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## Letter From Revd. Philip Howson

### **An end is nigh.**

I've been with you all for nearly three years as Curate with Revd Zoe and the team, but I now need to let you know that I've been offered a proper vicar's post in rural Cambridgeshire and am moving very soon. My final service – and day of work – will be at 10:30, 30th June at St Paulinus Church, Church Circle, New Ollerton. It will be a farewell celebration, so if I don't see you before I would love to see you then. The offer is a cause of great celebration for me and my family but I've no doubt I shall shed some tears as I leave you.

I'm moving on to be the vicar in a little corner of rural Cambridgeshire joining seven villages and churches in their life together as a benefice (that's church-speak for a clutch of churches that have one vicar). The benefice is called South Leightonstone. It sounds like a lot of work, but it's not that many people (apparently the area I'm going to is the least populated in Cambridgeshire) and there will be a good team of people to work with. It's something of a surprise that we are going that far, but it fulfils what has been a growing desire for me to go and vicar in country parishes.

It has been an extraordinary gift serving in our town and villages. The team I've worked with have been extremely generous of their time and talents in helping me adapt to and learn the ropes, and the communities have been equally generous in their welcome and support.

There have been some strange highlights (being St George!?) and some deep sadnesses as we've said farewell to some wonderful people. Community life has been rich and rewarding and I shall certainly take with me the great benefits I've found here.

So, thank you. Thanks for having me, for encouraging me, for welcoming us. Thanks for letting me into your wonderful communities and helping me get to grips with this strange and wonderful role.

All the best

*Revd Philip*

## From the Registers - Confirmation

Congratulations to Jeanette Juska of Laxton who was confirmed by Bishop Paul, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham at the church of St Mary the Virgin in the Lacemarket, Nottingham on Saturday 20th April. She took her first communion on Easter Sunday at Egmanton.

## Birth Congratulations

Congratulations to Sam and Aimee Curtis of Laxton on the birth of their son, Sidney Nicholas James, on 25th April. Sidney weighed in at 7lb 1oz and is a welcome son, grandson and great grandson.

## Get Well Soon

We are all thinking of Janet whose holiday ended with a trip to hospital and her being very unwell. We send very best wishes and hope she is back to fitness very soon.

All good wishes too to Christine who is now back home and the proud owner of a new knee. We hope you soon feel the benefit and are able to get back to normal activities.

# Moorhouse Garden Fete

**Friday June 7th 6.30pm**

**Wilmington Farm, Moorhouse**

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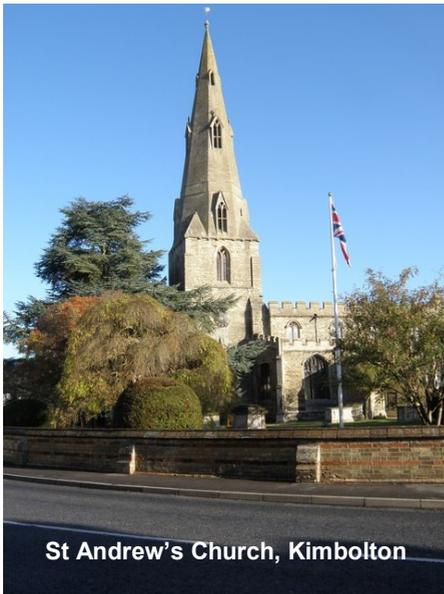
**Everyone welcome**

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# Congratulations

The announcement was made on Sunday 5th May that the Bishop of Ely had appointed the Rev. Philip Howson as Rector of the Benefice of South Leightonstone in the Deanery of Huntingdon and the Diocese of Ely.

Philip will become Rector of seven churches including St Giles, Barham; All Saints, Covington; St Peter's, Easton; St Andrew's, Kimbolton; St James, Spaldwick; St Botolph, Stow Longa and All Saints, Tilbrook.



St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton

Philip will be installed by the Bishop of Ely on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton. He took his last service here in Laxton on Sunday 12th May. We were joined by members from Moorhouse, Wellow, Egmonton and Kirton to say goodbye to him.

After the service Philip was presented with a card which everyone had signed by Brenda Noble and Simon Hill.

Brenda wished him well in his new appointment and thanked him for his friendship and everything he had done for us. Simon thanked him on behalf of Moorhouse and

said he hoped he had enjoyed his time with us over the past three years. The service was followed by refreshments.

Philip's last Sunday service within the Group will be in Sunday 30th June, which is a group Service and will be held at St Paulinus Church, Ollerton at 10.30am.

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# Tuxford Young Farmers



We have had a really hectic month mostly working towards Newark Show.

The 17th April we were brushing up on our stock judging skills at Jonathan Price's dairy farm. The following week we all became film stars as we recorded a video for the show.

The rest of the month was spent preparing for Newark Show. We had wellies to plant up on a red, white and blue theme, photos to get ready for the county calendar competition, Victoria sandwich cakes, mini cream teas to be baked, and a club scrapbook to put together.

The hard work paid off and we had a very successful show. We had a clean sweep in the baking with Emily 1st in the mini cream tea, Beth was second and Amber taking 3rd place. Amerly took a splendid 2nd in the floral art section.

The club came joint 1st with Collingham in the stock judging and 2nd in the overall club competition.



Daisy won the members' member award and

had most individual points in the stock judging. Emily came first with her collection of photos for the County Calendar and Sarah came 2nd in Movie Maker.



A big thank you is sent by all the club to Harvey, Graham and Beth for all their extra hard work.

Finally, to all you tractor owners, please don't forget our tractor run on **23rd June** in aid of our charity Forget-Me-Nots at Tuxford.

The run **meets at 9am** at Hall Farm Weston.

**For more information please call Harvey 07956098611 or Daisy 07961097275.**

If all this activity seems fun to you please come and join us any Wednesday 7-30 at Hall Farm Weston.

*Emily*

## Parish & District Council Elections

As mentioned last month both the Parish Council and District Council positions were uncontested therefore no elections were required.

**The Parish Councillors are:**

Michael Manning (Chairman), Simon Hill (Vice Chairman), Johnny Godson, Roy Hennell, Mark Hennell, Jem Hill and Stuart Rose  
The District Councillor is Sylvia Michaels and our County Councillor is Mike Pringle.

## The End of an Era

It was sad to see the last person born with the name of Moody gone from Laxton when Max and Linda MacNaught moved away. We wish them both well in their new home and hope to see them around from time to time at village events.

## Thank you from Joan

Thank you to all of you who sent cards, gifts and good wishes on my birthday, it was very kind you. You all made it a wonderful occasion for me. I can't wait for another 10 years to pass so that I can do it all again!

*Joan Cottee*

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

All the congratulations left Joan with no way to avoid admitting to a big birthday so now we can all offer congratulations. She is certainly an example of how to make the most of every day.

Congratulations Joan and let's hope we all be there to help you celebrate in 10 years' time!

# **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.**

## **Pat's Plant Stall**

After a promising start the weather has been less than kind which has slowed down the growth of the plants. However, there are now tomatoes, courgette, beans, herbs, herbaceous, bedding and plenty of pots, hanging baskets and small pots for the patio table.



*Pat Naylor*

For the first time in almost 30 years since I built my wildlife pond, including year one, I do not have any frogspawn. If anyone has a few tadpoles spare I would be very grateful, unless of course, everyone is in the same position. I know of two other ponds in the same situation this year.

Thanks, Frogless of School House,

*Jeff*



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# Things to Do this Month

Remember to donate undies for Africa & plants for Pat's stall

- May 27<sup>th</sup>** Wellow Maypole Celebrations, from 12 noon
- May 29<sup>th</sup>** Rotary 'last Wednesday' Speaker - about Autism
- June 6<sup>th</sup>** Wild Flower Walk, 6.30 for 7.00pm, **VC**
- June 7<sup>th</sup>** Moorhouse Fête
- June 12<sup>th</sup>** Norwell Parish Heritage Group 'Hidden History of Buildings' - Events between 10am and 6.00pm
- June 19<sup>th</sup>** History Group 'Treasure in the Attic' **EVH**
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>** TYFC Tractor Rally 9am from Hall Farm Weston

**VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre**

## *Coffee Morning*

*13th June 10.30am - 11.30am*

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

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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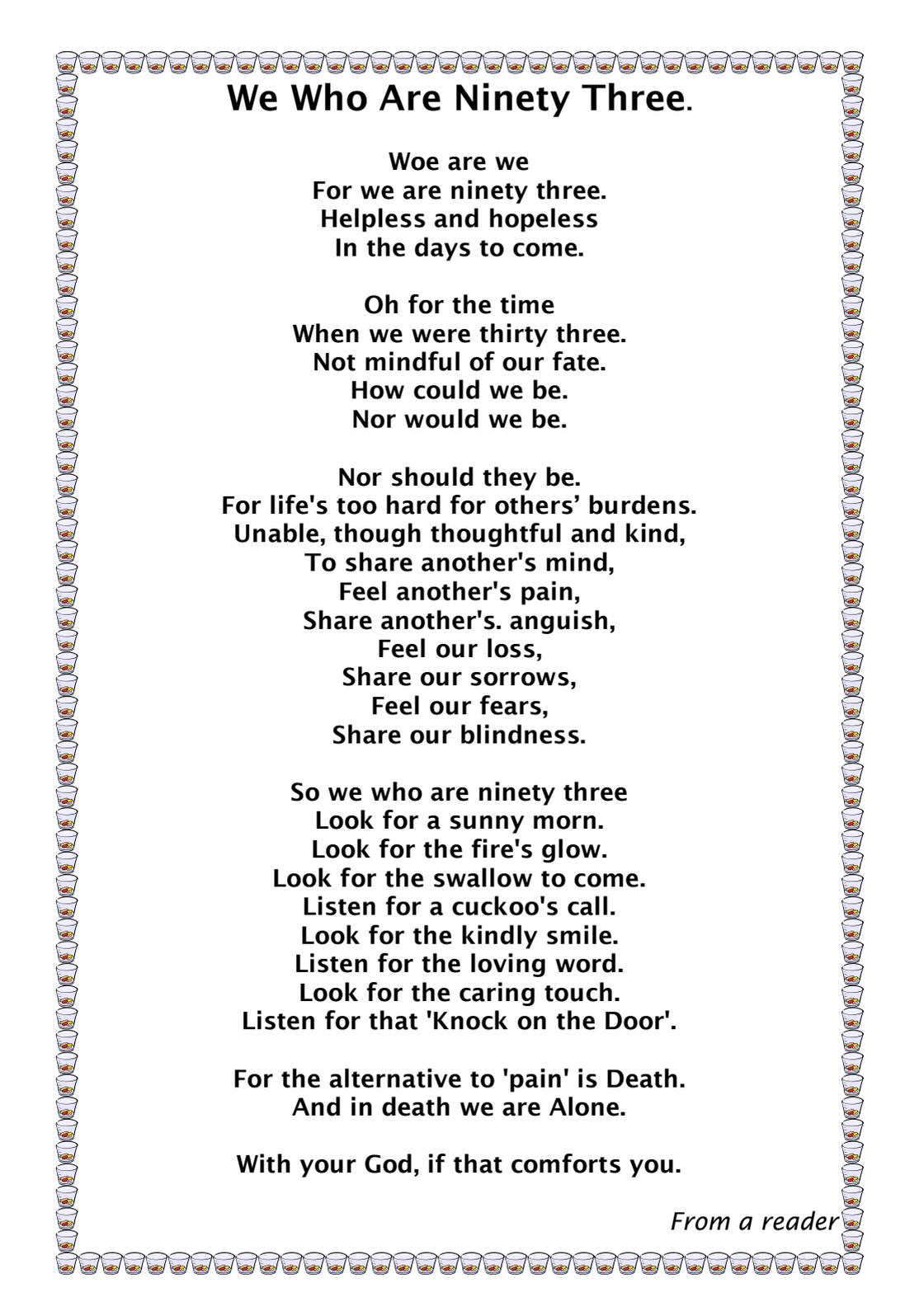
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# **We Who Are Ninety Three.**

**Woe are we  
For we are ninety three.  
Helpless and hopeless  
In the days to come.**

**Oh for the time  
When we were thirty three.  
Not mindful of our fate.  
How could we be.  
Nor would we be.**

**Nor should they be.  
For life's too hard for others' burdens.  
Unable, though thoughtful and kind,  
To share another's mind,  
Feel another's pain,  
Share another's. anguish,  
Feel our loss,  
Share our sorrows,  
Feel our fears,  
Share our blindness.**

**So we who are ninety three  
Look for a sunny morn.  
Look for the fire's glow.  
Look for the swallow to come.  
Listen for a cuckoo's call.  
Look for the kindly smile.  
Listen for the loving word.  
Look for the caring touch.  
Listen for that 'Knock on the Door'.**

**For the alternative to 'pain' is Death.  
And in death we are Alone.**

**With your God, if that comforts you.**

*From a reader*

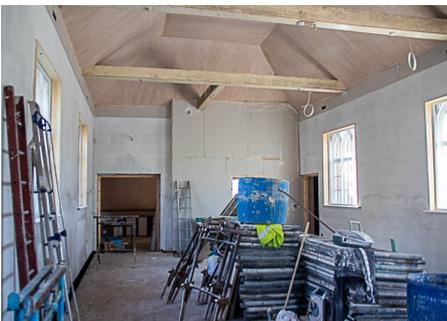
# Village Hall Refurbishment Update



The builders, Trio are still cracking on at a pace and making a great job of it, the foyer, toilets and kitchen are all plastered and the kitchen units are being fitted as we go to press. The main hall has to be plastered with lime plaster - a three layer process. It has to cure between layers. The first coat had been applied when these photos were taken. Trio's expectation to finish is still by the end of July and we can't wait to see it.

As mentioned last month, we will be having some form of "official opening", if you have any ideas please let us know.

*Michael Manning*



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Emily Hennell  
on her success at Newark Show.

Well done Emily from all the family

**Congratulations!**

## Wild Flower Walk

May and early June are wonderful times for the wild flowers in Laxton. To give everyone a chance to go and see the beauty of a once-common sight for themselves, Lynda Milner will be leading a Wild Flower Walk with Stuart Rose on Thursday 6th June.

Walkers will meet outside the Visitor Centre in the car park of the pub between 6.30pm and 7.00pm. They will then and then we will head off towards South Field.

Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for the walk. Please be sure to wear robust footwear suitable for uneven ground and to bring clothing / water proofs suitable for the weather expected on the day. There is no shelter out in the fields.

## Parish Council - Dog Fouling

We have now installed the additional Dog Bin at the bottom of the Church Yard near the Twitchill footpath.

However we have had yet another spate of dog fouling and we have had the name and address of a village resident who has been seen allowing their dog to foul!

The details are being sent to the Newark and Sherwood Council Dog Warden for advice as to the most appropriate action to take.

We are particularly disappointed that the person seen is a village resident; we have a beautiful village and we cannot understand why anyone would want to spoil it in this way!!!

Please, 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.

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# Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest

The Inner Wheel Club recently held an afternoon tea at Wellow with the promise of a speaker from Medical Detection Dogs. However, the best laid plans do sometimes go wrong and the speaker failed to arrive. They still had an afternoon of friendship and a lovely tea.

The lovely weather created a difference in temperature between the outside (nice and warm) and inside (distinctly chilly at first). Guests were standing outside in the sunshine idly contemplating moving the tea onto the tempting village green.

Pat and Jeff were otherwise occupied as they tried to locate the speaker. Despite calls to the office and attempts to see if he had got lost, he could not be traced.

Ever resourceful, the tea was served first. Very nice it was too, with a tempting array of sandwiches and cakes which were enjoyed amid a buzz of animated chatter. Some of this revolved around how the lack of a speaker could be addressed.

This was just as well because when the pots had been cleared away, there was still no speaker. One idea was to nominate a person from each table to speak for a few minutes each, but fearing a mass exodus, Pat turned to her friends for help.

Heather and Derek were obvious candidates to maintain a doggy theme, having had a long and illustrious career in breeding and showing Bassett hounds. Despite Heather confessing later that she had never done a talk to a big group before and Derek not liking public speaking at all, they did a great double act, sharing some of the stories of their success and judging appointments all over the world. They also offered an insight into how judges make up their minds on a winner when confronted with so many dogs and sometimes different breeds as well. They ended by saying they have now downsized to miniature wire haired dachshunds, which they are beginning to show.

Two other guests supplied the commercial break, talking about their pop choir and encouraging people to attend their next concert to add to the £21,000 plus they have raised in four years.

Joy brought proceedings to a close talking about the four occasions when she had unexpectedly found herself as the speaker - very apt in the circumstances as one of those was also for Inner Wheel.

A sum of £246 was raised thanks to the raffle and two small stalls. Many thanks to everyone for their contributions.

# Laxton History Group



## Michael Wood Award

Between the presentation of their work by the children at Kneesall School and our presentation to them, we took their projects and some of those from Norwell / Normanton completed last year to Mansfield. They formed our display at the Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair.

There were some wonderful models this year with something of an emphasis on mining. They included one showing the headstocks and buildings at Clipstone and a pit pony pulling a coal tub. Our plea for an extra table was well judged as we filled all the space allocated to us. Almost 500 people visited the exhibition between 11am and 3pm and our representatives saw a steady stream of interested people.

David Amos, a former miner turned speaker and now Research Associate in Coal and Dialect at Nottingham Trent University, who has been to talk to us in the past was very impressed with Ella Hoyland's project on pit ponies inspired by her grandfather, who was a horsemaster in a pit in the north east. With permission from Jill, he plans to take it and show it to the National Museum of Mining near Wakefield, where he feels it would add to their educational display in an underground stable.

We now look forward to returning to **Kneesall School on 5<sup>th</sup> June, between 9 and 10am for the presentation of gifts and certificates.**

We have continued to have contact with Tuxford Primary School, where 83 children in years 5 and 6 are taking part in a mini pilot of the Michael Wood Award this year. We have an invitation to go to the school on both 5th and 12th June, when the two years will present their work to us separately.

## May Meeting

We were sad to hear of the death of Mac Mumford on 1st May. He was a friend, member and speaker and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

We had planned to visit the tomb of King Richard III in Leicester in May, but things conspired to make the trip unviable so it was deferred. We decided to hold a film night instead. Quite a few of our regular attenders were away and we expected a smaller than usual turnout. What a lovely surprise it was to have to put out additional chairs.

We welcomed Ruth White as a new member and several visitors. Our rules say that you become a member by attending any meeting in the year, so they are now also members and we are delighted to have them. One visitor, who couldn't stay, was Shirley Moore from Edwinstowe who had come to give us some booklets on Laxton. They had been left to her History Society. We appreciated the gift and there remain two copies which members can

have for a donation as they duplicate what we hold in our library.

Before we settled down to the films, Roger updated everyone on the progress of the Michael Wood Award. He and Joan had been that day to Tuxford School to talk to the children in lieu of a visit as this is a new venture for them and the staff want to see how it goes.

We now have an invitation to attend between **1.30pm and 2.30pm on both 5th and 12th June to see the work of the Tuxford children.**

This is an open invitation to all members and we hope to see you there.

Roger also reported the success of the large display we took to Mansfield to showcase the work of the children. We were able to speak to a good number of visitors and exhibitors. Some were really interested in individual projects and the Award process. Coincidentally we bought a copy of a local history book on Tuxford from the Library Service.

We then moved on to the films. Janet was unfortunately still unwell, but had kindly sent along her comprehensive list of the people and horses shown in the 1935 film.

Our next meeting is on **June 19th at Egmonton** when we will welcome Brian Howes to tell us about 'Treasure in the Attic'. This will be at 7.30pm in Egmonton Village Hall.



**Laxton Garden Fête**  
**6.30pm, Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
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*The following e-mail was received for the Parish Council meeting on 7/5/19 from Iain Mills of the Crown Estate. Michael Manning*

Dear Catherine

Apologies for the slight delay but we have agreed that we will not issue any updates without agreeing the statement with all parties involved.

However I can confirm that following the short listing process, interviews were held with The Crown Estate with those short listed parties and as a result of that The Crown Estate now have a "preferred bidder". I can confirm that The Crown Estate and Carter Jonas are working closely with this party to progress the sale.

We remain keen to keep you updated, however you will appreciate the sensitivities around this sale and the need to keep the purchaser confidential during these early stages. As soon as we are in a position to confirm who the purchaser is, we shall do so.

Regards

*Iain*

## **Laxton on Notts TV**

The 25 minute programme recently filmed in Laxton by Notts TV was shown on schedule on Tuesday, May 14th. It is part of a series of programmes and was entitled 'Lost Castles of Nottinghamshire.

After filming with drones and video cameras the output was taken back to Nottingham Trent University where students of animation worked on the material to draw and paint a digital reconstruction of Laxton Castle, which was merged with film so that Prof. Martyn Bennett and Dr James Wright appeared to be chatting in the outer bailey.

It is now available on the Notts TV web site. Put 'Notts TV Lost Castles of Nottinghamshire' into your browser to find it.

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**10.30am   Laxton Common – Rogation Sunday Service**  
6pm   Wellow Maypole Service

**2nd June   Easter 7**  
9am   Kirton HC  
4pm   Wellow Es

**9th June   Pentecost**  
**10.30am   Laxton HC**  
4pm   Egmonton Es

**16th June   Trinity Sunday/Father's Day**  
9am   Egmonton HC  
10.30am   Wellow HC  
10.30am   Kirton Patronal Festival **WFA**

**23rd June   Trinity 1**  
**9am   Moorhouse HC**  
10.30am   Kirton HC

**30th June   Trinity 2**  
10.30am   Family of Churches HC   St Paulinus Church

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – '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 12th & Wed 26th June. The church will remain open after the service until 4pm.



# *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*



2019

May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Maypole celebrations	@ Wellow Green
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Last Weds Speaker	South Forest
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wild Flower Walk</b>	<b>Visitor Centre</b>
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Moorhouse Garden Fete.	Wilmington Farm
<b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI - Lunch and Trip to Retford Museum</b>	
<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	
<b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group</b>	<b>@ EVH</b>
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuxford Young Farmers' Tractor Rally (9am, Weston)	

## **Forward Planning**

*Alternate months, 4th Tuesday*      *Parish Council*

<b>July 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Laxton Garden Fete</b>
<b>July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group Trip to Hull</b>
<b>July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish Council</b>
<b>Sept 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Egmanton Craft &amp; Produce Show</b>
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	Southwell Ploughing Match    Thoresby Estate
<b>Oct 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group Trip to Oxford</b>
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night

### **Copy Date for July: 16th June.**

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Our May meeting saw Brenda presenting Lesley with a beautiful blue hydrangea to mark her big birthday in June.

We heard about the evening Lesley and Justine had spent tackling 'Triple Target'.

There were no mishaps and Justine reported even hitting the target. They both enjoyed themselves.

There was also a long list of opportunities for members to be involved in and an encouraging level of interest. Quite a big group will be heading for the annual evening of croquet, where we have an enviable record of success.



Several members signed up to go to a Literary Lunch at Carlton in Lindrick, where crime writer Stephen Booth will be the speaker.



We try to make a point of entering the Group display class at the Newark Show, and this year was no different. The theme was Alice in Wonderland and our entry was to portray the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Our entry was well on the way towards completion and it was at the meeting for everyone to see.



Lesley had painted the backboard and Pat had knitted and sewn a tempting array of cakes. Anna spent the evening knitting as she listened in an effort to finish the dormouse. The little fellow was complete, but his clothing did not yet cover his blushes! Fortunately all was well by the time he went on display. The whole was completed by a teapot with a picnic scene on the lid obtained from Chink. It was generally agreed that it

was perfect in this context, but truly awful in any other!

Our entry was taken to the Showground and lined up against all the others for the public to vote for their favourite. There were some wonderful entries and the one with most votes was staged by Lambley.



May is the month when all WIs in the National Federation discuss the Resolution to be brought to the AGM. This year there were two Resolutions and we discussed our views so help our Treasurer, Sally, when she goes to Bournemouth on the county bus to represent us and three other WIs.

The first topic related to urging the Government and others to work in partnership to halt the decline in rural bus services. The sentiment was hard to argue

with, but there is already a national Resolution in place which could be used to lobby on this. It was felt that economics were against us and that running a bus would not solve the problem if users could not stay a useful time nor guarantee to get home. We opted to leave Sally with discretion to vote as she sees fit when she has listened to the discussion.

The second Resolution was entirely more positive. It related to urging women 'Don't Fear the Smear'. There is a reluctance in some women to take up the offer of regular cervical smear tests to screen for pre cancerous cells. The test has saved many lives and serious development of the disease and we agreed wholeheartedly that the WI should throw its considerable weight behind doing whatever it can to encourage all those eligible to go for their tests. A moment of discomfort or embarrassment may save them far greater trauma later.

When the business was done, we shared a supper of a selection of cheeses and pickles with some lovely fresh French bread. This was followed by a delicious array of sweets prepared by committee members. Thank you to everyone involved in the preparations.

Our meeting in June is always an outing. This year we are having a lunch at the Markham Moor Hotel en route to a guided tour of Retford Museum.

We expect to be holding our July meeting at Egmonton, so look out for details of the speaker and competition next month.

**Laxton History Group Trip to Hull**  
**Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Day trip to historic Hull with its museums**  
**newly modernised dockside area.**  
**Contact Jean on 870276 for details**

## **What is a Senior Citizen Worth?**

Thanks to a reader for this item received from her sister in law.

“Old folks are worth a fortune with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I last saw you”, she writes, “A few changes have come into my life and in fact I have become a frivolous old gal - I am seeing six gentlemen every day!

As soon as I wake up Will Power helps me out of bed. Then I pop along to see Jonny Loo. Next Charlie Cramp pops along and claims a lot of my attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and he is usually around all day. He doesn't like to stay in one place for very long so he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a busy day I'm happy to jump into bed with Jonny Walker. What a life! Oh yes; and I'm also fighting with Al Zymer.

PS The minister called the other say and said I should be thinking about the hereafter. 'Oh I do' I replied, 'Al the time - on my way home, in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I keep saying to myself, 'Now what am I here after?!'

**Retford & District Photographic Society**  
**Annual Exhibition**  
**St Swithun's Church, Retford**  
**(right by the canon)**  
**12.30pm July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 3pm Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>.**  
**All welcome**  
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## Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest: Final Wednesday Speaker



Just a quick reminder in case you have had your June copy early - the May 29th speaker - a specialist in Autism from Autism East Midlands - is attracting a lot of interest. If you are interested give me a call.

Our main speaker meetings are held at South Forest Leisure Centre in Edwinstowe on the final Wednesday of each month, 7pm for a 7.15 start. They are purely a service for anyone interested in a subject, there is no commitment to ever visit again. Transport is available from Laxton for anyone wishing to avail themselves. The two course meal costs £10 and we are usually back in the village by 9.15pm. Book your meal on **07711 802683**.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported their local Rotary at any time during this Rotary year. With your support we raise on average about £5000 each year, every penny of which is put to good use mostly locally or to provide emergency water cleaning equipment in cases of disaster around the world.

Our next main speaker will be in the new Rotary year on July 31st, but I'll tell you about that next month.

*Jeff Naylor*

## Parish Council - Rural Policing

As mentioned last month, we had invited Inspector Heather Sutton, the Newark Town Police Inspector to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on TUESDAY 7/5/19 to give a talk but she was unavailable. We will therefore invite her to a future meeting and let you know in plenty of time when it is.

## 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 need names of those interested NOW to plan what transport to book. Please call Jean on 870276 if you would like to join us

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## Rotary '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.

We recently opened the door to a lady who had come from Farnsfield and was laden with bags of bras which were donated through a charity shop there.

These seem such an everyday items to us that 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.

If you are able to donate anything, please drop off at School House, Laxton, next door to the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.



## Egmanton Craft & Produce Show

**NEW Scarecrow competition to be staged at the Hall**

The 21st Egmanton Craft & Produce Show takes place in Egmanton Village Hall on Saturday 7th September.

Schedules are now available from Pat's stall or call 871171.

Open to all. Classes for all ages. See schedule for all details.



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# The Dukeries Singers

We were invited to sing at the St. George's Day celebrations in Ollerton. We fielded a good sized choir and the event was really well supported. Our two



sets of songs went well and we were applauded by the visitors. Ash was impressed by the sound we delivered, helped by the two microphones. I'm afraid 1 of us didn't realise that the mikes were live!! Say no more, but it did provide a bit of a giggle.

Fortunately the sun shone so we were able to perform outdoors which was the intended plan and we all enjoyed singing in the (a bit) fresh air. I do hope we are invited to perform next year. It's a good, fun work out performance. Well done to all who managed to be there.

We had the lovely May weather we hoped for and gardens blossomed beautifully.

We have our Annual Summer Concert on **June 1st. 2019** at the Jubilee Hall on the Wellow Road, Ollerton, at 7.00pm. See posters for details. Tickets via number on posters or any Choir member.

We already have a booking for Christmas!!! Our Secretary Pauline on **07951609217** would be delighted to hear from anyone wishing to book us for their celebration, anniversary, fund raising or charity event.

We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-00pm upstairs in the Theatre Refreshment area at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

We can be found online at [www.thedukeriessingers.com](http://www.thedukeriessingers.com) on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube

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## Lammas Day Holy Communion

**8.00am, Laxton Church, Thursday 1st August**

**The blessing of the first sheaf of corn**

# Norwell Parish Heritage Society

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- 🌸 An introduction to Norwell's history and architecture through a guided tour of the village.
- 🌸 In Norwell Village Hall a wider look at how Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust conserve and enhance the County's buildings and give them new purpose and life.
- 🌸 Down to 'The Plough' for some R&R with like-minded people.

**Wednesday 12 June 2019**

**10.00 – 16.30 Conservation. Auld Cottage, Main Street, Norwell**

**16.45 walk. Meet at the church gates**

**18.00 – 19.00 Events in Norwell Village Hall**

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# Dukeries Woodturning Society

The Society was represented at the St George's Day events in Ollerton and it proved a good opportunity to chat to potential new members.

June's demonstrator will be Tony Kitchen on 26th. The previous week, June 19th, will be another of our popular hands on evenings when members have a chance to work on our lathe.

New members and visitors are always welcome. We meet at the Jubilee Hall in Ollerton every month.

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27/4/19	10	Stuart Rose
4/5/19	41	Diane and Richard
11/5/19	24	ROLLOVER

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

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## Maplebeck Garden Fete

**Saturday 22 June 2019 at 2.30pm**

Children's Fancy Dress; Children's sports; Raffle, Tombola; Book Stall; Quiz and Games;

Morris Dancing; Home made teas and more

# Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting on 26/3/19

**Present: Councillors:** M. Manning (Chair), S. Hill, R.Hennell, M. Hennell, J.Hill, R.Godson

### **In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Millward (Clerk), S. Michael (District councillor), M. Pringle (County councillor), Members of the public (x2)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Brown.
2. **Presentation – Rural communities and an ageing population**  
Councillors welcomed Mr John Gray to the meeting who gave a presentation on rural communities and an ageing population. Mr Gray referred in particular to:
  - a. The delineation of the census area, which includes Ompton
  - b. The value of the census in informing future plans and strategies for the area
  - c. The increasing percentage of residents who are over 60
  - d. The needs of this ageing population and implications for the Laxton community in terms of services and sustainability.
  - e. Councillors thanked Mr Gray for his thought-provoking presentation.  
Councillor Michael arrived during this item.
3. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 13 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 16 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.
4. **Dispensations:** None required.
5. **10 Minutes public speaking:** Matters raised:
  - a. Brockilow Bridge - The clerk will again report water pooling at the bridge. Councillors agreed that it was caused by a combination of the drains being too high and blocking easily. Mr Pringle will raise concerns at the narrow width of the bridge.
  - b. Relocation of 30 mph signs to further out of Laxton village – Mr Pringle confirmed that these will be moved although the work

would take place when there is an opportunity to combine it with other work in the village.

- c. Tree overhanging on The Bar/Cross Hill – The clerk will report the issue to NCC.

Mr Pringle invited councillors and residents to join him in a parish walk round with councillor Michael to identify and photograph highway shortcomings more widely and form a view as to the priorities for repair and improvement which Mr Pringle will then raise with NCC.

6. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 22 January 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.

7. **Matters arising:** All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.
8. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Councillor Pringle:
  - a. Updated councillors on developments in the wider area
  - b. Reported that the NCC share of the precept would rise by 1.9%.

Mrs Michael reported that:

- a. She had spoken with NSDC's enforcement officer who had inspected Bar Cottage but decided that its condition was not sufficiently poor to justify enforcement action.
  - b. The recent NSDC survey had revealed that 90% of the ward's residents were either satisfied or very satisfied with the ward as a place to live. This contrasted with 13 areas in which fewer than 90% were satisfied.
9. **Reports from councillors:** Mr Hill reported on the matters discussed at the recent SNG meeting. Residents were invited to contact Mr Hill if they had any issues.
  10. **2019 – Annual Parish Meeting date and arrangements:** In view of the statutory meeting requirements in an election year, councillors agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and annual parish council meeting should take place earlier than usual, on 7 May 2019, at 8.00 pm and 7.00 pm respectively. The clerk will invite the Inspector Heather Sutton to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.
  11. **2019 – Parish council elections:** The requirements for nomination were noted.

12. **Property matters including sports field:** Councillors noted that the sports field committee's contribution to the field rent had increased to 100% for 2019-20 onwards.
13. **Financial Matters:**
- a. **Financial position as at 28 February 2019:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2019 (incorporating the 2018-19 budget figures).
  - b. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously approved seven payments totalling £341.43. Property matters including sports field: Councillors noted that the sports field committee's contribution to the field rent had increased to 100% for 2019-20 onwards.
14. **Planning matters:**
- a. Applications: None
  - b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 19/02351/TWCA – Crown unidentified tree – 9 Timothy Road, Laxton: Approval noted.
  - c. Compliance: No issues raised.
15. **Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:** Councillors noted the contents of the Crown Estate's update dated 6 March 2019, in particular that the shortlisted bidders had been invited for interview. Councillors will await developments.
16. **Village environment and appearance, including:**
- a. **Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that work commenced on 14 February 2019.
  - b. **Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application:** Councillors authorised the chair to sign the s115 permission and LIS capital funding agreement. The chair signed the documents which the clerk will submit to NSDC.
  - c. **Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:** The chair is taking matters forward. Reports of an application to create a footpath from Norwell Woodhouse to Laxton were noted.
  - d. **Fibre broadband for Moorhouse:** Mr Pringle reported that £1m is to be paid by the EU irrespective of Brexit. Moorhouse is amongst the areas to benefit from the funding. However, work will only begin when the funding is received
17. **Service faults:** Discussed at LMPC/25/19 above (10 minutes public speaking).

18. **Correspondence:** All items of correspondence noted.
19. **Agenda items for next meeting:** As above.
20. **Date of next meeting:** 7.00 pm on 7 May 2019 as agreed at LMPC/30/19 above.

*These minutes were provided unapproved and unseen by the Parish Council.*

## 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.

This year we are celebrating 50 years of the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT). The CCT has looked after churches and venues such as the Milton Mausoleum for the last 50 years. Our **Celebration Concert** at the Milton Mausoleum is **'On Golden Hill' on Saturday 22nd June at 7pm, cost £15**. Entertainment will be provided by 'Highly Strung' a premier string quartet with a varied repertoire and by vocalists, 'The Williams Sisters'.

**By Ticket only. Dress Code: Black Tie., Drink Canapes and Raffle**

We are also holding a **ticket only Midsummer Tea Party on Sunday June 23rd, 2 - 4pm, price £5**. Come along and see our spectacular floral arrangements created for this celebration weekend

Contact/booking details for both events:

Bobby - 07708 042065, Jenny - 07791 527569 or Gill - 07563 764939 or via our website

**[milton.mausoleum@outlook.com](mailto:milton.mausoleum@outlook.com)**

**Advance Notice:**

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

# Egmanton Village Hall

[www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk) / 01777 871171

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

- ◆ **Yoga with Greg** – Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- ◆ **Laxton History Group** - Weds 19th June, 7.30pm
- ◆ **Egmanton WI** - Thurs 20th June
- ◆ **Children's Dance Classes** - Sat 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.

## LAXTON VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

The next Quiz Night will be on **FRIDAY 6/12/19** in our new Hall, we can't wait!!

We hope you are all available again, please let me know if you want a team. Michael Manning (**870844**)

# Maplebeck Village Hall Events

[www.maplebeck.org.uk](http://www.maplebeck.org.uk) / 01636 636421

## Regular Activities

Yoga	Tues 9.45am and Fri 9.30am
Clubbercise	Thurs, 8.30pm
Walkers	Weds, from approx.10.00am
Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly 7.30pm
Book Club	(4 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul. 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Sep.) 7.30pm

## Upcoming events and Films (all 7.30pm)

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Tuesday 18th June, 7.30pm, Untouchable (15)

## Useful Contact Details

### Defibrillator Contacts:

Neil Randall 01777 871229 & 07710 398745, evenings and weekends  
Pat Naylor 01777 870601, evenings  
Jeff Naylor 01777 870601, as required  
Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings  
Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required  
David & Linda, Dovecote Inn 01777 871586, as required  
Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,  
evenings / weekends  
Anne-Marie & Geoff Rose 07961 933290 / 07957 991002, as required

### Police

PC Gary Sipson 07525 226575 or 101 x 800 7673  
Email : [gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO 4741 Keith Crowhurst 07889 702823 or 101 x 8007671  
Email : [keith.crowhurst4741@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:keith.crowhurst4741@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Web, showing other contacts: [www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

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

### Medical

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
MP Mr Robert Jenrick: <a href="mailto:robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk">robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk</a>	01636 612 837
County Councillor: <a href="mailto:cllr.mike.pringle@nottscc.gov.uk">cllr.mike.pringle@nottscc.gov.uk</a>	0115 977 5661

Parish Council website: [www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk)

