based on a range of dishes from the book 'A Nottinghamshire Taste', which was written for the Notts. WI by Joan Martin for the 60th anniversary of the Federation. It seemed appropriate to use it as the source of the recipes for a friendly meeting where we could share our dishes with friends from local institutes in this, the Federation's Centenary year.



It is not hard to find volunteer cooks in Laxton WI and a wide range of savoury and sweet dishes duly arrived and were presented in small portions for the 40 or so members and guests to try. There were copies of the recipe for each dish so that members

who fancied trying to make it at home could do so. Many compliments were received from our guests

The evening started with the savoury dishes which included Fidget Pie, pasties, quiches, and savoury rice with roasted vegetables among others. The sweet selection was extensive and it was followed by tea and a good selection of different cakes. Some people underestimated the feast on offer and had eaten before they came, but certainly nobody left hungry!



Congratulations to Elizabeth Banks on her success at the Notts County Show. The photos arrived too late to be included last month, but we thought she deserved another mention this month. The cups

for Cookery, Crafts and Overall Challenge points winner were presented by County Chairman, Jane Jefferson.



Next month's talk is on July 12th, about Bee keeping with the competition for a 'Home Made Bee'.



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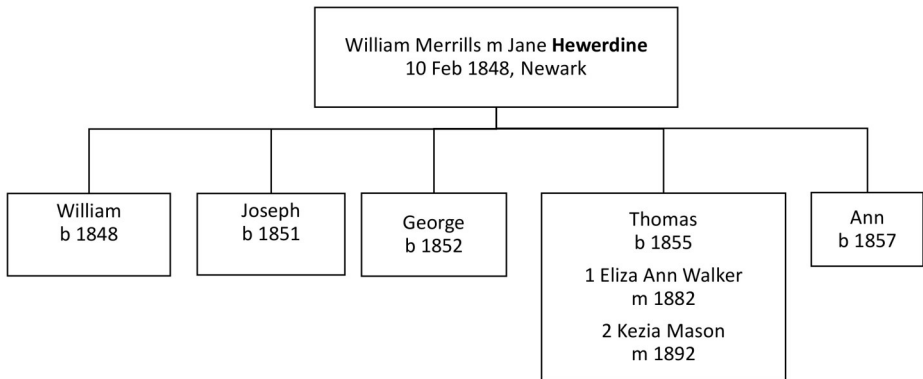
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The Hewerdines of Laxton: Hewerdine / Merrills Sons

This episode continues the story of the children of William Merrills and Jane Hewerdine. This time Jenni Dobson tells us what she has discovered about the three youngest, George. Thomas and Ann.



George Merrills born 1852, Laxton, son of William (Merrills) and Jane (Hewerdine); married (possibly) Ann Elizabeth Dodson, Mar Q 1881, registered Ecclesall Bierlow, Sheffield; death unidentified.

In 1871 the third brother George was a farm servant employed by George Whitworth at Wood Lane Farm, Kneesall. He possibly married Annie Elizabeth Dodson as this is the best fit for the limited information on Annie in censuses. At the 1881 census, they were at 54 Greystock St, Brightside Bierlow, Sheffield. George was a cow keeper (dairy). By 1891, they had moved to 62 Greystock St, or perhaps the houses had been renumbered. The 1911 census records the couple living at High Lane Farm, Ridgeway, Sheffield. They'd been married 30 years, had no children and George was a farmer. George's death remains a problem. A number of George Merrills exist, including one born at Babworth, close in age to George, born at Laxton, who appears to be confused with him on genealogy websites. It seems better to say nothing than publish possibly false information.

Thomas Merrills, born 1854, Laxton; Married:

1. Eliza Ann Walker, Dec Q 1882, Nottingham, died Dec Q 1890;
2. Kezia Mason, March Q 1892, registered Basford, Nottingham, died 1924;

Thomas Merrills died 1st October 1932, Nottingham.

Thomas, the youngest Merrills' son was, in 1871, a 16 year old apprentice blacksmith to Robert Bowman, wheelwright, on Newcastle Street, Tuxford, next but one to the Newcastle Arms – not far from my 3x great-grandfather, William Beedham, son of Mary neé Weatherall (born in Laxton, 1777) and John Beedham.

By 1881 Thomas was a wheelwright in Nottingham, boarding on Kirk White Street. He married Eliza Ann Walker but without a marriage certificate to name her father, it's impossible to decide which she was of three girls registered with this birth name in Nottingham of an age to marry Thomas. They had Annie, Frank and William, all with their father in 1891, by then a 36 year old widower, with a live-in housekeeper. It's possible that Thomas and Eliza had another son, Frederick George, born in 1889, who also died in Dec Q 1890 but without certificates this remains unconfirmed. After Thomas married Kezia Mason they had two daughters, Mabel Kezia and Lilian Eliza. By 1901, Thomas, the wheelwright, was also a shop keeper (grocer).

In 1911 Thomas was at the same address, 548 Radford Rd, with his three younger children, saying he's married, though Kezia isn't there. A chance find subsequently researched at Notts Archives revealed that 'Kizzia' Merrills was admitted to Nottingham City Asylum on 25th March 1909, (where a photograph of her survives) and remained there until her death. When Thomas 'of 652 Nuthall Road, Cinderhill' died, probate was granted to his two younger married daughters.

Ann Merrills, born in 1857, only daughter of William and Jane; married George Bonner on 5th March 1890 at Laxton; death untraced.

After her parents died, Annie married George, son of William and Mary Bonner, who was a Newark joiner. Witnesses were her brother Joseph and Mary Johnson.

George and Annie had William, born in 1891 and Anne, born in 1894, and lived on Sleaford Rd, Newark from 1891 to 1911. No death records have been traced so far for either Annie or George.

This plot in Laxton churchyard contains the graves of William and Jane Merrills, parents of William, Joseph, George, Thomas and Ann. With them are William and Charlotte neé Bennett and Joseph and Mary neé Johnson.



Next time: the story of John Hewerdine and his arrival in Laxton.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
20/5/17	16	Janet Cooke
27/5/17	33	Evie
3/6/17	48	David (Dovey)
10/6/17	2	Pat Shepherd

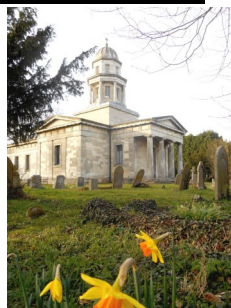
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Michael Manning

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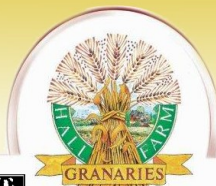
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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council Draft Minutes for 23rd April

NB These Minutes are subject to revision by Parish Councillors and final approval at the next meeting.

Election of Officers: The following were unanimously elected:

- (a) Chair – Mr Manning
- (b) Vice-Chair - Mr Brown
- (c) Defibrillator inspection councillor - Mr Brown
- (d) Accounts scrutineer – Councillor S Hill
- (e) Parish Council Representatives on other village organisations:
- (f) Safer Neighbourhood Group – Councillor S Hill

The clerk will ask for Mr S Hill to be added to the SNG mailing list

Apologies for absence: There were no absences.

Declarations of interest: The chair and Mr Brown declared an interest as member of the sports field committee in items 13 a (Property matters – Sports field). The chair declared an interest as member of the sports field committee in items 17 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.

Dispensations: None required.

10 Minutes public speaking: No public present.

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 28 March 2017: The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.

Matters arising: *LMPC/38/17 - Defibrillator update* – The chair reported that the battery had been replaced with the spare following an inspection. The clerk will order a new spare.

The clerk will also issue a standing invitation to the new county councillor, Mr M Pringle.

There were no other matters arising.

Reports from district and county councillors: Mrs Michael had nothing to report in addition to the matters she had reported to the preceding annual parish meeting.

Reports from councillors: Concerns were reported regarding:

A car parked on the pavement which is blocking the footway. Mr J Hill will raise the concerns with the owner the property outside which the cart is parked.

Overgrowth encroaching onto the Main Street pavement which is making it difficult for pedestrians to use that stretch of the footpath. The clerk will

write to the landowner.

There was also discussion of the position of the new village signs. However, councillors recognised Highways' requirements.

2017 - 18 meeting dates: Councillors approved the following:

Tuesday 25 July 2017

Tuesday 26 September 2017

Tuesday 21 November 2017

with a one off single issue meeting on Tuesday 20 June 2017 to approve the Annual Return statements, the internal auditor's report not yet being available.

All meetings to start at 7.30 pm. The July meeting to be at Moorhouse Church. All other meetings to be held at Laxton Visitor Centre.

NALC long service award for former clerk: Councillors will pass the NALC long service award to the former clerk. The clerk apologised for the delay in passing the award to the councillors which had been due to an administrative error on her part.

Financial Matters:

To agree the 2016/2017 annual accounts, including financial position as at 31 March 2017 and schedule of fixed assets as at 31 March 2017: Councillors noted the 2016/2017 accounts. They reviewed the schedule of fixed assets to ensure that it was comprehensive and made a number of amendments increasing the total fixed asset value from £10,000 to £29740.

The clerk referred councillors to the no responses in Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) of the Audit Commission Annual Return. She explained that these were necessary because there was no record of the requisite financial systems and measures prior to 1 September 2017. She read her explanatory statement to the external auditor and advised that the internal auditor would almost certainly have the same reservations. Councillors discussed the position and agreed that they had no alternative but to complete section 1 in accordance with the clerk's guidance.

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

Accounts for payment: The council unanimously **approved** eight payments totalling £4663.84.

Approve appointment of Mr N Butler as internal auditor: Approved.

Review system of internal control and internal audit system

effectiveness: Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and **agreed** that it was adequate and operating effectively. Councillors also reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit system and **agreed** that, taking account of the straightforward nature of the council's transactions, it should operate effectively on an

annual basis unless there were transactions which were out of the ordinary.

Risk assessment 2017-18: Councillors considered and **approved** the draft revised risk assessment for 2017-18 circulated by the clerk. Mr M Hennell will check the condition of the benches bi-monthly.

Property matters including:

Sports field: Councillors noted Mr S Hill's report that the cricket team was no longer viable and was being discontinued. Councillors noted the suggestion that the funds held by the cricket team be transferred to the parish council to be applied for the benefit of a future team should there be the interest.

Glebe field rent review: Next review due April 2019.

Parish council website – Transition arrangements and update: Mr Brown will liaise with the website designer.

Planning matters:

Applications: None

To note planning decisions by NSDC: 17/00305/LBC | MINOR INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO CONVERT THE FIRST FLOOR OF A DETACHED COACH HOUSE IN TO A HOME OFFICE WITH TOILET FACILITIES. | The Old Vicarage High Street Laxton Newark On Trent Nottinghamshire NG22 0NX – Approval noted.

Compliance: Noted that matter raised at meeting on 28 March 2017 has been allocated reference 17/00059/ENF.

Village development including approach to the Crown regarding future plans: The clerk will press the Crown for its response.

Village environment and appearance, including:

Village Hall refurbishment project: The chair will seek an update.

New village signs, Laxton and Moorhouse: The signs have been installed.

Adoption of telephone kiosk: Councillors noted that the kiosk is a listed building. In these circumstances, they **agreed** that it should remain BT's property.

Autumn 2017 bulb planting and funding: Councillors **agreed** to support the planting proposal and to make a small contribution.

Dog bin - Location: After discussion, agreed that it should be installed on the grass to the right of the village hall.

Service faults: None.

Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.

10 Minutes public speaking time: No public present

Agenda items for next meeting:

Village hall grant

Responsibility for field water supply

Date of next meeting: 25 July 2017 at Moorhouse Church

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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10 Top Tips for staying steady

- **exercise regularly** – focus on activities that challenge your balance and strengthen your legs, aim for 30 minutes a day 5 times per week.
- **check your eyes and hearing** – go for regular sight tests
- **look after your feet** – wear well-fitted shoes and slippers, and report any foot problems to your GP or chiropodist
- **review your medication** – certain medicines can make you feel faint or affect your balance, if so please contact your GP or pharmacist
- **get enough vitamin D intake** – this is essential for keeping bones strong – the best source is sunshine
- **eat a diet rich in calcium** – to keep your bones strong. Good sources include dairy foods, fortified soya products and canned fish
- **check your home for hazards** – make sure your home is clutter free, well-lit, warm and mop up spillages. Get a free home safety check
- **contact your GP** – if you've had a fall or are worried about falling.
- **reduce your alcohol consumption** and drink plenty of water to keep hydrated.
- **keep a torch by your bedside** or leave a light on at night in case you need to wake during the night.

Sue Batty, Service Director for Nottinghamshire County Council, said: "Falls are more likely to result in serious injury if someone is older. Having a fall is one of the top five reasons for admission to a residential care home. We want people to help themselves. By making some simple lifestyle changes, people can make a positive difference and help stay steady for longer."

There are a wide range of services available in Newark & Sherwood including free home hazard assessments and local exercise courses such as Tai Chi. A **Get Up and Go** guide has also been produced to showcase six simple exercises to do at home.

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Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark will share the new offices with Newark & Sherwood District Council; the Department for Work and Pensions and the Local Authority's housing company, Newark and Sherwood Homes, along with other voluntary sector organisations. This will be a real partnership opportunity to enhance clients' experience. The Citizens Advice service will maintain its independence and continue to offer free, confidential, and impartial advice.

The Chief Officer, Jackie Insley said "Many Citizens Advice services across the country have co located with their local authorities which has proved a huge success. The staff and volunteers are looking forward to the move and continuing to offer quality assured advice"

The service, which is a registered charity, will still operate the same opening hours it currently does and will continue with the same helpline telephone numbers. Leading up to the move the Citizens Advice service will operate as normal from its existing premises at Keeper's Cottage until a date in September is confirmed.

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Dukeries Singers

The weather has done its stuff and the gardens are burgeoning with flowers and edibles. Despite trying to cut down on work and what we grow, we shall still have lots of "stuff" to pick, process and freeze etc. Let's hope there will be some free moments to actually sit in the garden and enjoy the Summer.



We finish our Summer singing season with a Concert at St. Chad's Church in Pleasley Vale on 8 July 2017 at 7-00pm. This is a beautiful, serene little Church, surrounded by trees and with the River Meden running through the valley. We are delighted to be invited to sing there once again. On the following Wednesday evening, 12 July 2017 the Choir will be resting their voices and enjoying a social evening together.

We always extend a warm welcome to anyone thinking about joining us. There are no auditions and no need to be able to read music. We meet every Wednesday evening in the Concert Hall of the Dukeries Academy from 7-30pm until 9-15pm. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and free car park.

Have a look at the information on our website thedukeriessingers.com or on YouTube or on Facebook or even ask any member of the Choir you may know.

Phil is our Concert Secretary on 01623 822070 and he would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to book us. We sing for a wide variety of occasions and fundraising events in an equally wide variety of venues. We have lots of available dates for Autumn, Christmas and even 2018! Don't forget, Christmas has a nasty habit of sneakily creeping up and appearing suddenly from around a corner!

Have a lovely Summer. Sing in the garden, The wildlife will love it.

Egmanton Village Hall

www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk / 01777 871171

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

- ◆ Tuxford Young Farmers - No bookings in July
- ◆ Yoga with Greg – Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- ◆ WI - Thurs 20th
- ◆ Children's Dance Classes - Saturday mornings (Jill, 07790 601877)
- ◆ **Computer Problems?** - Call 01777 871171.

If your computer is misbehaving or you need help setting up a new one, please call. Donations to Egmanton Village Hall in lieu of fee.

Maplebeck Village Hall Events

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

Regular Activities

Yoga*	Fridays	9.30am
Light Aerobics & Pilates	Mondays	1.00pm
Walkers	Wednesdays	10.00am
Ladies Running	Wednesdays	7.00pm
Book Club	Tuesdays	7.30pm
	6 th June, 11 th July, 5 th Sept.	

** More sessions on Tuesday morning and Weds evening*

Upcoming special events

Sat 1 st July	3.00pm	Annual Garden Fête	
Weds 12 th July	7.30pm	Kurling	
Fri 15 th July	7.00pm	BBQ, Talk & Tour	Bats in the Village
Tues 18 th July	7.30pm	Film	The Bridge of Spies
Sat 22 nd July	1.00pm	Children's Fun Day on Green	
Weds 9 th Aug	7.30pm	Kurling	

Useful Contact Details

Defibrillator Contacts:

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Danger to life or crime in progress 999
Otherwise police switchboard 101
Crimestoppers (anonymous crime reports) 0800 555111

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Tuxford Medical Centre 01777 870203
Sutton-on-Trent Surgery 01636 821023
Ollerton Surgery - Middleton Lodge Practice 01623 703266
Newark Hospital 01636 681681
Bassetlaw Hospital 01909 500990
King's Mill Hospital 01623 622515

Fire Safety Advice (Tuxford Fire Station) 01777 870381

Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk

Laxton Charity Show 2017



Gymkhana

Entries:
from 8.30am
Starts: 9am



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The Equestrian Life
Summer Championships
&**

**Equine Sports UK
Grassroots Championships**



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Sat 1st July



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**Gymkhana schedule &
entry form available on:**
www.laxtonshow.co.uk

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