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 Award presentation at Kneesall
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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

I have recently returned from a holiday which included time on the Orkneys and in particular, the Isle of North Ronaldsay. If you have Facebook or Instagram, you will know that my mantra became: “thankful, grateful, blessed”. North Ronaldsay is a fairly flattish island. No matter where you were on the island, your eyes were drawn to the turquoise sea, white beaches and the sky. North Ron opened my eyes to the sky in a way they haven’t been opened before. I think this was in part because there were no distractions like hills, mountains, tall buildings, towns or cities or the busyness of work to draw them away – when you looked out what you saw was the sky. As I posted images, including lots of skies, with and without rainbows, and sunrise/sunsets, there were lots of likes and wows and comments about the beauty.

The psalmist declares in the Bible, “How clearly the sky reveals God’s glory! How plainly it shows what he has done! Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next. No speech or words are used, no sound is heard; yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth” (Psalm 19 verses 1-4 Youth Good News Bible).

These verses suggest that the sky is a visual, universally available knowledge for all people, telling us there is a Creator God and the world is God’s handiwork. Nature with its colours and beauty can make us curious about the one who created all. What creation reveals generally, the Bible and Church proclaims more specifically revealing God’s intention from the beginning and later, God’s rescue plan to restore the created order.

Seeing the sky on those mornings brought home that there are different ways of seeing: active and passive. When we actively see, our minds seek to discover meaning, to notice the patterns and designs that the master artist intended. It is this sort of seeing that sparks imagination and makes us curious. But seeing can become passive when we no longer seek meaning or perhaps what we see has become all too familiar. This can be a bit like watching TV and our eyes simply follow the pictures but we don’t engage with the story. Are there times when we grow weary of the beauty of God’s creation? Are we pre-occupied with the grind of daily living that our eyes no longer see the beauty?

Looking up, in the Bible, was an invitation to have a heavenly mindset, to make decisions in your hearts that affirm that you know in whom your help comes from. Looking up was an invitation to store treasures in heaven that

won't rust or perish or be stolen. Looking up at the skies is an invitation to store up in your heart and lives the things that have eternal value.

As I reflected further on the skies, I also recalled the Biblical image of the sky going completely dark when Jesus was crucified – an outward sign of the violence done to God and the biblical reference to the sky as sackcloth - depictions of the sky mourning – mourning violence and the breaking apart of relationships. This led me to think how responsive the sky is and how the created order, including us, is intricately bound up in a relationship with God.

Can I invite you over this coming month to look up and actively see the sky, to move beyond the distractions of the world and be caught up and experience the connection between yourself, creation and the Creator God and discover that renewal, strength and peace will come as you open yourself to commune with God and God's creation.

Many blessings

Rev Zoe

Advance Notice

Revd. Zoe wants to make sure people in this parish know that in August, there will be **no 2nd Sunday service at 10.30am**. Holy Communion will be on the **1st August at 8am at the Lammas Service**. There will be a 9am Holy Communion service at Moorhouse on the 25th August.

Lammas Day

Holy Communion

8.00am, Laxton Church

Thursday 1st August

The blessing of the first sheaf of corn

by Revd. Zoe Burton

Followed by a breakfast of bacon butties

Everyone is welcome.

This is one of our traditional rural services.



Laxton Church Garden Fête

Helpers and Donations Needed

The PCC would be grateful for any donations for the stalls - cakes, tombola, raffle prizes, books, plants etc.

**Are you free on the evening of Friday 12th July?
Please could you spare a couple of hours to help at the Garden Fête?**

Could you help run a game, look after a stall or help set up in the afternoon at 2pm / take down afterwards? Men would be particularly welcome for some of these jobs.

If you can help please contact a member of the PCC or, call Brenda on 870541.

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Strawberry Tea at Roy & Jean's

Please note that with celebrations planned for their golden wedding, Roy and Jean will not be holding a Strawberry Tea in their garden this year. At present nobody else has suggested holding it instead.

Open Field would like to wish Roy and Jean many congratulations on their 50th anniversary. Jean has edited the magazine for 15 years and Roy is always ready to help if called on! Where would we all be without them? We wish them many more happy years together.

Pat's Plant Stall



The stall is still going strong and has been laden with plants of all descriptions all season. There have been planted pots and even two old school chairs which would make novel plant stands.

Quite a few people have stopped in passing, and I am reliably informed that some of those who had come for the wildflower

walk went home with some of the cultivated variety to remember it by.

As Open Field goes to print that there are still plenty of baskets, containers and plants still for sale.

Pat Naylor

Parish & District Council

The Parish Council met on 11/6/19 to comment on two sets of plans submitted, demolition and building of 3 bedroom house at the Old School House on High Street and the change of use of farm building at Holme View Farm, High Street a micro brewery.

After a lengthy discussion on both applications, the Parish Council had no objections to either applications but commented that we would expect both would be completed sympathetically and in keeping with the village plan .

Sports & Recreation Field Update

The AGM of the Sports Field was held on MONDAY 20/5/19, the minutes of the meeting are elsewhere in the Magazine.

Neil reported that a watch had been found near the Pavilion on 21/4/19. None of the football team have claimed it nor the away team on the day. It was suggested a note should be placed in Open Field, as it may be someone from the village. If you have lost a watch around that time please contact either Neil Randall or myself.

Michael Duxsbury Memorial Road Run

This annual vintage tractor Road Run raises funds for Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield, in memory of Michael Duxsbury. So far they have raised an amazing £60,000+.

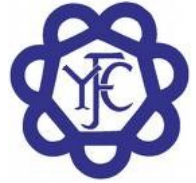
2019 will be the 15th year that the Run has been held, starting from College Farm, Newcastle Street, Tuxford, at 10.00am. Drivers are

encouraged to recruit sponsors and they pay a minimum contribution of £15 per tractor which entitles them to take part and to have a lunch at the 'half way stop'. The event is mainly in the countryside, fields and lanes with only short periods of time spent on public roads. The route often takes in Laxton but is not published in advance, so it could be in the morning or on their way back. You can't miss around 100 vintage tractors, some with villagers on board.

This year's event will be taking place on Sunday July 7th.



Tuxford Young Farmers



After getting our breath back from Newark Show our activity on 22nd of May was at B and B Tractors at Worksop where we got to drive a tractor around a course and some members tried their hand at reversing a truck with cattle trailer connected. Pleased to report no mishaps. We finished off with a quiz on articles that could be found around the yard.

A tour of Darlton Tags was the following week. This is a company that makes the ear tags that go to farmers to put in the ears of their livestock.

On the 5th June we went to Paint-A-Pot in Worksop where we painted our own design on to pre-formed pots.

Saturday the 8th was a busy day as we held our county rally at Little Carlton. The clubs from the County competed in several activities including, Cooking, Skittles, Egg Catching, Tug -of -War, 10 Tee shirt challenge, which entailed putting 10 tee shirts on one person and then they had to transfer them to the next team member. Tuxford managed to win the Cooking competition.



The following very wet Wednesday we all met at the Dovecote Inn Laxton and took a trip to Sutton on Trent and Weston looking for answers to local questions.

Don't forget our tractor run on the 23rd and, even if you're not driving a tractor, please come along to Hall Farm Weston and cheer the tractors off.

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Things to Do this Month

- ☆ Remember to donate undies for Africa & visit Pat's stall
- ☆ Check your tank to see if you need to join the Group oil order
- ☆ Offer your help to set up / run / clear away for Laxton Garden Fête

7 th July	Look out for the Michael Duxsbury Vintage Tractor Run
11 th July	Coffee Morning at 'The Dovey'
12 th July	Go to Laxton Garden Fete - fingers crossed for a nice evening
16 th July	Go to the film at Maplebeck Village Hall
28 th July	Go to the Moorhouse Church Sunday Lunch

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Coffee Morning

11th July 10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 11th July at The Dovecote Inn



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

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Wellow Maypole Celebrations

The forecasts for the day were not encouraging, but in the event the Wellow Maypole Celebrations went very well. The



sun peeped out occasionally from an interesting sky, though the young dancers clung to their tops and wraps until the last minute.



The event begins for them after they have dressed in their pretty dresses and white aprons with a photo call beside the church. The last shot is of the procession of Wellow Jack and his Bogeys, the retiring May Queen and her retinue, the dancers and the newly elected May Queen with her retinue. They line the path from the

church to the gate for an overhead shot - and that is when the rain arrived sideways.

Sylvia Rose, who teaches the dancers, rushed them all back into the church as the adults headed for the shelter of the trees. Luckily the downpour lasted only around 5 minutes and didn't create puddles all over - other than on some of the empty ringside seats.

Order was restored and the procession processed down to the green and round it into the arena through an impressive crowd. The new May Queen, Lucy Hollingworth, was crowned by her predecessor before calling for the dancing.

Thankfully we saw no more of the rain and the events of the afternoon passed off smoothly. During the dancing the May Queen and her retinue go around



the crowd collecting for a charity she has chosen. This year the charity was the little known Nephrotic Syndrome Trust, as Lucy and her family are friends with a child who has the condition. There is an item about this elsewhere in the magazine.

Village Hall Refurbishment Update



Good progress to report in the Hall. As we go to press the decorators are in, the ceiling is completed, the walls have their first coat of paint, and the double glazing out and inside of window painting is complete. The foyer has one coat, the toilet sinks are fitted and most of the kitchen units are also in with the remainder being worked on.

We have a revised completion date of 12th July, with a latest date of mid July!

MAGIC!!

Michael Manning



Group Oil Order



The next order will be placed in late July / August depending on demand. If people make it known when they are getting low, we can decide when best to do it. Of course we will keep an eye on the prices and hope to achieve a good price for the group.

If you know now that you want to order and can manage without a top up until that time, please email or phone in what you need. Those on the list will receive a reminder.

You can ask to join the list at any time by providing mobile and land line numbers, email and full postal address plus any special instructions e.g. guard dogs, gates with locks, difficult access etc. Please remember, if you did not ask to remain on the list when it was updated for GDPR you will need to give your details again.

If you want to order oil next time please send a note of the volume you need to oil@openfield.org.uk any time from now. Please ensure you have notified any changes to your contact details e.g. phone or email. NB Once the order is placed no new names can be added.

Wild Flower Walk



Blue sky, warm sun was exactly what was ordered. Stuart Rose and his faithful border collie, Floss, arrived to lead 22 enthusiasts across the unspoilt acres of Laxton. A

different route from previous years took us along the lanes to the cultivated West Field and the sykes, where untouched, unimproved grassland is rich in botanical interest. It is here that masses of yellow rattle grows, a huge variety of grasses, including sweet vernal grass which gives hay its characteristic smell, innumerable yellow and white daisy species, common spotted orchids and so much more.



Stuart pointed out the ancient strips on the fields and explained how the medieval farming system is upheld. At the highest point we looked East across the Trent Valley with Lincoln Cathedral clear and commanding on the horizon. To the West the sun began to sink and the fields of barley rippled and shone.

After the walk most people repaired to the Dovecote and, over a well earned drink, recounted the sheer exhilaration of a bright June evening in this unspoilt corner of Nottinghamshire.

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Nephrotic Syndrome Trust (NEST)



Nephrotic Syndrome is a condition, not a disease. But it can be brought about by a number of diseases already in your body, sometimes these are serious, sometimes they aren't.

If you've got Nephrotic Syndrome, the filters in one or both of your kidneys are 'leaky' which results in the transfer of protein from your blood to your urine. Your body knows there's something wrong

when it realises it's peeing protein so it reacts by retaining water, which may lead to developing infections, thrombosis or anaemia and low levels of vitamin D

If left untreated, Nephrotic Syndrome can develop into kidney failure meaning you may need a kidney transplant. Transplants are normally successful but there is still a small chance that the condition could return. That's why it's vital find a cure.

Nephrotic Syndrome mostly affects children but it can go on to develop in teens and adults too. Some people will grow out of it and some people might well grow into it as they get older. It's worth noting that the majority of adults who develop this condition will usually have an underlying disease. Because it is so little known, people with the condition can easily feel like the only person in the world with it.

The GP or specialist will assess how well the kidneys are clearing waste products from the bloodstream via either a urine or blood test. Both may have been done to be absolutely sure.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed and on information overload when you are told about the condition, especially as the parent of a young child, especially as so few people have ever heard about it before they get the diagnosis.

Treatment may include steroids prescribed for several months which can prevent proteins from moving from the bloodstream into the urine. In some cases, this will solve the problem, but in complex cases, the condition may return. Water tablets help to clear your body of excess fluid.

Drugs to lower the body's ability to reject a transplanted organ may be used if kidney failure is likely. These treatments may cause unpleasant and often serious side effects such as weight gain, retarded growth and brittle bones later in life. Immunosuppressive drugs are also highly toxic.

Life is not easy for families affected by this unpleasant condition and the collection take at Wellow Maypole Day will go towards helping find a cure.

Laxton History Group



Michael Wood Award

This year's third round of the project with Kneesall School came to an enjoyable conclusion on 5th June when nine members attended an assembly of the school to present certificates to all those who had taken part. Each child was also presented with a pencil and a 'hot off the presses' Laxton History Group biro pen.

We were thanked for making the project possible and we in turn thanked the students, teachers, parents and others for their co-operation in once again making this a very successful year.

There are two prizes of book tokens for the children the teachers decide have done the most wide-ranging and comprehensive research and who have put in the most effort, taking into account their abilities and normal standard of work.



The second prize went to Liam, with the comment that 'I have never seen you write so much'. Liam had written about his family's mining heritage and had interviewed his grandfather, a former miner. He had also made a model to accompany his project.

First prize went to Ella for her superb project on Pit Ponies. We were able to share with the school the excitement of it being taken to the National Mining Museum with a view to it becoming part of their educational resources.

Following on from this, David Amos of Nottingham Trent University who is putting Ella's project forward to the National Mining Museum has sent us some information and photos which appear elsewhere in this issue.



Tuxford Primary School have undertaken a two week pilot project with a view to joining the programme fully next year. 83 children in years 5 and 6 took part and on 5th and 12th June we were able to go to the school to see what the Year 5 children had produced. This is a much bigger school and

has two classes for each year.

On 5th June the topics were as diverse as ever, but with an emphasis on family trees and history and mining. There were also new topics such as NASA, The History of Netball and a CSI style presentation on an historic murder. One boy found out about footballers from Nottinghamshire and it seems Joan may have taught one who now plays for Chelsea.

In the first class we introduced ourselves before the children rapidly introduced each other. We were grateful not to have to remember all the names! After they had given a brief precis of their work there was time for us to go round and talk to them individually and for them to look at what each other had done.

Before we were taken to the second class we were asked to choose the work deserving of a gold card. Applying similar criteria to Kneesall, a quick 'Group huddle' decided on the CSI project which was very well set out and demonstrated efforts to find different information sources and original documents.

The second class also talked about their researches. One girl's grandfather had been Head Master at the school and her grandmother shared with her some tales of what it was like in his day. We also heard from a boy whose grandfather was prominent in the miners strikes. When he died in 2006 2,000 people attended his funeral and brought Tuxford to a halt. The family were presented with a video of the day and his project had prompted the family to show it to their son for the first time.

On June 12th we were back at Tuxford again to hear from Year 6. This time the two classes were first taken to the Hall. Those who had prepared electronic presentations had them set up by a group from the class whose skills in that area were evident. The children came to the front and used the microphones, which they managed admirably. We couldn't help but think how different it all was from our own school days.

This time the subject matter was largely centred on Tuxford, the Rebel Stone and the railways with several mentions of the great fire of Tuxford, the church and the Reed Grammar School.

The children had all worked hard and seemed enthusiastic about what they had discovered. Their teacher said how useful it had been and we left them, all looking forward to welcoming them as full participants in the project next year.

We will share what Brian Howes told us about 'Treasure in the Attic' at our June meeting next month. We have had to abandon plans to go to Hull in July due to issues beyond our control and to the approach of Harvest. We had planned not to meet in August because of holidays so our next meeting will be in September when we hope to be back in Laxton in our lovely new setting.

New Laxton Residents

Moorhouse Fête



Many thanks to Lynda Moore for sending in this lovely photo of baby starlings on her feeder.

A big thank you to everyone who supported Moorhouse Fête on anything but a balmy summer evening.

Over £450 was raised for church funds, which was very pleasing in the circumstances. Thank you all once again for your support in any form.

We are holding our popular summer lunch again, this year on Sunday 26th July. Please see the advert for this elsewhere in the magazine and contact us to book your place.

My Sight Appeal - Can you Help?

We are desperately searching for volunteers to support isolated visually impaired people living in Laxton and surrounding areas.

My Sight Notts (formerly the Nottinghamshire Royal Society for the Blind or NRSB) is the county's oldest charity and we've been supporting blind and partially sighted people for over 175 years.

We run 'My Sight Newark', a hub and social group in the local area and we're struggling to recruit My Guide sighted guide volunteers to support blind and partially sighted people to get out and about in the community.

If you live locally and you can spare an hour or so each week to support an isolated blind person to get out more so that they feel less isolated and lonely, please get in touch with **Nic Lancashire on 0115 9706806**.

Full training and on-going support is provided for our volunteers and all reasonable expenses will be met.

Laxton's Historic Open Field Farming System and Sale of the Laxton Estate



Photo © Chris Belton

The AGM of the Visitor Centre Trust was held on 24/6/19 and a report from that and any update from The Crown will be in next month's magazine.

Michael Manning

Dog Fouling

We've had no further reports of dog fouling sightings and the new bin at the bottom of the Church Yard near the Twitchill footpath has been emptied once and is nearly full again!! Good news we hope but please all be vigilant.

As mentioned last month, if you see anyone allowing their dog to foul, please report it to either any of the Parish Councillors or direct to Newark and Sherwood District Council.



Rogation Service

Our annual Rogation Service was held on Sunday May 26th outside on Laxton Common. The service was taken by Rev. Zoe Burton and the Rev. Anna Alls, which was a first for them both.

Lessons were read by Simon Hill and Mike Jackson and we were joined by members from Moorhouse, Egmanon, Kneesall and Boughton.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

30th June Trinity 2

10.30am Family of Churches HC St Paulinus Church

7th July Trinity 3

9am Kirton **HC**

4pm Wellow **EP**

14th July Trinity 4

10.30am Laxton **HC**

4pm Egmanton **Es**

21st July Trinity 5

9am Egmanton **HC**

10.30am Wellow **HC**

28th July Trinity 6

9am Moorhouse **HC**

10.30am Kirton **HC**

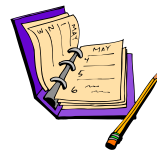
Tuesday 9th July – ‘Open Vestry Hour’ for Christening and wedding enquiries: 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle, New Ollerton.

Midweek Holy Communion Services at St Giles, Ollerton Village - 10am on Wed 10th & Wed 24th June. The church will remain open after the service until 1pm

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2019

July 11th Coffee Morning

July 12th Laxton Garden Fête

July 17th WI Venue tbc

July 25th Parish Council

Forward Planning

Alternate months, 4th Tuesday Parish Council

Sept 4th WI Fashion Show - venue dependent on VH opening

Sept 7th Egmanton Craft & Produce Show

Sept 28th Southwell Ploughing Match Thoresby Estate

Oct 15th History Group Trip to Oxford

Dec. 6th Quiz Night

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Instead of our usual meeting in June we went out for the afternoon. Members met at the Markham Moor Inn for a lunch , which we thoroughly enjoyed.

We then travelled on to Retford and met up at a beautiful Georgian house on Grove

Street, which is now Bassetlaw Museum. We were met by the curator, who showed us into the drawing room and explained details of the house and its restoration. Previously it was Council offices and before that it was owned by Stephen Pegler and names Amcott House. The ceiling had been restored with gold leaf decoration and the walls have beautiful panels painted with scenes and floral art.



On display was a beautiful case full of old wine glasses, some dating back to the 1700s. And another case full of precious porcelain. These were owned by a tradesman and antiques collector from Retford named Lewis Wise (1867 - 1955).



There were different collections in each room - a Victorian schoolroom, children's toys, a 1940s kitchen, costumes, a very unusual Anglo-Saxon long boat

and an extensive range of photos from Retford professional photographer, Percy Laws.

Thanks to Sandra for organising the afternoon, which everyone enjoyed. Sally Brown, our Treasurer, travelled to Bournemouth with other WI

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WI contd.

representatives from the county to the National AGM of the WI, and we eagerly await her report at the next meeting.

July seems to be a busy month, when members will be joining in events throughout the county, including the County Quiz at Edwinstowe, a croquet evening at Southwell, a Garden Day at Cauntton, a Programme Planning afternoon at Wellow, a Literary Lunch at Carlton in Lindrick when crime writer Stephen Booth will be the speaker a session of steel pan drumming, which should be fun.

We do get involved in a lot of different things and if you would like to join us, please just come along or talk to one of our members. You will be warmly welcomed.

Our speaker for our July meeting, which will be in Egmonton Village Hall on July 10th at 7.30pm will be Patsy Rayner whose subject will be 'Plants in Literature'. The competition will be a picture quiz.

Retford & District Photographic Society Annual Exhibition

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Rotary Club 'Bras for Africa' Collection

The Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest's collection of lightly used bras and new pants for Africa continues to go well.

They are everyday items to us and it is hard to understand the huge difference they can make to women in countries where simply having underwear can protect you from unpleasant incidents and unwanted attention.

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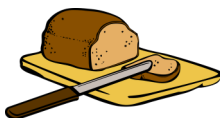
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Oranges, bananas, were but a present in our
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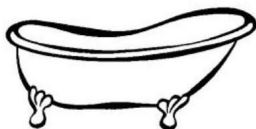
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Laxton Sports & Recreation Field

**Minutes of the AGM on Monday 20th May 2019
@ 7:30pm at Laxton Visitor Centre**

PRESENT

Neil	RANDALL	Chairman
Michael	MANNING	Secretary/Treasurer.
Anne-Marie	HARRIMAN	Rounders Rep
Ivan	RAYNER	Committee Member/Rounders

Welcome and Apologies.

Neil welcomed all; Apologies were received from the football Reps

2.Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last AGM on 21st May 2018 were agreed as a true record apart from the omission of the agreement to pay Ivan £296.30 for Mower storage and hedge cutting. Proposed by Anne-Marie H, seconded by Ivan R

3. Matters Arising. None.

4. Chairman's report

Neil again thanked all members of the Committee for their help and support in his sixth year as Chairman and good attendance at meetings. He again thanked Michael for his work as Secretary and Treasurer.

5. Secretary/Treasurers reports and issue of accounts.

Michael gave a short report about the year's activities adding to the Chairman's thanks to the Committee members for regular attending meetings and helping out throughout the year. Special thanks again to Neil who single-handedly mows and maintains the field in an excellent condition

Michael had previously issued the years accounts via e-mail for the period 1/4/18 to 31/3/19.

Regarding the Bonus ball draw, we have quite a few spare numbers at the moment but it does provide for more Rollovers. It is not creating any problems as we are still in a good financial position.

The balance in the bank at 2/5/19 was £3010.73.

6. Pavilion update

The Pavilion is in good condition with no problems, however we have been unable to get it retreated, Ivan said that his new neighbour (in Max



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and Linda's house) is a bit of a handy man and he will ask him if he would be prepared to re treat it for a fee.

There has also been a build up of rubbish; Neil will sort. It was suggested that we purchase a storage/tool box big enough to take the line marker; Neil will either research or send dimensions to Michael to research.

7. Field Rental Charges

It was felt that as we still have a good working capital, there seemed to be no reason to increase the rental charges yet again.

They will remain as they have for the last few years at **(£275 and £55)**. This was agreed unanimously.

It was also agreed that we would continue to review the rental charges annually at the AGM.

8. Election of Committee members

Neil suggested that if all members wish to restand for the next 12 months we should re-elect "en bloc". All were in favour

9. AOB.

Ivan has stored the Mower again and a cheque for £200 was issued to him, bill to follow.

Neil reported that a watch had been found near the Pavilion on 21/4/19. None of the football team have claimed it nor the away team on the day. It was suggested a note should be placed in Open Field, as it may be someone from the village.

Field edges. Ivan will arrange for these to be done and bill to Michael Footpath to the rear of Pavilion almost disappeared, Michael to contact Stuart Rose.

Neil has received an e-mail from the Newark Football league complementing us on the excellent condition and facilities at the Field.

10. Date of next meetings.

The next ordinary meeting will be on **Monday 2nd September 2019 @ 7:30**, and the next **AGM on Monday 18th May 2020 @ 7:30 pm** both in the Visitor Centre or a move to the New Village Hall!

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Michael Manning

Laxton History Group Trip to Oxford

We are going to Oxford by minibus / coach on Tuesday 15th October to see the wonderful 1635 map of Laxton by Mark Pierce on public display in the Bodleian Library's Talking Maps' Exhibition.

There will be some stunning historical maps on display as well as modern pieces. We have a few places left. Please call Jean on 870276 if you would like to join us. We will keep a waiting list in case of the inevitable changes of plan.

Milton Mausoleum

The Friends of Milton Mausoleum would like to invite you to call in any Sunday. We are open May - September, 2 - 4pm. This season will bring changes to the building. Come along and speak to our volunteers who will be pleased to show you around and speak to you about the lives of the 4th Duke of Newcastle and his wife Lady Georgiana who lived at Clumber Park.



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Advance Notice:

Saturday 14th Sept. Entertainment by "Limited Ability Band"

Dukeries Woodturning Society

In May we were treated to a demonstration of how to make a number of identical items. This is harder than it seems when you are working freehand and it was inspiring to see how it can be done. If you would like some inspiring ideas on wood turning, why not join us? July's demonstrator will be Rick Dobney on 24th.

New members and visitors are always welcome. We meet at the Jubilee Hall in Ollerton on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

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1/6/19	42	ROLLOVER
8/6/19	43	Edwin Swordy
15/6/19	29	Ian & Elaine

We have sadly had a raft of numbers become available due partly to the sad passing of some long term supporters of the draw. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: 1, 2, 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

Events at Maplebeck Village Hall

www.maplebeckvillagehall.org

Film: Loving (12)

Tuesday 16th July, 7.30pm,

In 1958 Mildred and Richard Loving were arrested in their home state of Virginia because mixed-race marriage was illegal.

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Pit Ponies in Nottinghamshire

David Amos, a former miner and now Research Associate in Coal and Dialect at Nottingham Trent University, who is negotiating for Ella Hoyland's project on pit ponies to be added to the educational resources at the National Museum of Mining near Wakefield has sent us the following memories about pit ponies which is part of a travelling exhibition entitled 'Dealing with the Past: Coal, Community and Change (1965-2015)'.



Pit Ponies being brought out of Shirebrook for the last time, 1970, photo courtesy of The Chad.

The pit-ponies had gone from the local pits by the time I started work in the coal industry in 1974. The last ones had been brought out of Bentinck Colliery just prior to the start of the 1972 Miners Strike in January 1972. Luckily, this occasion was photographed for posterity

One vivid memory I have of pit ponies is the ritual of children cramming around the top field at Laburnum Avenue, near Bentinck Colliery, to watch them being brought out of the pit for the summer holidays, known as the pit fortnight. This was the only brief spell the ponies had on the surface. They were brought into the field two at a time by a miner complete in his pit muck. Children would feed the pit ponies bits of apple, wheat etc. from the side of the fence and try to remember all the names. This ritual was immortalised in John Stafford's poem, *Dot*, a rhyme about a young ganger working with one of the last pit ponies.

Dot

Every year for just two weeks
To the surface she was brought
To have a taste of freedom
Till once again was caught

Now that was all behind her
For a new law was passed
No more mines with ponies
Dot was the very last.

Denis Pearson, in 'Annesley through the Ages', (1995), also described the ritual of the pit ponies being brought to the surface for the summer holidays;

'What a sight it was when the ponies were wound out of the mines for the two weeks long summer holiday. After being persuaded to step

onto the pit cage, with much eye rolling and flaring of nostril, they were fastened safely inside, a bit like getting race horses to enter the starting gates. Once safely up the shaft they were led off the cage and out into the daylight then taken to a big grassy field and given their freedom. Off they would go galloping round and round the field kicking their hooves in the air. The villages would turn out to witness their capers and off course the children were delighted watch them and would want to be told each ones names. ‘



*Photo by John Robinson
courtesy of David Amos*

Bentinck Colliery closed when the Annesley-Bentinck Mine (Midlands Mining Ltd) finished production on 30th January 2000. It was demolished in 2003/04 and the site is now one of light industry. The field which the pit ponies spent their brief time on the surface was built on over the last two years (2017-18). I wonder how many who live in these new 21st century homes will know, or even care, anything of the past coal community ritual of feeding the pit ponies!

Another distinct memory I have of pit ponies is from my early time as a NCB Craft Apprentice at Annesley Colliery in the mid 1970's.

Young Apprentices were assigned to an old timer, initially working in and around the pit bottom. This was called Close Personal Supervision (CPS) and was designed for you to get your ‘pit sense’. You didn’t go coalface training until you were eighteen. This was not just about learning your trade; it was the start of the journey in the ‘University of Real Life’!



Just out of Annesley No.2 Pit Bottom there was a short drift which led to the No.1 Bunker intake roadway. At the top of the drift was an electrical substation, full of old oil filled switchgear and the old underground stables. I was taken around the stables by this old time miner and the place absolutely stank of pit ponies. There had not been one in the place for four years!

*David Amos
February 2019*

Action Fraud Warnings



This has been a bumper month for warnings and each has come with good advice. The item below is a summary. For more information, see the Action Fraud website.

Topics this month: Scammers pretending to be HMRC, online vehicle sellers and couriers acting on behalf of banks

- Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information. Just because someone knows basic details e.g. your name and contact details, it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the company directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or phone number.
- Legitimate organisations wouldn't ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using an iTunes gift card, or any other type of voucher. If you're contacted by anyone that asks you to do this, it is likely you are the target of a scam
- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.
- Report 'Phishing' attempts. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, you can report this as phishing to Action Fraud
- Never transfer money for a vehicle or any other large purchase from an unknown source which you haven't seen in person.
- Avoid paying for the vehicle etc. by bank transfer as it offers you little protection if you become a victim of fraud. Instead, use a credit card or payment services such as PayPal.
- If you're purchasing from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, or ask friends and family for advice before completing a purchase.

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Southwell Music Festival

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There's a noisy, percussion-based Family Concert (free tickets for 12 and unders), an opportunity for choral enthusiasts to Come and Sing Handel, free Fringe concerts across the town and more free concerts in the Minster.

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Information and tickets are available at www.southwellmusicfestival.com and from the Southwell Cathedral Shop. Or call **01636 330014**.

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Jan

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Tuesday 16th July, 7.30pm, Loving (12)

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