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Michael Wood Award on 11th February 2019*

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Your contributions are always welcome. We can help if you are not sure how to write what you want to say.

CONTRIBUTIONS for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY 16th MARCH PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED.

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Letter From Revd. Phil

Going backwards to move forwards.

How often do you wish you were somewhere else? How often do you wish you were someone else?

I imagine for most of us the answer depends on the time of year, the work we do, the place we live and the quality of relationships we are in. It is hard to be content, and our media doesn't help.

At its most gentle, even daytime TV plays into our deep-set dissatisfactions with programmes like 'A Place in the Sun: Home or Away'. At its more uncomfortable, our discontents are hooked by ideas embodied in 'Keeping up with the Kardashians' or yet another round of self-loathing as we attempt to re-gain – if we ever had – our beach-body.

The answer we are given for our longings is to have more, to be somewhere else, or to be someone else.

Yet the media's answers to our longings are like trying to drive to our destination in reverse: slow at best, dangerous at worst, frustrating all the time, and just not what we are built for.

The season of Lent suggests a different approach, one that by some quirk of the divine indicates that reversing in the right direction is the way to the destination.

Lent starts with the ancient ceremony of "Ashing", where people have their foreheads crossed with the ashes of last year's Palm Crosses and are told "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ".

It is then followed by 40 days of "fasting" – of giving up; and is capped off by the Easter celebration, which is the time Christians remember the death and raising-to-life of Jesus.

The "sin" mentioned in the ashing ceremony is a funny word, and worth thinking about. It's not quite the same as "evil" (we know what that looks like). Sin is more like me doing archery – I try and point in the right direction, but the arrows rarely hit the bullseye, and often fall short.

Lent and Easter invite us to aim at a different target and to give up our small ambitions. Its message is that to get there we have to reverse, to give up, and to point in a new direction.

Doing that, just maybe we will come home to who we were always meant to be.

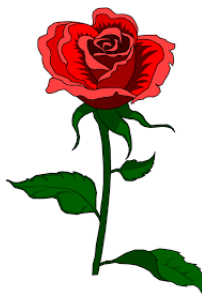
If that's not arriving, I don't know what is.

Blessings
Phil

From the Registers

The funeral of the late Keith Dutton was held on Monday 28th January at St Michael's Church, Laxton. The service was taken by lay minister Heather Brown and was followed by cremation in Ollerton.

Our sympathy goes to Ann, Pam, Caitlin, Jay and Cairo.



Thank You from the Duttons

Anne Dutton and family would like to thank everyone for their support and kind messages sent following the death of Keith in January.

It was lovely and comforting to see so many people at the service in church.

Thank you also to Heather Brown for a service which I know Keith would have enjoyed. He had a good long life - put a lot in and got a lot out.

I am very grateful and give thanks for the 65 years we shared together.

A Mark of Respect



Monday 28/1/19 saw a beautiful sunny cloudless sky and the church full of people saying good bye to Keith Dutton. A repost to the Dovecote and thanks to David and Linda who had lowered the flag to half mast.

Keith would have been very impressed with the whole day.

Thank You from Mavis Beckitt

Thank you so much to everyone who sent the good wishes, cards, flowers and gifts I received for my 'big ?0' birthday on 4th February. It was very emotional and humbling to know so many people were thinking of me and sending their good wishes. I had a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely, Mavis

'Open Field' understands that Mavis thought this occasion would pass unnoticed and she would simply mark it with her family, so she didn't get a mention last month. However, now her secret is well and truly out in the open, we would like to join all her many friends in wishing her many congratulations and many more celebrations.

Get Well Soon

We are very pleased to know that both Colin and Johnny are home from hospital as we write. We wish both a speedy return to good health and look forward to seeing them about the village soon.

Police Aid Recycle Bin



We have been using the Police Aid recycle bin situated at the Dovecote top car park since 2010 and the money we get for this is held in an account and is available for any projects to benefit Laxton.

If you have anything going spare, pop it in a bag and drop it in the bin please. If you are unable to take it yourself please

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Michael Manning

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

The following e-mail was received by the Parish Council Clerk for the Councils meeting on 22/1/19:



Michael Manning

Dear Catherine

Further to my last update with regard to the sale of the Laxton Estate we invited interested parties to submit formal "Expressions of Interest" by 20th December. We were very encouraged by the number of EoI's received and these are currently being reviewed.

It is the intention now to move forward and ask those interested parties for formal financial bids and more detailed proposals in terms of how they will look to preserve the Open Field System and Court Leet.

Once this information has been received, a short-listing process will take place followed by interviews which will be hosted by The Crown Estate.

Following the interviews it is likely that final bids will be requested. I can confirm that we have also updated DEFRA on progress to date.

Regards

Iain Mills

Senior Asset Manager

Parish Council - Rural Policing

We have invited Inspector Heather Sutton, the Newark Town Police Inspector to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on **TUESDAY 28/5/19** to give a talk.

7.30pm at the Visitor Centre, please come along.

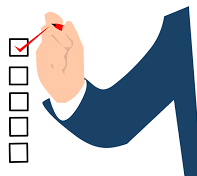
Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation service this year at Southwell Minster on Saturday 20th April 2019. If anyone is interested in being confirmed or would like more information about confirmation and taking Holy Communion in church then please get in touch with the Rev. Zoe Burton for more details. (01623 862818).

Church Electoral Roll

A new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 10th March 2019. The new roll will come into operation on Sunday 17th March 2019.

Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the Electoral Roll Officer, Brenda Noble, 01777 870541 or for more information please contact the Rev. Zoe Burton on 01623 862818.



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Village Hall Update

Great news!! The builders, Trio started work on the Hall on Valentine's Day, Thursday 14th February 2019 and by the time you read this they should be "well into it!!"

They expect to be finished by the end of July and we can't wait to see it.

We hope to be able to have some form of "official opening", if you have any ideas please let us know.

Joy and Dik have kindly agreed to produce us a pictorial account of the Project at all it's stages so many thanks to them for that.

Thanks go to Jeff Naylor and Roger Cottee for the images here to mark the start of works

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Give Ossington Art Group a try - see below

Remember to donate undies for Africa

- Feb 27th** Rotary Meal and Speaker - local crime author, Trevor Negus, South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm.
- Mar 1st** Village Hall Quiz Night, **EVH**
- Mar 2nd** Kirton Coffee Morning, 10.30, **Kirton Hall Farm**
- Mar 13th** WI Talk on Textile Art, 7.30pm, **EVH**
- Mar 13th** Talk on Newstead Abbey at Rotary, South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm.
- Mar 20th** History Group, The History of Busking, 7.30pm **EVH**
- Mar 28th** Talk from an Auctioneer at Rotary, South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm.

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre



Ossington Art Group

The group would welcome new members. Why not call in at the 'Hut' on a Monday 10am - 12, have a coffee and try your hand at painting or drawing? Our resident art tutor, Graham Laughton, will be on hand to help.

This is not a formal class as we all work at our own pace and in our own preferred mediums.

Ring Jean Johnson 01636 821192 or Graham Laughton 01777 472885 for more details.

**Our Group
Mothering Sunday
Service**



**at
Wellow Church
Sunday 31st March
2019**

at 10.30am

**Everyone welcome
Come and receive a posy of flowers**

**The
Palm Sunday Service
will be held at
Laxton Church on**

**Sunday 14th April
at
10.30am**

**Everyone will receive a
palm cross**



Final Wednesday Speaker Evenings with Meal



Following our successful crime themed speakers, a Forensic Pathologist, a CSI Scene of Crime Officer and an author of crime fiction, we are returning to more conventional entertainment in March with a speaker on the Webb family of Newstead Abbey on the 13th and an Auctioneer on the 27th. Transport continues to be available from Laxton to South Forest Leisure at Edwinstowe so if either of the speakers are of interest to you just contact me or I can meet you there.

Jeff (870601)

**Our Group
Hot Cross Bun Service
will be held in
Laxton Church
Good Friday**

19th April at 10.30am

**The service will be taken by the Rev.
Anna Alls**

**Followed by tea, coffee
& Hot Cross Buns**

Everyone welcome

Please bring the children along



Laxton History Group



The 50th meeting of Laxton History Group coincided with a presentation the TV presenter, Michael Wood, was giving on behalf of the Thoroton Society in Newark Town Hall. He generously donated his fee to us to do something worthwhile to promote history.

Some discussion later the Michael Wood Award was born. We made a link with Kneesall School where most Laxton children go and have historically gone since the closure of the school here. They welcomed our suggestion that they became our pilot school to run a scheme to encourage the children in their top class to research an historical subject of their own choosing and to produce a piece of work in any form to show what they had learned. They were actively encouraged to enlist the help of parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours and others to gather as much first hand knowledge as possible and to test the evidence they gathered to verify it as much as possible.

The school devoted some class time to the project and children worked on it at home in homework time, and from the evidence we saw, in their free time as well. The quality of the work presented to us when we went to the school to see what they had done was astonishing. Everyone received a small prize and three were selected by the school to receive the main Award for effort.

The project was deemed a great success by all concerned and, as there are two age groups in Kneesall's top class, two years later the project was repeated. Last year we extended the scope and worked with Norwell and Normanton Schools which operate under one Head Teacher.

This year it is Kneesall's turn once again and on a bright and sunny, if somewhat chilly, 11th February 31 young people and their teachers gathered in Laxton Visitor Centre to launch this round of the Award.

There was good



representation from the History Group to welcome them and to chat with them during the afternoon. Roger Cottee explained that the idea was for them to become detectives - to discover what they could by looking at the buildings and landscape in the village to read what it told them.

They began by completing a short questionnaire in the Visitor Centre, researching from the displays there then set off across the road to look at Cross Hill and the Victoria Jubilee tree.

The walk continued along High Street, round the yards at Blacksmith's Cottage and Ivy House Farm, the former shop and school and the church down to Corner Farm.

It was interesting for those of us for whom school days are a distant memory to see how the children's minds worked as Roger asked leading questions to get them thinking about what they saw. It was also



encouraging to see the enthusiasm with which they responded and equally encouraging to see the enjoyment the teachers got from the experience.

The funds originally donated by Michael Wood and now supplemented by the History Group not only provide the prizes for

the children, but pay for the coach to get them here which would otherwise be a considerable strain on tight school finances. So at the end of their afternoon in Laxton the children climbed aboard to return to school and to begin this year's projects. We look forward to seeing what they discover and to visiting them in April to see their work.

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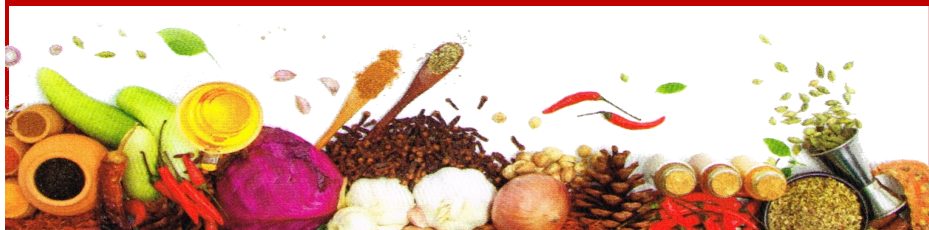


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Michael Manning



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Tuxford Young Farmers



Once again we have had a busy month. We started with a road safety night given by Notts Young Farmers Group, and the following week took us to Newark Superbowl for an evening of ten pin bowling. In view of an upcoming sport day our next activity was a netball practice night and on the Saturday we were in competition with Collingham, Cropwell, and Papplewick clubs, but despite the practice I don't think we scored many points.

Saturday the 9th of February was our fund raiser with a 'Bangers and Bingo' Night.

Our charity this year is Forget-Me-Nots in Tuxford. A representative attended the night and give a talk on the aim of the charity and how they run activities and days out for those who are suffering from dementia. All the work is funded by donations so we hoped to raise some funds for them. Over 70 people were served bangers and mash and a huge selection of desserts made by members, mums and grannies.

Now we got down to the serious business of bingo. Lines and full house were played and we had some unusual rhyming terms for the numbers.

Winners of a line were Steve Bartle and Forget-Me-Nots who also won a full house. Other full house went to Stuart Rose and Joyce Stone. Many thanks to callers Daisy, Kate, Jess, Ben and Nick.

The raffle was well supported and the prizes were spread across a wide variety of people with Leo winning the tub of sweets he'd had his eye on all night. Well done Leo. An auction of a painting and picture of a Wellington bomber signed by the ground crew raised a total of £90.

A huge thanks to all in the kitchen, ticket sellers, Stuart and Sylvia Rose for cooking sausages and helping on the servery. There are too many to mention so we say a great big thank you to all who helped with food and donated raffle prizes. Last but not least thank you to all who supported us and made it a great night. **GOOD NEWS** the evening raised **£1000** for our charity. Well done every-one.

If you would like to join us meetings are Wednesdays 7-30 at Hall Farm Weston.



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Please be assured that the collection is ongoing. Several people have said they are going to source more items from their offspring's work places which broadens the scope so thanks again and I'll report back later in the year with a progress report.

If you have anything to donate to this collection, please drop off at School House, Laxton, next to the Village Hall on High Street.

Coffee Morning

14th March 10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 14th March at Farms Cottage, beside Corner Farm at the bottom of the village



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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Es = Evensong WfA = Worship for All

3rd Mar Sunday next before Lent

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4pm Wellow **Es**

10th Mar Lent 1

10.30am Laxton HC

4pm Egmonton **Es**

17th Mar Lent 2

9am Egmonton HC

10.30am Wellow HC

3pm Phil talking about his experience in Natal
 – St Paulinus Hall

24th Mar Lent 3

9am Laxton HC

10.30am Kirton HC

31st Mar Mothering Sunday

10.30am Wellow **WfA**

Ash Wednesday services: Holy Communion with ashing:

10am St Giles Ollerton Village

7pm Egmonton

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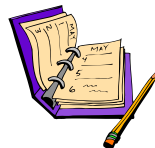
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| Mar 1 st | Village Hall Quiz | @ Egmonton VH |
| Mar 13th | WI | @ Egmonton VH |
| Mar 14th | Coffee Morning | |
| Mar 20th | History Group | @ Egmonton VH |
| Mar 25th | MU | |
| Mar 26th | Parish Council | Visitor Centre |



Forward Planning

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| <i>Alternate months, 4th Tuesday</i> | <i>Parish Council</i> |
| Sat / Sun May 11th & 12th | Newark Show |
| Tues May 28th | APM & Rural Policing Talk |
| Sat 28th Sept | Southwell Ploughing Match |

Copy Date for April: 16th March.

Please ensure we receive your contributions for the magazine by this date. We cannot guarantee to publish anything received later. We appreciate receiving items as early as possible.
Thank you.

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Our February meeting began well with another big birthday presentation of flowers to Mavis "special" birthday. Judy has decided to take a rest from committee duties and Joyce will take over the Register and the Competition, which will now be scored 1st - 6 points, 2nd - 4 points, 3rd - 2 points, all others 1 point.

Anna reported on the Bingo night she attended and Brenda told that 4 members would attend the Spring Council Meeting on 3rd April with speaker Jonathon Moseley. The Denman Dip will be drawn there. Members should put £1 in a named envelope by the next meeting to take part.

Lesley has sent her poem for the Canada Cup to County for judging. Brenda read out the national winning entry for the Lady Denman Cup, for which Jackie had written our entry.

Our Newark Show entry on the theme Alice in Wonderland is coming on well. Lesley had produced a backdrop and found a very unusual teapot. 4 members will have a go at the individual lemon drizzle cake competition. We have applied for tickets to 'Triple Target' (Archery, slingshot, air pistol) and a new course in embroidered pictures.

Our own party will now be on Friday 5th April at Egmonton Village Hall, cost £16, and a menu choice was circulated. Sandra has booked the entertainment.

Brenda then welcomed back Stephen John, who had previously given us a wonderful talk on masks. This time his subject was 'The Fundamentals of Puppets'.

Stephen said that Hollywood had cast puppets as horrific, which was certainly not the case. Different materials are important in puppet making both in texture and noise. He demonstrated the noise black plastic bags made being pulled through the air and told us a moving story of their use in therapy dealing with demons after the Indonesian tsunami. People expressed

their feelings by hitting bags representing the tsunami with sticks. Stephen emphasised how important imagination is and that the skill of the puppeteer is to disappear so the audience only really see the puppet. Colour creates atmosphere i.e. sad, angry or retiring and showed us this simply using a linen rag folded in a face-like knot. Finger puppets tell a story, and are particularly useful for children. He said that he teaches people to use puppets starting with a rag doll "grounded" e.g. on a table. A sense of "breathing" is important to start



to believe in it. Almost anything he said can become a puppet, which he demonstrated. Even with a couple of dusters you can tell a story that is believable and that people can use their imagination watching. English puppetry has existed for centuries. We saw a lovely set of Punch & Judy puppets though Punch himself originated in Italy. Stephen gave us a wonderful demonstration of shadow puppets with many different characters. He said at home a sheet across a doorway could be used as a screen. Stephen started teaching children to make shadow puppets but finds that these days children were less adept at using their hands with scissors etc., which was interesting.

His "Tall Lady" has a wonderful headpiece which Stephen put on and some enormous wooden hands. He told us a very moving story of how these hands had let him make a connection with an autistic child and when, after several sessions, he introduced a dance teacher with him, the child was up dancing.

Stephen talked about very large puppets i.e. larger than the village hall. These can develop people's engineering skills and he referred to a well known French group. Many puppeteers are needed to manage these puppets.

Stephen produced a character well known to some of the audience -



Muffin the Mule - who was very old and made of metal. He showed a Mexican version of Little Red Riding Hood called the Maid of Mariposa whose body was a lemonade bottle with a polystyrene head and wooden spoons for arms.

To end his talk, Stephen produced a wonderful puppet dog, which he had moving amongst the audience. This had been the star of the Nottingham Puppet Festival and entranced us all.

Brenda thanked Stephen for a wonderful evening. He then judged the competition and awarded first place to Lesley with a great

display of finger puppets and Anna second place with "Basil Brush". The speaker at the next meeting on 14th March will be Jan Garside with 'Textile Art'. The competition will be for a home made craft item.

Blue Badge Applications - Warning



Trading Standards have been alerted to a website that is offering to assist with Blue Badge applications for a charge of £49 to residents. The

website concerned has been appearing in google searches. This website is not associated with the Blue Badge scheme.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind people that applications for a blue badge should only be made via:

www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

If any Nottinghamshire resident requires further assistance with their application please see:

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Lonely Hearts Romance Fraudster Alert

If you use online dating sites beware the other person may be using a fake ID. They may use the site to gain your trust and ask you for money or enough personal information to steal your identity.

A former dating fraudster explained how they would create fake accounts on social media so that their details matched and could be searched. By appearing real their fake persona prospective partners could corroborate it by searching their background and believe them to be genuine. The fraudster said:

"People like to say it won't happen to me. I make sure all my conversations are bespoke. I will show insecurity myself about trusting people and this helps allude to them that I'm genuine. I use various online directories to find out about the person. Once I have enough, I use it to milk everything I can using their details or sell them on to other fraudsters via the dark web". The

fraudster suggested

"Ask them to send you another photo of themselves with their thumbs up or waving. It's hard to do if it's not an original picture"

Always be Wary and don't reveal too much personal information on these sites.

Parish Council - Dog Fouling

We are continuing to get incidents of dog fouling around the church yard/Chapel Lane. At the Parish Council meeting on 22/1/19 we decided to purchase a further dog waste bin and site it in the corner of the churchyard and the Twitchill footpath

Could we ask that if anyone sees incidents of people allowing their dog to foul, please report it to either the Clerk to the Parish Council or any Parish Councillor.

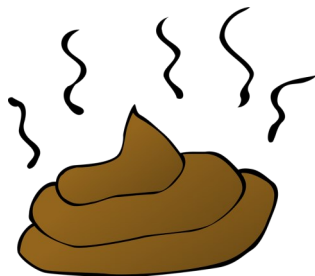
Thank you

Michael Manning

We also received the following item from a resident:

As a dog owner myself I am DISGUSTED with the dog owners who aren't 'picking up' after their dogs!!! Admittedly it could be non-residents of the village, but whoever it is, PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!!!!

(Name supplied)



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The Dukeries Singers

Having walked to deliver a parcel to a friend, I was pleased to find that the sprinkle of snow had all but disappeared. The broken wrist from the fall last September regularly haunts me!



After the snowdrops and crocus, the hellebores and daffodils have triumphantly fanfared their way into Spring and there are new shoots appearing every day.

We have gained a few new choir members too, which is always pleasing. It is a joy to share our love of singing with like minded people and we hope they enjoy their time with the choir.

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 have a concert performance confirmed for the 6th April 2019. This will be a joint Concert with the Newstead Abbey Singers, to be given at St.Paulinus Church in Ollerton.

We sing for all sorts of occasions and our Secretary, Pauline, on **07951 609217**, would be delighted to hear from you if you wish to book us for your Anniversary, Celebration, Fund Raising Event, Charity or just "a bit of a do." You can find us on

thedukeriessingers.com Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

I wish you all a super well sprung Spring.

Jan

Laxton Article

Prof. John Beckett of Nottingham University has had an article about Laxton, and in particular Liz Moore's swearing on to the Jury or Homage, published by the British Agricultural History Society. If anyone would like to read it, here is the link. You want p 5/6

www.bahs.org.uk/RHT/RHT%20issue%2036.pdf

How Old Are You?

Can you remember:-

Walking to school, 2 to 3 miles away, in short trousers or skirts, on a very cold winter's day such as this.

Wading your way through snow drifts, hedge high. or walking on top and sinking in.

Getting the hot aches in toes and fingers as you thawed out. painful.



One fire in a large schoolroom and the teacher stands in front of it.

Going to school on horseback to give the horses some exercise in snowy weather.

Life with no electricity? Candles! Smelly paraffin lamps.

Candle fluttering out as you went upstairs, total darkness, fears of the bogeyman.

Icy cold bedrooms and icicles on the inside of windows.

Cuddling the brick, heated in the side oven and now wrapped and placed in the bed.

Going outside and 'round the back, cross the yard or down the garden,' for the lav',

Candle blowing out en route, pitch black, frightened, wishing someone had gone with you.



And the newspaper! What did people use before newspaper?

Getting up at 6 o'clock or earlier, to light the fire, especially the copper in the back kitchen.

Being glad, on a sharp frosty morning like this, of the hot steamy atmosphere in there, when you came back in from hanging the clothes out. How else to get them dry?



Pumping water for all the beasts, now yarded for the winter. Gallons and gallons and gallons of it.

Huddling round the one fire in the kitchen, backs of your legs cold, the fronts scorched and mottled..

Singling row after row of mangolds or sugar beet, setting and picking potatoes. Backache!

Feeding hens and collecting eggs. Only being allowed one a week, on a Sunday morning.

Bread and butter or bread and jam. Not both. Or bread and dripping! Or

bread pudding. I still like them.

Pig killing times and all the traditions and customs that went with it.



Sunday School Anniversaries, all dressed up in Sunday best. Recitations and songs to learn. And so many more!

Have you one abiding memory of something that happened in your childhood? Good or bad?

For me, 3rd September 1939. Dad had to be told that 11 o'clock was approaching and fetched from the yard. We all sat round the kitchen table, aware, even as children, that something momentous was about to happen. The wireless was switched on and we listened in sombre silence. Then at 11.15am, the words, 'I have to tell you now that this country is at war with Germany.'

We children did not realise the consequences but our parents had memories of World War One.

MWS

Dukeries Woodturning Society

Our AGM heard of the club's great success in every way since moving to the Jubilee Hall in Ollerton. Our finances are looking stable and suggest that we can enter the year ahead anticipating an interesting and successful programme of demonstrators and opportunities.

We have just invested in a second projector and screen so that in future we will be able to see two different views of what is happening on the lathe at the same time. This is a real bonus as it means everyone gets a far better view even than standing beside the demonstrator, yet from the comfort of their seat.

It is a great time for anyone thinking of joining to come along and make the most of the annual membership of £15. This entitles you to enjoy the excellent professional demonstrators, many of whom come a considerable distance to share their skills with us and also our quarterly 'hands on' nights when you can have a go on our lathe. We welcome all ages and levels of experience for a free taster night, after which it costs just £5 a time.

We hope to see you at the **Jubilee Hall, Ollerton on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm**. In March on 20th there is one of our 'hands on' evenings and on 27th we welcome Ray Jones to demonstrate to us.

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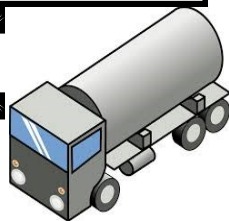
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We have sadly had a raft of numbers become available due partly to the sad passing of some long term supporters of the draw. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: 1, 2, 11, 24, 26, 28, 42, 46, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 59.

Please contact Ken Shep on 870605 / Mike Manning 870844.

Group Oil Order

The New Year was popular with 28 people ordering and a couple who would have done so having to order a week or so earlier. The total ordered was over 21,000 litres at a price of 45.85p/litre. The top quote received on the day was 49.23 p/litre, which was actually more than the national 1000 litre price from Boilerjuice.



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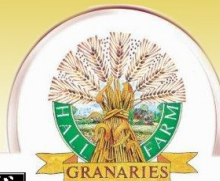
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Michael Manning

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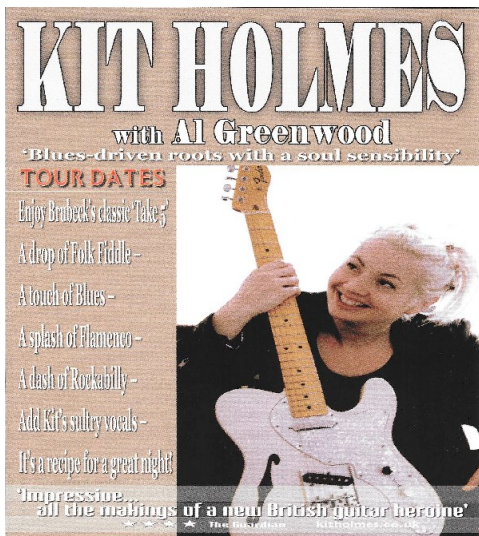
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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held 22/1/19

NB the Minutes which appear here are in draft and have not been seen or approved by the Councillors at the time of printing.

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk),

S. Michael (District councillor)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr M Hennell and Mr Brown.
2. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 10 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 13 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

3. **Dispensations:** None required.
4. **10 Minutes public speaking:** No public present. Reports to councillors of dog mess in the churchyard and Chapel Lane vicinity were noted. Councillors **agreed** to discuss the matter under item 13 (Village environment).
5. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 27 November 2018:** The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
6. **Matters arising:** *LMPC/103/18 – Public speaking* – Councillor Michael reported that the NSDC officer needed access to the property adjoining Bar Farmhouse to be able to assess its condition. She will contact the adjoining landowner.

All other action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising

7. Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Pringle:

- a. Reported that the 50 mph speed limit on A616 was being effected. He will make enquiries regarding the siting of the 30 mph speed limit signs in Laxton first raised by the clerk with NCC in January 2018.
- b. Expressed concern regarding the appropriateness of NCC as a landowner of the Laxton estate.
- c. Reported that £18.6m was being made available to improve the six junctions on A614 between Ollerton and Lowdham. Mrs Michael reported that:
 - i) NSDC's fiftieth council house had been built.
 - ii) A £2.1m care facility is to be built in Ollerton
 - iii) The unitary council proposal had been suspended for the time being.

8. Reports from councillors: Mr Hill reported on the matters discussed at the recent SNG meeting which included a spate of rural burglaries in the surrounding area. Property owners were reminded of the importance of securing their premises and buildings. It was also noted that diesel was being stolen from lorries parked on A1 in the course of which the bordering land is being damaged. It was noted that landowners are taking steps to reinforce the boundaries with the road.

An incident of fly tipping at the entrance to the sewage works on Moorhouse Road. The clerk will report the matter to NSDC.

Councillors discussed the issue of crime and local policing strategy. They **decided** that the new police inspector, Heather Sutton, should be invited to the March 2019 meeting

9. Financial Matters:

- a. **Financial position as at 31 December 2018:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2018 (incorporating the

2018-19 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against the reserve bank statement.

- b. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** ten payments totalling £811.86.
- c. **Appointment of internal auditor:** Councillors **agreed** that Mr Roe **To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2019/20 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 2020:** Councillors considered the financial information provided by the clerk. Councillors unanimously **decided** to retain the precept at £4600.
- d. **2019-20 insurance arrangements:** Councillors reviewed the renewal documentation. Councillors **decided** to enter into the 2019-20 insurance contract with Zurich

10) **Property matters including sports field:** Nothing to report.

11) **Planning matters:**

- a. **Applications:** None
- b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC:** None.
- c. **Compliance:** No issues raised

12) **Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:** Councillors noted the contents of the Crown Estate's update dated 17 January 2019, in particular that:

- a. An encouraging number of Expressions of Interest had been received
- b. Interested parties will be asked to submit formal financial bids and more detailed proposals in terms of how they will look to preserve the Open Field System and Court Leet.
- c. Once this information has been received, a short-listing process will take place followed by interviews which will be hosted by The Crown Estate.
- d. Following the interviews it is likely that final bids will be requested.
- e. It was confirmed that tenants had also received update letters from the Crown Estate.

13) **Village environment and appearance, including:**

- a. **Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that the Lottery Fund had approved the revised plans. A contractor is due to commence the revised works within the next two weeks which should be completed within five months.
- b. **Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application:** Councillors noted the contents of Mr Keeling of NCC's email dated 21 January 2019. Mr Hill confirmed his understanding from his discussions with Mr Keeling that, in view of the traditional design of the fingerpost, unlike a village entrance sign, no consents are required and the only outstanding matter is the siting of the brown cycle way signs. In that regard, it has been decided to leave the current post where it is with the brown signs remaining to avoid spoiling the traditional appearance of the new post with modern metal signs. .
- c. **Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:** No developments.
- d. **Fibre broadband for Moorhouse:** Mr Pringle reported that he is pressing for Moorhouse to be included in a £1m bid for funding to upgrade non-fibre areas.

Councillors referred to their discussions at LMPC/121/19 above (Public speaking). They **agreed** that, in the interests of the village environment, a new dog bin should be installed at the west end of the twitchell at the churchyard. The clerk will place an order.

- 14) **Service faults including landline telephone service and issues:** The clerk will report that the drain outside phone box on High Street is sunken and not clearing properly.
- 15) **Correspondence:** Item b – Newark Community First Aid – First aid training – The clerk will accept the offer of training but deferred to autumn 2019 when the village hall will be open again. All other items of correspondence noted.
- 16) **10 Minutes public speaking time:** The May 2019 elections were noted. The clerk will produce an explanatory note for the March 2019 meeting. Elections to be an agenda item for the March meeting.
- 17) **Agenda items for next meeting:** As above.
- 18) **Date of next meeting:** 7.30 pm on 26 March 2019

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This month we have a pony who decided to share rather than deliver the food on offer. When Emily decided she needed a snack while out riding, Buttercup came in for his share too! Thanks to Joyce for this charming photo taken by Amanda.

Laxton History Group Present
Laxton Mummers Play
at Egmonton V.H. with the 2019 AGM
plus a two course dinner
Friday 12th April, 7.00pm
£7 per person
Booking essential for catering
Please pay for your tickets to Jean or Joy
Tel 870276 / 871506