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We always welcome contributions and can help if you are not sure how to write what you want to say. We believe all illustrations to be free to use. If anyone feels their image has been wrongly used, please get in touch.

Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON 16th JUNE 2022 PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.

A Message from our Churchwarden, Brenda

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the meeting between our local churchwardens and the Archdeacon in person, but I have heard that it didn't give us any good news. The Archdeacon said that the 'Parish Share', the money each Parish contributes, is not enough to pay for a priest.

They advertise for priests for the vacant posts, but there is a shortage of priests generally and they are getting no replies.

So for now we have to carry on as we have been doing, with the help and support of those who are able to conduct different services for us. We are very grateful to them all.

Help Wanted.

Please can anyone spare a couple of hours to help us clean the church ready for the Jubilee celebrations.

The date we have planned is Tuesday 31st May at 10 am. If anyone can help, please get in touch. Please contact Janet (870385) or Brenda **(870541)**

Jubilee Tea

Please give your names in asap for the afternoon tea in the village hall at 4:30 pm on 5th June so that we know numbers for catering. Also please let us know if you are coming to church at 3 pm.

Thanks, *Brenda*

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Grand Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Thursday 2/6/2-Sunday 5/6/22

The format for the Jubilee celebrations organised by the working group, which appeared in last month's magazine, appears on the back page this month as a reminder.

In addition there is to be a beacon lighting ceremony on the THURSDAY evening at 9.45pm at the bottom of the Dovecote field next to the Pinfold.

All the celebrations are with the compliments of the Parish Council and we hope as many as possible will be able to attend and celebrate this very special occasion.

Best wishes, *Michael*

From the Registers - Emily Mary Mawer

We were all sad to learn that Emily Mary Mawer had died on Friday 22nd April at the age of 90. Her funeral service was held on Monday 9th May at St. Michael's Church, Laxton, followed by burial in the churchyard.

The service was taken by Lay Reader, Heather Brown.

Sympathy - Mary Mawer

Mary, as she was known to us all, had lived at Copthorne Farm, Moorhouse, with husband Michael since 1963 and they had been married for 64 years.

Mary leaves her husband, Michael and her children Anna, Katie, Lizzy, Becky, and Jamie and grandchildren Jem, Sarah, William, Christopher and Andrew, Russell and Charlotte, Michael, Alice and Annie and Thomas.

It was a fitting tribute to her that, at her funeral, her granddaughters sang 'Only Remembered' as her grandsons carried her into church. She would have been very proud.

She had been a faithful member of Moorhouse Church and also a member of Laxton Mother's Union.

Sympathy - Margaret Rose



We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Margaret Rose on 12th May in Retford at the age of 94. Margaret lived in Laxton for 90 years. She was much loved by all who knew her and will be sadly missed.

For many years Margaret was one of the ladies who ran a Laxton B&B from her home, first at Bottom Farm and latterly at Lilac Farm. She was often to be found helping at Bottom Farm even after she and husband, Reg, moved to Lilac Farm or catering there for his visiting parties.

We send deepest sympathy to all the family.

**Laxton & Moorhouse
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Sunday 5th June



A celebration of

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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Sunday 5th June

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The Nottinghamshire leg of this year's race will be the fifth and longest, taking place on Thursday 8th September, starting in West Bridgford and finishing in Mansfield. Riders will cover 190km, approximately 118 miles on this stage. The nearest points to Laxton announced so far are Retford and Clumber Park.

In 2018 250,000 people watched the stage in person in Nottinghamshire, making it the county's biggest ever sporting event.

Announcement - Margaret Rose



It is with great sadness that the family of Margaret Rose, resident of Laxton for 90 years, announce that she passed away peacefully aged 94 in St Saviour's Residential Care Home, Retford on 12th May.

Margaret was the dearly loved wife of the late Reginald Mark

Rose, much loved mum of Stuart, Julie and Geoff, mother-in-law of Sylvia, Steve and Anne-Marie, dearest Nan to Rebecca and Jessica, Emma and Nicola, Alice and Eve, Great Grandma to Robyn.

The funeral service will be held at 11am at St Michael's Church Laxton on Friday 27th May.



Aged 21

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kneesall C of E Primary School Choir who took part in "Young Voices UK" on Friday 22nd April at Sheffield Arena

They left school by coach just after lunch to arrive at Sheffield for an afternoon rehearsal. Then they had a rest and their packed tea before getting ready for the start of the performance at 7 pm, by which time the arena was packed with parents and friends in the audience. The choir was made up of about 4000 children from approximately 104 schools which must have been a very difficult job for the teachers and organisers. They sang medleys from The Lion King, The Muppets, the Beatles and other songs e.g. Reach for the Stars and Lovely Day etc.

After a long day and night they travelled back to school on the coach to be met by their parents. It was a tiring day for them all but they thoroughly enjoyed it and what a great experience for them all.

Thanks to the teachers and staff for giving their time for practice nights and for taking them to Sheffield.

Congratulations - Phoebe Rose

Neil and Debra Randall would like to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Phoebe Rose, born weighing 9lb 4oz on Saturday 7th May to very proud parents, Gavin and Evie.

*Love Grandad and Granny,
Uncle Chris and Auntie Laura*

Laxton Village Hall

At the AGM of the Village Hall on 12/5/22 I stepped down as a Committee Member/Trustee after 38 years.

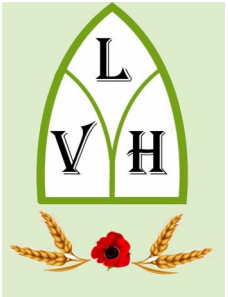
I had given great thought to this and felt it was the right time.

I have enjoyed supporting the Village Hall for all of this time; it is a vital asset as we are such a rurally isolated community and I feel that as the Hall has a strong and enthusiastic number of Trustees, I expect it to go from strength to strength.

I was very pleased and surprised to be presented with a gift voucher, flowers for Cath and thanks for my time over the years.

I will not be disappearing from the Hall altogether as I will still be the Quiz Master for the twice-yearly Quizzes and Cath and I will enjoy supporting the Halls functions as attendees for a change!!

Best wishes, Michael



Sympathy - Bill Boole

We were saddened to learn that Bill Boole had passed away. We all remember him for delivering the papers to Laxton every day, which he must have done for over 20 years. No matter what the weather he hardly ever missed a day.

His family had several shops in Ollerton at one time until he retired to Walesby.

One thing everyone will remember him for was his love of horse racing, when he would get the papers delivered early so he could spend the day at the races. On Thursday nights he would meet the Noble brothers down at the snooker club in Ollerton for a game of snooker.

JUNE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event this month.

The birthday roll of honour for this month is a long one!: Jessica R, Rebecca C, Julie B, Lucy, Serena C, Elaine B, Justine B, Oliver N, Joan W, Mary, and Brian.

We wish a happy anniversary to George & Brenda N, Stuart & Sylvia R, Dave & Joyce S, Mark & Amanda H, John & Brenda C, Christopher & Julia B, Jonny & Lynnette D and anyone else celebrating this month.

If you are celebrating a special date, we send best wishes.

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Laxton Village Hall

The Village Hall AGM in May this year marked the end of Mick Manning's chairmanship of the Village Hall Committee after thirty eight years of service. During his tenure as chairman the hall has undergone considerable change, especially with its refurbishment in recent times.

Over the years regular meetings of various village groups have taken place in the hall, as well as special events such as the Flower Festival, the

Millennium celebrations, Heritage days and Trafalgar Day to name but a few. Who could forget the village pantomimes, the Church dances, the murder mysteries and the race nights? Traditionally there has been a close link between the church, the WI and the village hall management which has enabled the smooth running of the catering for family celebrations, harvest suppers and funerals. Villagers will no doubt remember many more events celebrated in the hall, the committees of which Mick had loyally chaired.

He has given dedicated service to the Village Hall over many years and the Trustees were pleased to present him with vouchers to mark his retirement from active participation on the Committee, but they were equally delighted to extract a promise from him to continue to act as Quizmaster for the village quiz.

The new Chairman will be Adrian Walker of Croftways, Laxton. The Trustees are Lesley Booth, Joan and Roger Cottee, Charlotte Gregory, Keith Morton, Ian Robinson, Stuart Rose, Sam Wortley, (treasurer), and Clare Walker, (secretary).

From 1st June the rates for hiring the hall will be £10 per hour for villagers and £12 per hour for those living outside the village. Booking is now online on our website. For further information contact us by email at info@laxtonvillagehall.org.uk or by telephone on **01777 871137**.

As Trustees we hope we can continue to serve the village and to develop the services provided by the village hall.



Her Majesty, The Queen's Silver Jubilee

The following item appeared in one of the local papers following the celebration of Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee in June 1977:

JUBILEE - The Jubilee celebrations started off very well with a United Service conducted by Rev. R. J. Spencer.

On the Tuesday, despite the weather, sports were held, also a Fancy Dress, won by Paula Noble and Richard Grundy (spelled 'Grindy' in the original). Tea was served in the Village Hall for all children up to 14 years, provided and arranged by Mrs. V. Saxilby (Spelled 'Saxalby' in the original). Each child received a crown from Mr. A. Grundy (spelled 'Grindy' as above), the oldest man in Laxton.

In the evening a Supper Dance was held. Also on the Tuesday evening a Senior Citizens' Whist Drive was held.

On the Wednesday evening all Senior Citizens of Laxton and Moorhouse had a meal prepared by the Jubilee committee. Entertainment followed.

INDUCTION. - Induction of Rev. B. James was on May 4th in Laxton Church and was well attended. The Ven. B. Woodhams, the Archdeacon gave a very impressive sermon. Afterwards a buffet Supper was served.

MOTHER'S UNION outing was to the Lake District.



Paula Noble, aged 5, celebrating the Silver Jubilee

Previous Jubilee Celebrations



The tree on the green, which is such a feature of Laxton today, was planted by Lady Manvers on 22nd June 1897 to Mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.



A celebratory tea and a beautiful cake were features of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II in June 2012. The celebrations stretched over the



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weekend and guns fired in salute on the Sports Field, a BBQ took place in the street, a huge bonfire beacon was lit on Mill Field and the Time Capsule, now buried on the Green, was being prepared.



In 2002 the village was decorated for Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee. There was a fun run for



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Wellow Maypole Celebrations Return

After two years of enforced absence, Wellow's famous Maypole celebrations will return as part of the nation's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 4th June.

The free, traditional family fun begins on the green at 12 noon. There will be live music, lots of stalls and games, circus skills, Morris dancing, swingboats, Punch & Judy and food and drink aplenty, all supporting the main event - the crowning of the May Queen.

The crowning ceremony begins with a procession of the children from St Swithin's Church to the green at 2.45pm. The reigning May Queen, Lucy, who was crowned in 2019, will lead her retinue, the May Queen elect, Ellie and her retinue, the dancers, Wellow Jack and his naughty Bogey Men friends and process round the ring to give everyone a really good view of all the children.

This is followed by the traditional ceremony during which Lucy will crown Ellie and Ellie will give Lucy a silver locket as a permanent reminder of her time as May Queen. Ellie will then call for the dancing to begin. Sylvia Rose from Laxton, herself a former May Queen, is

once again teaching the children the traditional dances in the preceding weeks.

Parking is free, but visitors are encouraged to buy a programme and tickets for the tombola and grand raffle. Proceeds from these go to fund future Maypole celebrations. A collection after the crowning goes to a charity chosen by the new May Queen.

Please note that roads around the green are closed during the event.

There is free seating around the ring, but if you need to sit for the ceremony, you are encouraged to claim a seat in good time as they soon fill up as the time approaches for the ceremony to begin.

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7/5/22	39	Alan and Anna
14/5/22	35	Kevin Saxelby

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the spare numbers:

1,2,7,13,20,26,29,37,38,40,41,44,51,52,53,57,59. Please contact me on 870844. Thank you.

Michael Manning

New Landmark in Egmonton



The more observant readers may have noticed a change on the green in Egmonton. In recent years the telephone box has housed the defibrillator, but the unloved modern box has now been replaced with a traditional red telephone box suitably marked at the top.



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Thank you

JUNE SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

HC = Holy Communion **EP** = Evening Prayer **MP** = Morning Prayer
Es = Evensong **WfA** = Worship for All **WS** = Word Service

29th May

No services

5th June

10.30am	Kirton	Songs of Praise	Janice H
3.00pm	Laxton	Songs of Praise	Janice H?
4.00pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B

12th June

10.30am	Kirton	HC	Rev. John Smith
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19th June

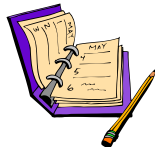
9.00am	Walesby	HC	Rev. Margaret G
10.30am	Wellow	HC	Rev. Margaret G.
4.00pm	Kneesall	Family Service	Joan W

26th June

9.00am	Egmanton	HC	Rev. John Smith
10.30am	Kirton	Morning Praise	Janice H



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2022

June

Thurs 2nd - 5th June Laxton's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Sat 4th June Wellow Maypole Celebrations

Weds 8th **WI**

Sat 18th June ***History Group trip to the Framework Knitters Museum, Ruddington***

Weds 22nd ***History Group***

Forward Planning

Thurs 8th Sept Tour of Britain Cycle Race in Notts

Sat 24th Sept Southwell Ploughing Match

Regular Events:

Parish Council 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November

Quiz Nights 1st Friday of December & March tbc

**Copy Date for July edition:
12 noon, 16th June 2022**

Please let us have your contributions in good time. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. Late arrivals are unlikely to make it into print.

Stuart Rose

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Laxton WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our monthly WI meeting was held on Wednesday 11th May in the Village Hall. We were pleased to welcome two visitors for the evening and hope they will be joining us.

Seven members are going to the Group meeting at East Markham at the end of May.

The County Federation are putting on several events in the coming months. Our members are hoping to get tickets for a Willow Weaving Workshop at Rolleston, Croquet at Southwell and Clay Pigeon Shooting at Orston. They all sound good fun and interesting.

We have just competed in the County Quiz at Ollerton. The event is held on the chosen evening and time at six different venues all over the county with the same questions being asked to everybody. At the end all the answer papers are taken back to the County Office to be marked and we will be told how we did in due course.



Our speaker for the evening was Janet Whittaker-Holmes, who demonstrated to us the art of origami. She had taught herself this while she was off work during

Covid. It looked a bit complicated when she did it. It was more so when we all had a go at making a tulip. There were some funny looking tulip heads and stalks, but we all enjoyed it very much.

In September we are trying to organise a Bingo Night in the Village Hall, which will be open to everyone in the village. The date at the moment is Friday 2nd September.

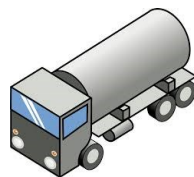




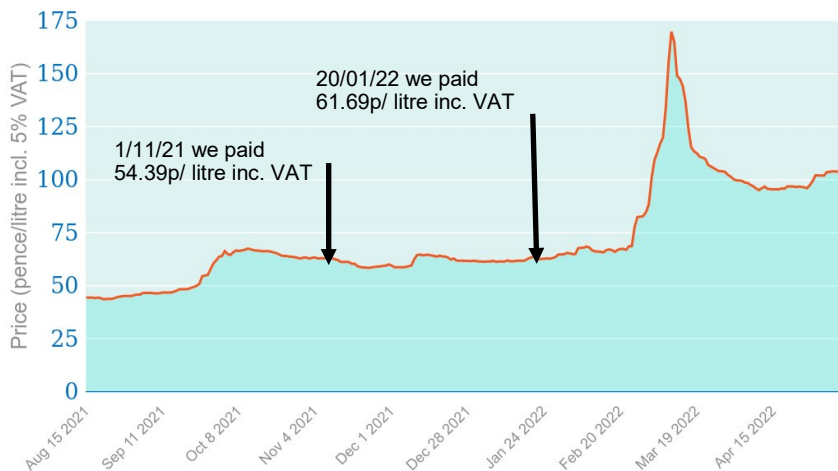
On Monday 9th May we catered for Mary Mawer's funeral in the Village Hall. It seemed a long time since we had done a catering event, and we hadn't done one since the Hall was modernised, so it all felt a bit strange at first.

We soon got into the swing of things and we were pleased with the display of food we put out, all made by our members. It was particularly satisfying as Anna, Mary's daughter, is a fellow WI member.

Group Oil Order



The price of oil has been interesting recently, to say the least. Hopes of an early fall seem set to be dashed and at 16th May, the Boilerjuice average 1000 litre price for England was 99.67p / litre.



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- ☆ **Saturday 11th June 7 pm** (doors open 6.30pm)
St Lawrence's Church, Skerry Hill, Mansfield NG182PR
- ☆ **Saturday 25th June 7 pm** (doors open 6.30pm)
Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road Ollerton NG229AP

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- ☆ Audrey 01623408270 (Mansfield concert)
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If you have any queries or would like to join or book the choir, then please email us:

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HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The major Platinum Jubilee celebrations will begin on Thursday, June 2nd 2022, and will continue over the weekend until June 5th.

Laxton and Egmonton have both organised events, see this issue of 'Open Field'.

2022 at Doddington Hall

Sunday 16th July - Sunday 11th September, 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm). Adults £8.50, Children £4.50, Family £22, Season ticket holders free. See 340 works of art in the 'Sculpture at Doddington' summer exhibition. Open daily.

The Tour of Britain in Nottinghamshire, September 8th.

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Michael Manning

Thanks to Steve Digby, Editor of 'Idle Talk' for permission to use this quiz, set by his sister in law.

Straightforward, cryptic, hidden or phonetic: what's the link

Quiz Questions (answers overleaf)

1. What was the name of the Jeffrey Archer novel which followed a lifelong rivalry between an American financier and a Polish hotelier?
2. Rising above Matlock, Derbyshire, what is the name of the steep hill which is now accessible by cable car?
3. What was the name of George Washington's wife? Clue: she was very good at cooking, cleaning and other housewifely things.
4. Which tiny island off Guernsey has only 500 inhabitants and allows no motorised transport other than a tractor?
5. What word is used to describe an item in an auction?
6. Which haunting movement in Elgar's Enigma Variations is always played by the massed bands at the Cenotaph memorial service and other solemn occasions?
7. Which song by Boney M topped the charts in 1978? (Two possible answers.)
8. Found in Venezuela, what is the name of the world's highest waterfall?
9. Which John Steinbeck novel, featuring Adam Trask & his family, inspired a film of the same name starring James Dean in 1955?
10. How did Jacob know his brother was there? (Tongue in cheek answer)



Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark thanks its volunteers for their vital support during cost-of-living crisis

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Quiz Answers:

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| 1 Kane and Abel | 6 Nimrod |
| 2 Heights of Abraham | 7 Rivers of Babylon and Mary's Boy Child |
| 3 Martha | 8 Angel Falls |
| 4 Sark – which may well have belonged to Noah | 9 East of Eden |
| 5 Lot | 10 Because Esau (E saw) him |

11 All of the answers, either straightforward or hidden or phonetic, feature in The Bible

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council.

Draft Minutes of the Meeting 22/03/22

Present: Councillors:

M. Manning (chair), S. Hill, M. Hennell, J. Hill, S. Rose, J. Godson
R. Hennell

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)

S, Michael (District councillor)

B Perry (Thoresby Estate representative)

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were no absences.
Apologies from Mr Pringle were noted.
2. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 10 (Property matters – including sports field and Glebe Field maintenance and approval of licence).
There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
3. **Dispensations:** None required.
4. **10 Minutes public speaking:** No public present.
5. **Thoresby Estate report (if any):** Councillors welcomed Mr Perry to the meeting. He reported that:
 - a. Some concerns had been raised that the toilets would not be ready for the jubilee. The delay was because the Estate had been waiting for the right weather to undertake the works.
 - b. The interpretation boards around the village were being renewed. After discussing who was responsible for what, councillors agreed that there was some confusion regarding who was responsible for what stage of the renewal process. It was agreed that the first stage was a design. As a first step, the Visitor Centre would provide the content but the next stage would be to produce a design which would necessitate a professional service. The Visitor Centre will meet with Scott James of the Estate to take the boards further.
6. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 January 2022:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 November 2021 were agreed as a true record

and signed by the chair.

7. **Matters arising:** No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.
8. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Mrs Michael reported on the following:
 1. A s312 notice has been issued to the owner in respect of Old Bar Farmhouse. No further action may be taken during the notice period to allow the owner time to effect the repairs covered by the notice, which expires in August 2022. The owner is currently trying to sort funding.
 2. NSDC is making £25,000 available in grants for jubilee events.
 3. The new conservation area is due to be ratified on 23 March 2022.
 4. The spring Covid 19 booster programme is underway.
9. **Reports from councillors:** Councillors noted reports that:
 - a. Tyres have been tipped to the side of Green Lane, next to the sewage works' entrance
 - b. A manhole cover is missing outside numbers 1/2 Main Street
 - c. A streetlight is also out in that location
 - d. NCC had responded very quickly to the report of the hole by the gate at the bottom of Longsyke Lane. The clerk will report all.
10. **Annual Parish Meeting 2022** – Arrangements: After discussion, it was **decided** that:
 - a. The meeting should commence at 7.00 pm at the village hall, with the parish council annual meeting commencing at 7.30 pm.
 - b. Mr G Pierrepont of the Thoresby Estate should be invited to speak.The clerk will invite Mr Pierrepont.
11. **Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy and associated legal services:** Councillors were pleased that the hedge had been relaid and looked great. It will need to be monitored or the ivy will take over. The heap had been burnt so was no longer a problem. The clerk will chase Larken & Co for progress on the licence.

12. Planning matters:

- a. **Applications:** None
- b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC:**
 - i) **21/02514/HOUSE - Proposed replacement of windows and doors – Vicarage Cottage, High Street, Laxton** - Approval noted.
 - ii) **21/02354/FUL - CONVERSION OF EXISTING BARN TO FORM A SINGLE DWELLING – School Farm, High Street, Laxton** - Approval noted.

c. **Compliance:** No matters raised.

13. Defibrillator inspection report: Councillors noted that the battery was low. The clerk will order a new one. Councillors **authorised** payment up to £200 + VAT in advance.

14. Village environment and appearance, including:

- a. **Second defibrillator:** The chair had not received any suggestions in response to his article in the Open Field seeking residents' views on a second defibrillator. Councillors discussed additional defibrillator signage for the village and **approved** the purchase of three signs and the payment.
- b. **Use of telephone kiosk:** Again, the chair had not received any suggestions in response to his article in the Open Field seeking residents' views. The clerk reported that the kiosk was listed.
- c. **Bar Farmhouse:** See LMPC/26/22 (Reports from District and County Councillors) above
- d. **Jubilee event:** The clerk reported that the insurers had advised that the policy will cover simple jubilee celebrations, provided:
 - i) The event has no more than 500 people attending at any one time.
 - ii) All activities are properly risk assessed, and there are no unusually risky activities such as bouncy castles, fireworks, or a beacon.

Third party providers e.g. catering, have their own insurance in place.

It was reported that the Jubilee Committee had met the previous evening, 21 March 2022. The Dovecote landlord had not been able to attend but had agreed to shut the pub on Thursday 2 June 2022 with a village hog roast to take place on the car park. Entertainment would be needed for that evening. There was to be a meeting on 4 April 2022 to discuss an article for The

Open Field.

No event was planned for the Friday.

On the Saturday 4 June 2022 there was to be a street party with bring your own food. A road closure would be required.

The siting of beacons was discussed. It would need to be nearby to enable people to walk to it from the pub. The castle would not be appropriate because English Heritage would not permit it.

There is to be a royal themed scarecrow festival with prizes for ten best scarecrow and buntinged house.

On Sunday 5 June 2022, there will be a simple tree planting at, it was proposed, Glebe Field before an afternoon church service followed by an afternoon tea. Mr Perry kindly offered a tree on behalf of the Estate. Councillors agreed that Mr Pierrepont should be invited to plant the tree. Timings were agreed at 2pm until 3 pm. The clerk will issue the invitation.

Mr Perry offered to request a contribution from The Estate to the jubilee celebrations and Christmas 2022.

The clerk will order a flag. She will also submit an application for a grant from NSDC.

Having considered the plans, councillors **approved** and **endorsed** the proposed events and arrangements.

- e. Laxton Conservation Area Character Appraisal – Update:** Councillors noted that the consultation had supported the extension of the conservation area. Also discussed at LMPC/26/22 (Reports from District and County Councillors) above.

15. Financial position as at 28 February 2022:

- a. Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2022 (incorporating the 2021-22 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.
- b. Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** seven payments totalling £570.99.

16. **Service faults:** See LMPC/27/22 (Reports from councillors) above. Councillors noted that there would be four way signals Kersall to NW Woodhouse Road on 28 March 2022.
17. **Correspondence:** All items of correspondence noted together with the NCC minerals consultation.
18. **Agenda items for next meeting:** As above
19. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 24 May 2022

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Come along and find out about the 4th Duke of Newcastle and his wife Georgiana, 4th Duchess of Newcastle. Our volunteers are happy to welcome you to this historic place.

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Groups are welcome at other times by prior arrangement. Please contact us to arrange a visit with tea/coffee and cake to follow.

Our next event is our Summer Music Concert 7pm. on Sat. 16th July. Tickets £8 each. Please book now to reserve your seat! Contact us:

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Sunday 25th Sept - Georgiana Memorial Service ,2.30pm plus talk by Dr. Richard Gaunt followed by tea/coffee and cake. Please contact us to reserve your seat.

Sunday 25th Sept.- Sunday openings – season closes

Saturday 12th Nov. Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre 10am – 4pm.
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Saturday 3rd Dec. Carols by Candlelight at the later time of 4pm-5pm

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- ♦ **Yoga with Gregg** – Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Pay Gregg - £36 block of 6 sessions, £7 drop in. Info from Gregg: **07761 344250**.
- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Thursday 17th June in the Hall

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Michael Manning

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

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- ☆ **Royal Scarecrow**

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- **5pm, The Dovecote Inn: Hog Roast, & Bar**
- **9.45pm Beacon Lighting, by the Pinfold**

Friday 3rd June:

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Saturday 4th June from 12 o'clock:

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Sunday 5th June:

- **2:30 pm Planting Tree in Glebe Field next to the church**
- **3pm Songs of Praise in Church**
- **4:30pm Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall**
- **12 noon onward: Family Fun Day at The Dovecote Inn. All welcome**