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ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY 16th JUNE PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED.

**Laxton WI's Group
 Exhibit at the Notts Show**



Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends,

As I write this letter, the blossom on vicarage trees has suddenly opened up and the trees have become a tapestry of different colours and different shades of the same colour. In just a few days through the warmth of the sun, following on from all these rainy days, the trees have suddenly transformed. The tiny tree buds, now in full bloom, have reached their potential creating awe and wonder in their glorious majesty. It is amazing that the beauty we enjoy today began life years beforehand from a tiny seed!

As I look closer, I am also reminded that each flower can only be what it is; each flower is unique and distinct yet bound together with other flowers. As I reflected upon this, I am reminded that we can only be who are – *I am I and you are you* – I can't be you *and* you can't be me even if we wish it (!), we can only to be ourselves! We can become distinctly who we are yet emotional connected to others. We realise from the flowers that when we unroll our petals and exist as we were created to be, then we too can shine in the sunshine. When this happens, our relationships take shape and become authentic, that is, more honest, truthful, genuine and responsible. As we play our parts responsibly in all spheres of life, whether in our homes, places of work and the organisations which form part of community life, society is enabled to bloom.

Jesus came and lived amongst us and unfurled his petals: he was distinctly himself and genuine in all his relationships with others. As a flower in full bloom, he opened up life in all its fullness – life not just after death but life before death – his desire is that we might truly become like the flowers in full bloom.

Being in full bloom is a destination which begins its journey from a seed. Seeds are full of hidden potential, dormant and waiting to be released. Within each of us are seeds of hidden potential which given the right conditions can grow and enable us to bloom. On the weekend of the 8th – 10th June, Bishop Tony and his wife Lucille will be joining our family of churches for the 'seed scattering' weekend with various events hosted across

our Family of 12 churches (check out our Facebook pages, websites and noticeboards for more details). All are welcome; we'd love to see you!

Many blessings

Rev Zoe

From the Registers: Sympathy

We were saddened to hear of the death of Alan Tunnard on 4th May 2018 at the age of 67, just a few days short of his 68th birthday. His funeral was taken by Revd. Phil Howson at Laxton church on 17th May 2018 followed by burial in the church yard.

We send our prayers and sympathy to Stephanie and their family Gary, Sam and his wife Louise and son Joe, and Hannah and partner Dan.

From the Registers: Confirmation

Congratulations to Alison Raynor of the Old Vicarage, Laxton, who was confirmed by Bishop Paul, Bishop of Southwell at the Church of the Holy Cross, Epperstone on Sunday 29th April 2018. She was one of eleven candidates confirmed during the service. One young boy was baptised before being confirmed.

Alison received her first communion from the Rev. Alistair Littlewood at St Michael's, Laxton on Sunday May 13th.

Ken's Great Grandchild No 13

Proud grandmother Diane Wood sent this photo of the latest addition to the family just too late to be included last month. It shows new arrival, Jacob Edward Chase with his brother and sister, Harry and Isabelle. Anna and Rob Chase are Jacob's proud parents and he is the 13th great grandchild for Ken Shepherd.

Congratulations to you all



BBQ and Beer with the Bishop Saturday 9th June, 6:00 p.m. at The Dovecote, Laxton

Bishop Tony Porter will be joining us at The Dovecote for a BBQ and Beer in June. Come and have a great night and a chat.

Not only that, the first burger and beer are free (while stocks last)! Small Beer from Lincoln are supplying a barrel of beer, Doncaster's Butchers from Newark the burger, and the Dovecote is supplying the bread and trimmings.

We look forward to seeing you.



Church Brasses Need YOU!

Thank you to Lesley Booth, Heidi Keay and Rebecca Creighton who have come forward to offer help on the church brasses rota following the appeal last month. There is still time for more people to offer and there can never be too many, so if you feel you could spare a little time, please let us know



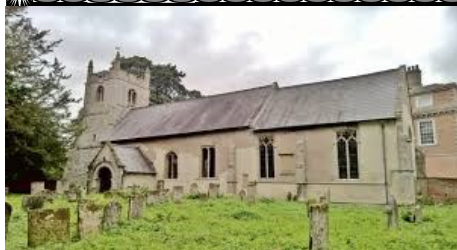
When it is your turn, you provide a bunch or two of flowers for the small vases on the altar. *No skill in arranging is needed!* You certainly don't have to create masterpieces on the pedestals! You also bring a tin of brass cleaner and a couple of cloths to polish a small number of items. Newcomers to the rota will be shown what needs doing and with two people each time it all takes under an hour. Each pair of volunteers looks after the flowers and brasses for two weeks in turn.

Please contact Brenda Noble on 870541 if you would like to offer your help or know more.



Thank you

Mothers' Union



The June meeting of Laxton Mothers' Union is our annual outing. This year we will be visiting Winkburn, just the other side of Maplebeck. We will be having a look around the Hall and visiting the beautiful little church. The cost of the

visit is £5 including tea and coffee and everyone is welcome. Please let Janet know if you would like to join us on June 25th. We will be driving ourselves to the venue.

Our 120th anniversary celebrations for a special service on 24th September is planned and we are awaiting the final go ahead from the Diocesan office. The service will be followed by refreshments in church. More details nearer the time.

Janet



Invitation to Afternoon Tea at Egmonton

Between 3pm and 5pm on 9th June, before he comes to Laxton, Bishop Tony will be enjoying a traditional afternoon tea in Egmonton Village Hall jointly hosted by Egmonton and Kirton churches.

Everyone is welcome to come to share the tea and meet him. There is no charge for the event. You will also be able to take the opportunity to look around the beautiful church opposite, which will be open for the occasion.

Rogation Sunday

Our Annual Rogation Sunday service was held on a bitterly cold day, so it was decided to conduct the service in the church instead of on the Common. Heather Brown took the service and incorporated an extra reading and a lovely poem.

For the end of the service we ventured outside and stood under the cherry tree for the final hymn and prayer, accompanied by the singing of the birds.

Village Hall Update



Following the AGM of the Hall on 14/5/18, the Committee unanimously agreed the new Constitution to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and this will then be completed by our solicitor.

As mentioned last month, this is a requirement of the Lottery before funds will be released and provides protection for the management

Committee concerning their liabilities.

Jeanette will be discussing with the Lottery about the start date for formal tendering and we are still expecting the renovations to start in September.

Michael Manning

Pat's Charity Plant Stall

Pat's Plant Stall outside School House at the top of the village is open for business selling a wide variety of plants. Please browse and put money through the



letter box for items you select and take home.

It has been a slow start this year, sowing and growing, but the weather seems to be warmer now, most days. There will be bedding plants, tomatoes, beans, cucumber and courgette as well as a range of planted pots, containers and hanging baskets appearing in the next two weeks, ready to enhance gardens and patios or as gifts.

If you are looking for anything particular it is worth asking. There may be more stock waiting to be put out. People donate plants for sale and these could arrive at any time. If you have any spare plants which are suitable to be sold in pots, please consider donating them.

Money this year will be going to the Pituitary Foundation and other local charities supported by the Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest.

Pat Naylor

Seed Scattering Weekend June 8th, 9th & 10th

with the Rt Rev Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood

Bishop Tony and his wife, Lucille, will be coming to spend the weekend visiting all of our churches, taking part in different activities around the Group. On Friday he will spend the day visiting schools within our area.

On Saturday he will be at Wellow, where there will be a competition for teddy bears parachuting from the top of Wellow church tower between 10am and 12 noon.

In the afternoon Egmonton and Kirton churches will be hosting an afternoon tea in Egmonton Village Hall from 3pm. Everyone will be made welcome. This will be followed by a BBQ at The Dovecote, Laxton, which is again open to everyone. Thanks to sponsors the first beer and burger are free.

On Sunday there will be a Songs of Praise at St Paulinus, Ollerton at 11am followed by a bring and share lunch in the church hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these events. The whole weekend is free to all. It is all about joining together and meeting people as well as meeting Bishop Tony.

Where Am I?

Many thanks to Max McNaught for sharing a lovely nature walk.

Thorpe Walk 1.2 miles, Grebe Walk 1.3 miles. Teal Walk 3.0 miles, Willow Walk 2.2 miles, Magpie Walk 2.0 miles, Coot Walk 1.3 miles.

Along with ex-work colleagues, I am walking 11 miles of 6 waymarked trails which take you to the most interesting and attractive places within Whisby Nature Reserve near Lincoln. Along the route we noted a large colony of Mediterranean gulls, cormorants, grebes, mallards, blackcaps, lesser whitethroats, warblers, kingfishers and numerous species of butterfly.

Along Coot Walk we reached a sycamore tree surrounded by ornithologists and were told there were 2 nightingales in the tree. We waited, listened and heard the delightful nightingale's song. One flew down to an adjacent fallen tree, directly in front of its audience who were treated to its splendid song before it flew back to the sycamore tree.



The kingfisher hide gave a magnificent view of kingfishers sitting along the lakeside. We just missed a cormorant downing a pike in one gulp but saw the photograph someone had taken. Look forward to returning when the wild orchids are in bloom.

Max McNaught

Strawberry Tea for Hospital Helipads



Once again we have the opportunity to enjoy a lovely afternoon and a tasty tea sitting in Jean and Roy's garden. Fresh summer salad and strawberries and cream will be available for the first 60 people to buy their tickets.

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 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. 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 come along 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 £7.50 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.

Open Field Farming System - Latest News

No news at all from The Crown about the sale date or any details about it but as mentioned last month, Sir John Starkey has been assured by The Crown that they will inform us first when the Estate is put up for sale.

Michael Manning

The Dovecote Inn at Laxton

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Monday 11th June

Butcher's Block Steak Night 6pm - 9pm

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Sunday 17th June

3 Course Father's Day Lunch 12.30pm - 6.30pm

Book early to secure your preferred time to treat Dad
to this special Sunday lunch

£21.95 per person, under 12s £9.95

Friday 29th June

**Meet the Suppliers 3 Course Gourmet Evening
7.00pm for 7.30pm**

This evening features Spencer's Seafood of Grimsby with
'A Feast of Fish'

£30 inclusive of wine with every course, £20 per person without wine

Friday 6th July

2018 Summer Ball

7pm - midnight

Booking required for this event

- get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

Details in advert opposite

Book now for all these events.

For further information or to book a table, please call us on 01777 871586, visit the Website www.dovecoteinnlaxton.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

All events can be booked and paid for on line using PayPal

Look forward to seeing you all soon at your local pub,
The Dovecote Inn at Laxton



Laxton on Notts TV



For anyone not aware, Notts TV were in Laxton two weeks ago on the hottest

April day since 1949. making a programme about village life, Open Field farming and the future of Laxton. On such a lovely day everywhere looked beautiful. They began filming at the bottom of the village and all the flowers we have planted recently looked just lovely.

Notts TV is associated with the Media department at Nottingham Trent University and those who met the crew assumed that they were media students. They knew their stuff, working very hard, only taking short breaks between the items. The programme was broadcast very soon afterwards, allowing little time for editing.

It was broadcast on Tuesday night 1/5/18 at 8pm on Notts TV, Freeview Channel 7. It is a half hour programme, which has been repeated a few times. Having watched the programme twice now, we think Notts TV made an excellent job in how they portrayed Laxton in a really affectionate way.

It has made us even more keen to fight for the survival of the Open Fields System and has reminded us how important that survival is; not just those fortunate to live here but for everyone!!

You can view it on line using the following link.

<https://nottstv.com/programmes/rediscovering-notts/>



Filming included a visit to the Open Fields with Stuart Rose, to knock in a demonstration stake, a talk in church from Janet Cooke and a visit to Hall Grounds with Stuart, Prof. Martyn Bennett from NTU and the interviewer. Back in the village they spoke to Alistair Millar, the Steward of Laxton Court Leet and to Michael Manning Chairman of the Parish Council.

Things to Do this Month

Let us know of problems with your land line telephone

- May 28th** Wellow Maypole Celebrations **12 noon onwards**
- May 30th** Rotary Final Wednesday Speaker with Meal.
South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm. £10 inc. meal. Book on 01623 823866.
- June 1st** Moorhouse Fête, 6.30pm, Wilmington Farm
- June 9th** Afternoon Tea, 3-5pm, Egmonton VH and Beer & BBQ, The Dovecote, 6pm
- June 23rd** History Group Visit to Ryedale Folk Museum
- June 23rd** Dukeries Singers' 40th Summer Concert, Ollerton
- June 25th** MU visit to Winkburn
- July 7th** Laxton Gymkhana, 8.30am onwards, Kneesall Road Gymkhana Field
- July 7th** Ossington Art Group Coffee Morning, Ossington Hut

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Coffee Morning

14th June

10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 14th June at Diane Wood's house opposite the church on the corner of Hall Lane.

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.

Plenty of tea, cakes, and chatter.



'IT TOOK SIX WEEKS TO GET THERE'

Did John and Mary Jane Rose sail on the last of the sailing ships? By this time 1870 steam ships were replacing sailing ships which could take anything up to three months to get to their destination in America.

More from Madge Quibell and Fred Sampson:



'They sailed to Montreal and then made their way down to Ottawa in Illinois, USA. They settled first in a shack on a farm in the township of Ohio, Illinois, about 120 miles from Chicago.' An advertisement from that time announcing farms for \$8 an acre perhaps explains why John decided to settle in Illinois and why they prospered.

'They had to bury everything very deep to prevent frosting and enable them to survive the very cold winters. One day, John set out to walk to Chicago with a sample of the corn he wanted to sell but had to turn back because of the extreme cold and frostbite to his nose.'

There must be some doubt about this journey - walking in winter, from Ohio to Chicago. But the 1880 USA census shows the family is now in Manhattan, Illinois, about 95 miles from Ohio and 50 miles from Chicago, giving credence to the story of John attempting to walk to Chicago in winter, even when it was said to take at least 14 hours on foot in normal conditions.



'They had no family of their own and adopted the daughter of a neighbour whose wife had died, leaving him with 2 young daughters. Her name was Bertha C. Diantha Rose, Diantha probably being her own surname.'

They not only had with them with their daughter, Bertha, but also their 20 year old nephew, William White, son of John's previous employer in Navenby, Lincs. He must have gone with them aged about 11 or 12 years

'They made £100 profit the first year and a profit for ten years thereafter.'

'Then in in 1883 they had a daughter of their own, Rebecca Reeny.'

'They did so well that when she was about 6 months old John and Mary Jane decided to come home for a holiday and visit parents and family in Laxton.'

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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 20th 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 / 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.



Strawberry Tea

15th July

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3.30pm - 5.30pm

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Parish Council Thanks

Just a couple of thank you's really, one for the PCC for making such a difference to the Church Yard with the "trimming" of the Yew trees and complementing the great job George Noble makes of cutting the grass.



lived) for cutting the grass from the Green up to the telephone box.

The Pinfold is ready for a bit of a refurb and we will be organising this through the Parish Council.

Secondly to all the villagers who continue to cut the grass around the new signs and also Tim (from where Mr Harris



Michael Manning

Magazine Thanks

Special thanks to Janet Cooke who has done a great job taking photos of village events for some time now. She always tries to capture anything that happens and, thanks to her, the articles in this magazine have been improved no end.

Thanks also to the growing number of people who are contributing articles and photos. It really does make the magazine so much more interesting for everyone and is much appreciated. If you are thinking of sending something in, please do so or give Jean or Joy a ring and talk it over.



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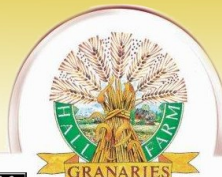
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Laxton History Group



This year sees a number of events for our members. In April we held our AGM, which was accompanied as usual by our celebration of historic food. This year we welcomed a good crowd to enjoy dishes from the 1700s.

Having decided on the period, choosing a selection to present in the form of a modern day 3 course buffet proved to be a challenge as the majority of the recipes we found from this country were from the wealthy kitchens. Rather than the cliché 'meat and two veg' it was more like 'meat and six meat' as very little fruit or vegetables seemed to be used.

To modern taste the frequent use of currants, referred to as 'currans', and cinnamon in savoury dishes seemed unusual. The pea soup featured cucumber and



lettuce as well as the more expected onions and mint. Most things were served on or with 'sippets' - most closely related to croutons, but inevitably served soggy if placed under a wet dish, which was how they were served.

The event was very well attended and the food was among the most successful selections we have served at these events. Janet's onion soup was a particular favourite, although both soups received requests for the recipes. We decided not to serve the sippets under the dishes and



they were not unduly popular. We suspect that served wet under the sauced dishes they would have been even less welcome.

The vegetarians managed a good selection from



their own dishes and the vegetable accompaniments and everyone went back to their seats with full plates, although there were still plenty of volunteers for seconds.

The three desserts were not only each delicious, but also went well together. Baked orange tart was a lovely thing, as was a bread pudding with apples under the bread, which apparently made it 'in the Italian style'. The third option was frumenty, which is essentially a rice pudding, although it can also be made with cracked wheat, which would have been rather different.

With the gathering pleasantly full from the meal we turned to our AGM, where we were pleased to welcome John and Julia Smith from Egmonton as our guests. John is the independent inspector for our books and we are very grateful for his services.

Unfortunately we missed Dick and Marian Cooper, and John Chambers offered condolences on Marian's death as we began. Prof. John Beckett was unable to join us as his wife, Christine, was recovering from surgery and we sent her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Following John's report as Chairman, during which he thanked everyone for their work on behalf of the Group, he was re-elected for another year as were Jo Godson as Treasurer and Joy Allison as Secretary. The Steering Group were elected again and business will continue as usual.

To prove the point John announced that we will have a display in Mansfield at the great Nottinghamshire History Fair and Jean Hennell gave details of the arrangements for our 100th meeting on 16th May and the June visit to Ryedale Folk Museum



On May 16th 19 members celebrated our 100th meeting with afternoon tea in the Blue Room at Thoresby Hall. As well as providing a lovely venue for the event. It gave us a chance to pay a visit to the ancestral home of the Pierrepont family, the Lords Manvers, former Lords of the Manor of Laxton.

We were very well looked after and had two large tables in the Blue Room, which was reserved for us. We certainly didn't go hungry and it was a very sociable way to mark this milestone for the Group.

We have booked a coach for a visit to Ryedale Folk Museum on Saturday 23rd June.



On Sunday May 13th we once again took part in the Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair at Mansfield. It was a good day with almost 500 visitors and plenty of opportunity to visit stands by other groups and learn what they are doing. It is also a great source of ideas for speakers for our group for future meetings.

For July we are planning a visit to Kelham Hall.



Seen at the Notts Show



Many readers who have lived in the village a long time will remember the Field Marshall tractor owned by my father

Ernest Sayer for Thrashing Days etc. It has the registration CUT 607 and I was very proud to see it lead in the parade of vintage



tractors etc. on both days at this year's Nottinghamshire Show.

Amanda Hennell was also in the parade with her beautifully turned out



tractor.

Amanda's daughter Emily, now a keen member of Tuxford Young Farmers, made a winning debut with her entry in the 'Witches' Broom' class in the Young Farmers' Competition tent.

Congratulations to all concerned.



Janet Cooke

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

May / June 2018

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

27th May

9am

10.30am

6pm

Trinity Sunday

Moorhouse **HC**

Kirton Patronal Festival WfA

Maypole Service, Wellow

3rd June

9am

10.30am

4pm

Trinity 1

Kirton **HC**

Kneesall **HC**

Wellow **Es**

10th June

9am

11am

4pm

Trinity 2 – Seed Scattering Weekend with Bishop Tony see below for events*

Laxton **HC**

Family of Churches **WfA** with Bishop Tony,
St Paulinus New Ollerton

Egmanton **Es**

17th June

9am

10.30am

Father's Day

Egmanton **HC**

Wellow **HC**

24th June

9am

10.30am

Trinity 4

Moorhouse **HC**

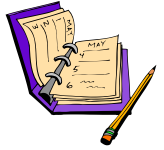
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2018

Jun 1st	Moorhouse Garden Fête
Jun 8 th - 10 th	Bishop's visit to our Group of churches
<i>Jun 13th</i>	<i>WI Outing</i>
<i>Jun 14th</i>	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
Jun 23 rd	Coach trip to Ryedale Folk Museum
<i>Jun 25th</i>	<i>MU Outing</i>

Forward Planning

Jul 7 th & 8 th	Open Churches Weekend 'Wedding Fair'
<i>Jul 7th</i>	<i>Laxton Gymkhana</i>
Jul 15 th	Strawberry Tea
Jul 20 th	Laxton Garden Fête
Jul 24 th	Parish Council
Sept 24 th	MU Service of Celebration for 120 years
Sept 25 th	Parish Council
Sept 29 th	Southwell Ploughing Match
Nov 27 th	Parish Council
Dec 7 th	Laxton VH Quiz Night @Egmanton VH

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 July: 16th June.

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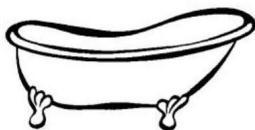
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Laxton WI



The May meeting proved to be a busy one with Brenda having much to report on activities past and future.

Four members attended the centenary celebration at Newark Parish Church, which took a look at the history of the Notts Federation and its development. Members from various WIs enacted out in costume its roots. The WI choir entertained and the various sub committees showed us their paces. The finale was a whole congregation rendition of 'We'll Meet Again' and a parade of all the new placards.

In the past month Laxton members undertook the usual diverse interests and activities on offer, ranging from flower arranging to Scrabble to Triple Target. This was something different enjoyed by Lesley and Anna and included having a go at sling shot, archery and pistol shooting. Fortunately despite a mishap only minor injuries were reported.

One of our newer members, Jenni, attended a flower arranging course at Hoveringham. Future plans include watercolour painting of May flowers, croquet, entry into the Lady Denman Cup and attendance at the Programme Planning meeting.

A busy April finished with 4 members attending the Spring Council Meeting in Nottingham. Our County Chairman's report was followed by various committee reports and then our National Chairman Lynn Stubbings took the floor.

After lunch 3 WIs were presented with certificates marking their own centenaries. Our afternoon speaker, antiques expert Charles Hanson gave an account of his life in the antique world. He was very good and entertaining.

County Chairman Jane Jefferson stood down after five years in office. Our new County Chairman is Pam Stoddard. A lovely day ended with the WI choir singing.

The Notts Show exhibit was well under way at the time of the meeting and only needed to be assembled and displayed. It was a great team effort with members being generous with their donation of materials and

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time. From buttons to fabrics there was plenty to work with. Pat had made an exquisite pair of miniature curtains for our view through a window.

Janet took Lesley to set up the display in the marquee. In a change from the usual practice, the winner was decided by public vote. We were delighted to hear that our entry was placed third from a strong entry. Collingham were



the winners with a well crafted cyclist.

Our June outing has

now been finalised and we look forward to an interesting afternoon at Thoresby Walled garden at the Echium Nursery which has recently moved to the Courtyard.

May meetings of WIs see the discussion of the resolutions which will be debated at the national AGM, this year to be held at Cardiff in June. Our representative this year is to be Katie Hall from Kneesall. The resolution this year concerns mental health matters and

highlights the difficulties and strictures that surround the families affected by it. From waiting times, lack of funding, facilities, post code failures, stigma and discrimination, the resolution illuminates what is to be addressed. It asks the Government to recognise that mental health is as important as physical health and that much more needs to be done, especially for young people.

From the looks on the serious faces around the table and the nods of assent as Brenda read out the resolution, members were well aware of how this subject touched us all. It was therefore not a surprise when a unanimous decision for Laxton's vote to support the resolution was passed. If the resolution is passed at Cardiff, the National Executive will lobby the necessary parties. The speakers at this year's AGM will be newsreader Huw Edwards, and former head of MI5, Dame Stella Rimmington.

It's never long at Laxton WI until hospitality and conviviality breaks out. Members enjoyed the annual light supper of cheeses, French bread, salad and a luscious array of sweets. Conversation and laughter prevailed.



Laxton History Group Bus Trip to Ryedale Folk Museum

Saturday 23rd June 2018

Leaving Laxton 9.30am, returning approx. 6pm.

**There are a small number of seats available for any
non-members who would care to join us.**

**The cost will be £5 per person plus museum admission
at the reduced group rate of £5.95 per person.**

**Please contact Jean Hennell on 870276 for information
and to book.**

2018 Events at Milton Mausoleum

The 2018 season was opened recently with our 4th Friends Lunch at the West Retford Hotel for 80 guests. It was a great opportunity to inform friends of our plans and events for this year.

Please find details of our first two events.



Sat. 21st. July The Sounds of Summer Concert 7pm

Concert featuring soloist Alison Wade, with
The GentleMen and The Dukeries Singers. £8 per ticket

Please order your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Sun. 9th. Sept Vintage Tea Party – 2pm for Heritage Open Day

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Crop Prospects in the 1900s

Jo Godson has sent some items of interest to the farmers of Laxton. Thanks to Jo for providing the information, gleaned from her researches at the Retford Library looking in the old copies of the Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop Times.

20th July 1900

Wheat here is very fair on the whole, and the dry weather has improved it, although there are parts in the open field which are not up to the usual mark. Barley is doing pretty well, but oats are very short, and unless there is an improvement, will be below the average. Beans and peas are doing well but it is feared that the former will suffer from filth. Tares are about the average quality. Owing to want of rain the turnips and potatoes have suffered severely; in fact, unless rain comes very soon these crops will be almost a failure. The hay crops are light on most of the farms

28th June 1901

The crops here have suffered much from the want of rain. Wheat is much shorter than usual. Spring corn is poor and there is very little grass. Turnips have had to be sown again, as nearly all the first sowing has proved a failure. Recent showers have made some improvements but there has been no quantity of rain at present.

19th July 1901

The agricultural outlook here is really very serious. The hay crops have probably never been worse than this year. This was shown at the annual sale of the Common grass, which took place on July 2nd, when the prices realised were for the most part the lowest on record. In fact, it was stated then that a considerable portion was hardly worth mowing. Even on well cultivated farms, the state of things is not much better. The quantity produced is only equal to about one third of the average. Clover is a little better than the grass. With regard to the corn, nothing very encouraging can be said. Wheat has certainly improved during the last fortnight and there will be more straw than was expected in June, though of course, the crops are considerably below the average. Barley is very poor indeed, and oats are even worse. Peas are doing well and in all probability will be quite up to the average, whilst beans are almost a complete failure, owing to the filth. Fields which a short time ago looked promising have been quite ruined. The farmers have had a trying time too, with the turnips and most fields have had to be sown twice, but it is still hoped to have a fair crop. The fruit varies very much. In some orchards there is a medium show of apples and plums, whilst in others very little fruit is to be found. On the whole, the present season is one of the most discouraging that the farmers have had to face.

The Dukeries Singers

We seem to have barely enjoyed the late Spring when we are into Summer and our programme for the 2018 Summer season.

Our Diary Dates:

- Sat 23rd June** Our regular Summer Concert. Being our 40th Anniversary we hope for bumper numbers to help us celebrate. We are looking forward to this event and warmly welcome ex Choir members and friends. We have just one founder member in the Choir, as enthusiastic as ever and much valued.
Jubilee Hall on the Wellow Road, Ollerton
We are delighted that "The Gentlemen" will be joining us to sing in their own inimitable style.
7pm. Tickets available from **01623 863450**
- Sat 7th July** Concert at All Saints Church, Weston, 7.30pm a new venue for us.
- Sat 21st July** Milton Mausoleum at 7.30pm.
'The Gentlemen' will also be singing. A super evening of entertainment is guaranteed. It is such an evocative place to sing. Very goosepimply, but in a nice way.

After a "bit of a do" of our own, Choir have a break for summer until we reconvene for our first rehearsal (and news catch up) on Wednesday 29th August when no doubt we shall be straight into Christmas Music!!

Apart from that break we practise every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-15pm in the Concert Hall at The Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed by the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

If you wish to book the Choir for your anniversary, celebration, charity or fund raising event please contact our Concert Secretary, Phil on 01623 822070

We had a "Photo Call" recently and new pictures of the Choir should be on our social media pages.

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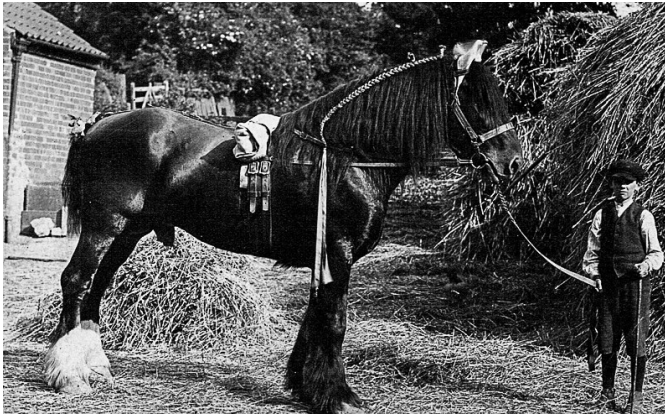
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More Photo Mysteries



This photo is another of those loaned to Roy & Jean Hennell in the hope of identifying the people in them. It also shows very clearly the lamp which hung above the church gates when they were first installed. Can anyone shed any light on who the group is? Please call Jean on 870276



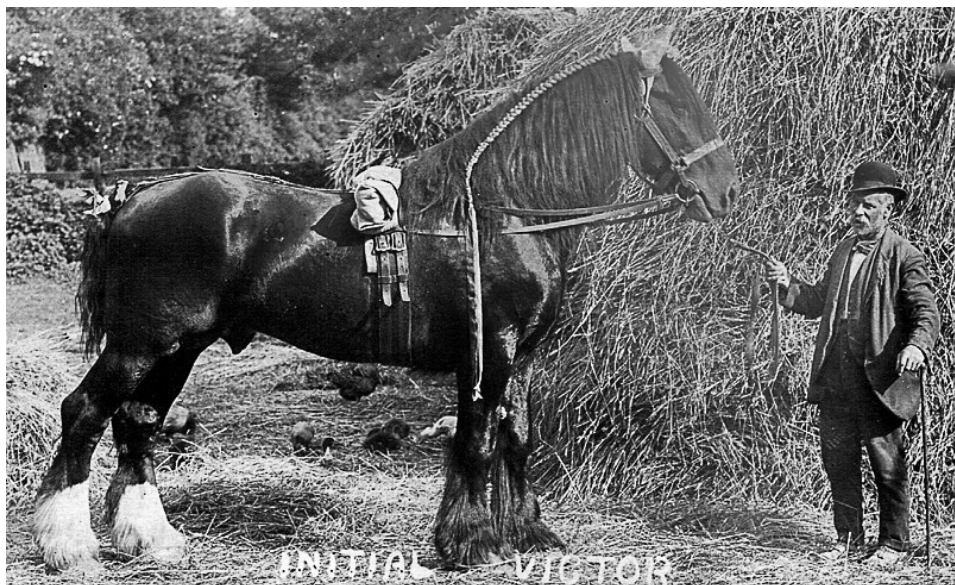
Initial Victor

Also from Roy and Jean's photos, these shots show stallion Initial Victor. They show him held by an older gentleman and a lad in a farm yard. They show the relative sizes of the horse and the person and make clear why these animals

needed to be handled with care and respect. Victor is prepared in the manner of a stallion travelling his route to serve local mares, with his mane and tail plaited and carrying the cover which would have been put over him in the event of rain rolled up on his back. The History Group booklet on the 'Variety of Village Life' tells more about this old tradition.



The photo above was sent in by Mike Hallam, currently resident in Thailand, but who has previously been in touch from Canada. He is researching his Bagshaw ancestors, but this time he is hoping to discover which building the family have been photographed against. If you have any ideas, please get in touch with Joy on **871506**.



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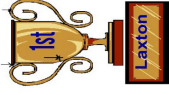
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