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Contributions for the next edition to be with the Editor by **NOON ON 16th APRIL PLEASE**. Earlier preferred. You can send in your contributions at any time.



# **Palm Sunday Group Service**

**Laxton Church**

**Sunday 29th March**

**10.30am**

**The service will be led by Rev Alistair**

**Everyone will receive a palm cross**



# **Group Service for Easter Sunday**

**5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Kirton Church**

**10.30am**

**Rev Alistair will take the service**

**Everyone is very welcome**

# Get Well Soon

We send very best wishes to both Margaret Noble and Daphne Sanford, who have spent some time in hospital. We wish both a speedy return to full health and look forward to seeing them soon,

# Subscriptions for your Magazine

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2026 subscription. This is the final call for payment from those who have yet to pay. No further magazines will be delivered without payment.

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*Jean*

## Coffee Morning Corner

2nd Saturdays Egmonton Village Hall 10 - 12 14th Mar

3rd Saturdays Laxton Village Hall, 10:00 - 12:00 21st Mar

4th Saturdays Ossington Hut, 11 - 1 28th Mar  
This event will include a Book Swap

Ossington Luncheon Club at the Hut 12.45pm 23rd March



**Group Mothering  
Sunday Service**

**15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Walesby Church**

**10.30am**

**The service will be led by Rev Alistair  
Everyone is very welcome**



**There will be a service of  
Easter Praise**

**On 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Moorhouse Church**

**3.00pm**

**Heather B will lead the service  
Everyone is very welcome**

# Laxton Community Coffee Morning

Our March Laxton Community Coffee Morning is on **Saturday 21st between 10-12 noon** or thereabouts.



This will be a charity fund raiser for Barnados, but more importantly it is in memory of Karen Sanford. This event will also mark three years since the coffee mornings began. The "team" of regular bakers and volunteers do hope you will support the event in recognition of Karen's friendship and wholehearted participation in village life.

Karen was not only a founding member of the coffee mornings, but also a Village Hall Trustee. There will be a raffle. Any prizes would be gratefully received by Helen Sheard or any other member of the "team".



In a final note, we have learned that our coffee morning donations qualify for "Gift Aid", so we will be offering this option in the future.

## Churchyard Request

Despite the persistently wet weather since Christmas, Dave S has already mowed the church yard a number of times. Is there anyone who would be willing to share the task of strimming around the grave stones?

A number of individuals volunteer to keep the church yard spick and span but "many hands make light work" as they say. If you can help in any way, please get in touch. Thank you.





## Chop & Chat

The February meeting saw a bumper turn out with 23 diners filling the long central table. There is still room for expansion if anyone who has been wondering about coming plucks up the courage.

Fortunately most of the regulars who had suffered from the 'flu around Christmas time had recovered and were more than ready for a get together.

Dave is already the group's hero for the way he apparently effortlessly delivers almost 30 meals without getting in the slightest bit flustered. Yes, the sums don't add up, but he also makes enough to send out plated meals to those who are unable to come, and there are usually seconds as well.

His rating went up a notch when we discovered that he had gone off for the vegetables for the meal almost the minute he and Helen returned from their holiday.

That's dedication Dave, so a big thank you from everyone.

This time it was bangers and mash by special request. Not just any old bangers, but the delicious ones that The Country Victualler at Tuxford supply. You can tell they are good because they are more or less the same size after





they have been cooked as they are before you start - and they are not swimming in fat.

Needless to say, the choppers had to be kept busy, so there was the usual selection of veg to be peeled and cut up as well as onions for the gravy. The spread included Yorkshire puddings, but they were cheat ones. Nobody was standing beating batter!. It was a bit of a squeeze to get it all into the heated trays!

This month Dave had roped in daughter Angelina to help out and she had made a delicious peach crumble and custard. She was very happy to help, and readily agreed that as a student, free food was incentive enough to help out. Her delicious peach crumble proved very popular although it seems there are some who will enthusiastically eat Christmas pudding at any time of year.

The news just got better, because since we have started to pay towards the costs, Dave keeps a kitty and it was sufficiently full that Dave declared no charge this time.

Thanks to everyone who helped serve, wash up, mash, arrange the furniture and generally make it another very enjoyable few hours.

Special thanks to Dan S, for arranging the purchase and delivery of the sausages.

As you can see from the photos, even "prep" is fun! The next get together will be on **March 2nd** starting from around 10.30-11am.

We eat around 12.45pm. If you wish to avoid the "chopping", which of course you may, please join us by about 12.30pm.

Please let Helen know if you will be there for catering numbers.



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*Congratulations to everyone celebrating a special event this month. We wish you all a wonderful day and a happy and healthy year to come.*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

*Congratulations to everyone celebrating in March. The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Stuart Clarke, Sandra Clarke, George Noble, Jacqueline Smith, Geoff Rose, Roy S, Janet G, Annie Marsh, Isla Hennell and Janette Tate.*

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

*Celebrating this months are: Stuart and Sandra Clarke and Wayne and Mel Voce .*

*If you would like your special event recognised here, please let me know the details.*



*Brenda*

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# Village Hall News



“Chop & Chat” still has a few more first Mondays of the month to run before we let Dave escape to his summer jobs. The next one will be on **Monday 2nd March**, starting around 10.30am.

This is our monthly luncheon club and will be taking place in Laxton Village Hall. The charge is a £5 per person which covers a morning coffee and two course lunch.

## Quiz

The next Village Hall Quiz is being held on **Friday 6th. March**. We start at **7 for 7.30pm** and the cost is £10 per person, covering the normal Country Victualler pie, jacket potato and pea supper plus dessert (there are vegetarian options available as well). It is BYO drinks etc.

Please contact Ian Robinson (**07771 696248**) if you have not yet booked your team / place. These popular events book up very quickly.

There will be the usual raffle, Any donations of prizes are welcome. As at previous events, we will bundle up prizes to minimise time the drawing of the raffle will take.

We look forward to seeing you. All proceeds from the quiz and raffle go towards the running costs of the Laxton Village Hall.

The “**Pilates**” class is run by Rachel, who asks for 4-week block bookings up front which cost £28 for the block or £8.50 for an individual session.

Please contact Helen Sheard if you are interested. It is held at Laxton Village Hall on Thursday evenings from 18:30 to 19:30. It is aimed at all levels, so beginners are very welcome. Get in touch if you are interested.

## It's YOUR Hall for YOUR events

Laxton Village Hall can be hired to host any form of event. All details can be found on the Laxton Village Hall website [www.laxtonvh.org.uk](http://www.laxtonvh.org.uk).

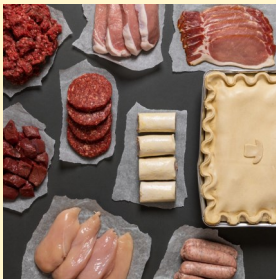
The Facilities tab shows what is available. The Bookings tab has the details of rates (which are discounted for village residents) as well as a booking calendar where you can check to see if the date / time you are interested in is currently free. There is a booking enquiry form for you to complete with the details of your event.

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## Other news

Laxton Village Hall is now a good cause in the Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery. You can all sign up for a chance to win and to support the Village Hall starting at £1 per week. For each ticket sold, our good cause gets 60p.



For more info use the QR code, or the link below. [It's a great way to support your village hall.](https://www.newarkandsherwoodlottery.co.uk/referral/1499120727/192397949?utm_source>manual)

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As ever, thank you all for your continued support. The Hall is a great asset to our community and we encourage you all to make use of it. Our goal as trustees of the Hall is *“Managing and maintaining Laxton Village Hall for the benefit of the community of Laxton, Nottinghamshire and the surrounding villages”*. We urge you all to make the most of it.

The Village Hall trustees are: Ian Robinson, Lesley Booth, Stuart Rose, Charlotte Gregory, Margaret Palmer, Sarah Stringer, Helen Pick, Linda Malloy, Karen Singleton and Heidi Keay.

## New Website for Reporting Cyber Crime and Fraud.

Are you aware that there is now a new website to report cyber crime and fraud to the police?

Report Fraud is the new service that has replaced Action Fraud.

You can report cyber crime or fraud using their online reporting service at any time of the day or night.

In addition to reporting, the website contains detailed information on different types of fraud and cyber crime, how to recognise common tactics used by criminals, and best practice tips for staying safe online. Please visit the website to find out more. If you have any questions or need help navigating the new service feel free to get in touch.



<https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>

# News From The Museums of Tuxford

Collections in museums are ever expanding, telling social history stories. We often get great pleasure from memories of the past. The importance of time is something that never changes. Taking time to share memories or enjoy things that bring us pleasure creates bonds with others.

**The Museum of the Horse** has a fitting new addition to the collection. Something similar probably hung in the old Newcastle Arms in its coaching days. The tavern clock was sometimes known as an 'Act of Parliament clock', when it was incorrectly thought they were developed in response to Pitts 1797 tax on clocks.



They date from the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, when they were a comparatively rare curiosity. The main feature of these clocks is their very large, simple face. This one measures 60cm across. Some are five feet in diameter. They used to hang in coaching inns so people could check their pocket watches and didn't miss the coach.

**The Walks of Life Museum** Lego train track has inspired us to have a day of play for all ages. Did you know Lego comes from the Danish word Leggodt meaning 'play well'. Developed in 1932 by Ole Kirk Kristianson, a carpenter who started making wooden toys.

## EVENT

**Celebrating Model Railways Saturday 14th March 11am -3.30 pm**  
come along and experience model railways from push along to battery from the 1940s to the 2000s. See if you can solve the shunting puzzles. Free admission. Refreshments. Donations welcome.

The 'Big Help Out' at Tuxford is a community litter pick on Sunday 29th March. Meet in the Market place at 11am.

The Big Help Out is the UK's biggest volunteering weekend, encouraging actions to help improve everyone's local area. It builds connections and friendships through simple fun activities. Could you do something in your community? Town councils support activities. For more information see <https://www.thebighelpout.org.uk>

The Walks of Life Museum has been busy working on the house with the Pinnacle training project, encouraging learning and practical work using traditional building skills. We are delighted that they have a stone mason apprentice. As an educational trust we support students.



Recently young people did a presentation at the museum about their work experience on the railway test track. We also welcomed three Nottingham University students on placement. They are undertaking research on the museums collection.

See both museums Facebook pages for updates as to how we are developing

Both Museums offer free entry,

**Museum of The Horse** Monday-Friday 9.30 - 4 pm, Saturday closes 1.30pm

Contact: 01777 838234 or [curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk](mailto:curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk)

**Walks of Life** Thursday and Saturday 11am - 4 pm

Contact: 01777 872776 or [dianehunt08@btinternet.com](mailto:dianehunt08@btinternet.com)

Group visits on other days by arrangement



## Laxton & Moorhouse

### Community Coffee Morning

All are welcome for coffee and cakes

Laxton Village Hall 10:30am - 12:30

**March 21st**

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

July 25th

September 19th

October 17th

November 21st

December the

# THIS MONTH'S SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

## MARCH

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> March

10.30am	Laxton	H/C	?
4.00pm	Wellow	E/P	Rev. Richard

### 8<sup>th</sup> March

10.30am	Kirton	HC	Rev Alistair
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### 15<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday

10.30am	Walesby	Group Service	Rev Alistair
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### 22<sup>nd</sup> March

10.30am	Wellow		?
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### 29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

10.30am	Laxton	Group Service	Rev Alistair
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday

	Wellow		?
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### 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday

10.30am	Kirton	Group Service	Rev Alistair
3.00pm	Moorhouse	Family Service	Heather B

### 12<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am	Egmanton	HC	Rev Alistair
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# MARCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## MARCH

<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Chop &amp; Chat</b>
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Village Hall Quiz Night</b>
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI</b>
<b>Weds 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group</b>
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning 3rd Anniversary Charity event</b>
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Parish Litter Pick</b>
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Parish Council <i>NB change of date, venue is LVH</i></b>



## Forward Planning:

## APRIL

<b>Weds 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI</b>
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group</b>
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI Fashion Show</b>

## Regular Events:

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

**Copy Date for April 2026 edition:  
12 noon, 16th March 2026**

*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.*



# Laxton WI Go Back to Back

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

On 11th February our evening speakers were Emma and Lewis from Edwinstowe Chiropractors, now known as the Spinal Health Clinic. Emma's mum Heidi started the chiropractors with her late husband Chris, and it is still very much a family business with Emma, Lewis and Kieran carrying on the tradition of welcoming and friendly care.

The introduction of the subject was lucid, informative and in blissfully understandable language. This prompted questions, which were fully answered and provided us with many insights. Some of Emma's demonstrations of old techniques using Lewis gave us quite a few chuckles.

The analogy that Lewis used was that the spine is the M1 of communication to the whole of the body and that interruption of the flow of response will result in pain or malfunction. Keeping the spine in health and conformation is the key. Minute and gentle adjustments will achieve this at all ages.

They treat babies to nonagenarians, each treatment geared to the individual requirement.

We learned a massive amount and each example was demonstrated in a humorous and lively manner. Just ask any of our members about 'slipped discs' and their response will be graphic and unexpected – first find your soft inflatable ball.

The emphasis is placed firmly on self help in many ways: a. we don't drink enough water; and b. we don't breathe properly. The approach is holistic and very accessible. Assessment



before treatment is painstaking and incredibly detailed.

One of the tests in the assessment is a posture check, and this was available to everyone on the evening. Lewis and Emma were soon in the thick of more questions as they measured whether people were standing in the best way. Many people were surprised, if not shocked, to discover how slanted or out of line their hips or shoulders were.

All this information, help and guidance were given to us by two very committed professionals. That they did this with such charm and humour is a credit to them both. So thank you, Emma and Lewis.

Edwinstowe Chiropractic Spinal Health Clinic announced a special offer to those people present at the meeting. So those who joined us on the evening should just mention this if they get in contact with them.

It was a busy meeting that evening. We have reinstated the monthly raffle and the competition. This invites members and guests to display an item usually related to the topic of the talk and points will be awarded. This month we had a display of anonymous photographs of members in their extreme youth, and the identities had to be guessed at. The person who guessed the most won. While people were buzzing around the room (much chatting going on), refreshments were being served. There must be all sorts of trendy words to describe the 'ambience' – we just had a good time.

Next month our speaker will be taking the subject of Meadow Plants and Flowers. Plants will be available for purchase, and the talk will surely cheer us up with the prospect of Spring and some colour in the grey days we have been having of late.

The competition is for an illustration or arrangement of natural, wild or Spring plants. So come along on 11th March. You will be most welcome.

Also coming along is the **Fashion Show** – always a very popular event. Please note that we have had to change from the date previously published. The date will now be **Wednesday 29th April** and doors will open at **7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**. Tickets will be **£6.00**, which includes light refreshments, and there will be a raffle. This is always an entertaining evening. Apart from a chance to grab some incredible bargains, it gives the opportunity for some of our more extrovert members to 'strut their stuff' and display their inner Naomi Campbell on the catwalk. Not to be missed!

# Laxton History Group



Past experience taught us that people don't willingly come to meetings on the dark, cold evenings of January, so for some years we have not had a January meeting. With no December meeting because it falls too close to Christmas, members were enthusiastic about a get together during the day.

This was put to the vote at our November meeting and as a result we met at the Birds' Nest Coffee Lounge at Hall Farm Weston. We were allocated the upstairs room to ourselves, which was lovely because everyone could move around and chat. Unfortunately not everyone was able to make the stairs, so a small group also sat downstairs.

It was a friendly occasion with everyone happily catching up on news from folk they had not seen in ages. Lesley and the staff were very helpful and kindly saved us the stairs by coming up to take orders and then deliver them.

Thanks to everyone at the Birds' Nest for making us so welcome.

In February we will be learning about Richard III from Jean Townsend and discussing what to do to mark our 150th meeting which will occur in March. We will report that next month.

At the meeting on 18th March we will be hearing about Prince John and the Siege of Nottingham. The meeting starts at 7.00pm and everyone is welcome. We do not have a membership fee and everyone pays £3 at the door to include refreshments with 'nice' biscuits.

## Parish Council Meeting Changes

We have just received notification of the following changes to the Parish Council Meetings. Will anyone who likes to go regularly or occasionally please note that:

- 1. The date for the March 2026 meeting has been moved to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and**
- 2. The March 2026 meeting and all future meetings will take place in the Village Hall instead of the Visitor Centre**



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24/1/26	29	Daphne
31/1/26	11	Liz
07/2/26	40	<b>ROLLOVER</b>

There are currently nine numbers available, if you would like to join or indeed, if anyone would like an additional number.

Can I please ask BB Holders if they are owing money to bring them up to date please.

Thank you for your support,

*Helen Pick*

### *A Smile*

*A smile is infectious*

*You catch it like flu*

*When someone smiled at me today*

*I started smiling too*

*I passed around the corner*

*And someone saw me grin*

*When he smiled, I realised I'd passed it on to him*

*I thought about that smile*

*Then I realised its worth*

*A single smile like mine*

*Could travel round the earth*

*So if you feel a smile begin*

*Don't leave it undetected*

*Let's start an epidemic quick*

*And get the world infected*

*(from Diane Hunt)*

# Milton Mausoleum



Hello Friends and Supporters

Here is our latest news on events for 2026:

**Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April Lunch at the West Retford Hotel, Retford, 12.30 for 1pm.**

£28 per person. The menu is now available, please contact us on **01777 811358** or email [milton.mausoleum@outlook.com](mailto:milton.mausoleum@outlook.com)

**Open Season 2026 from 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 27<sup>th</sup> September** we are open from 2pm – 4pm every Sunday afternoon and our volunteers will be pleased to show you around our historical building. Groups are also welcome to visit with prior booking on any agreed day of the week. We would love to hear from you.

**Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> June 2pm Friends Annual General Meeting** All welcome.

**Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> June 7pm Hog Roast and Summer Concert** featuring the versatile Beauty and the Bass – Tickets £18 Book your places now!

**Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Fayre at the Mausoleum from 10am – 4pm**

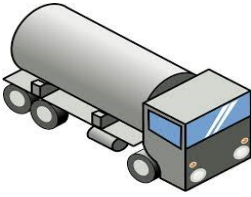
This event is free entry, and we are keen to welcome you to another successful event at the Mausoleum. We have many stalls inside and outside for you to browse and begin your seasonal shopping? Hot and cold refreshments available.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3pm Carols by Candlelight** is our extremely popular event which is always booked to capacity. Please book your places early to avoid being disappointed as many were last year. Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate and Raffle.

All events are bookable now so please look at your diaries and get in touch. It's never too early to book your place!

Are you interested in volunteering at the Milton Mausoleum? Please contact us on the details above. We can discuss ways that you can assist us with sharing knowledge of this historical building linked to the Dukes of Newcastle. We would love to share our resources with you. Thank you, we would love to hear from you.

*The Milton Mausoleum is cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust*



## Group Oil Order

The winter order was placed on 20th November and achieved a surprisingly favourable price of 58p/litre + VAT at a time when the price was going up. Since then it went up a little and has been coming steadily down in the early part of the year. Unfortunately it has recently leapt up again to roughly the price prevailing at the time we ordered. There seems to be no rationale to it at all.

By the time our spring order was due, the price had gone down for two or three days then immediately gone back up over and over. There seemed no hope of achieving a nice, low price. You can imagine how surprising it was then to be offered 55.85p/litre when the England 1000 litre price on Boilerjuice was 61.20p! Most of those who ordered were as surprised as I was by such a result.

You are welcome to join the ordering group at any time provided that you can be contacted by email. The group is not limited to Laxton and Moorhouse. We have group members in Egmonton, Kneesall, Kirton and Tuxford and the companies we use are happy to take orders from them all. At one time they liked the economy of customers living close together, but recently they seem to be delivering to an agenda of their own. If you have friends or relatives in the area who would like to join, please give them the contact details.

Everyone orders as much as they want, only when they need oil at the time of an order. There is no obligation to order and nothing stopping members ordering with any supplier between group orders.

Please use my personal email if you have it. [oil@openfield.org.uk](mailto:oil@openfield.org.uk) is a general address you can use if you don't have mine, which I don't publish because of the amount of spam it generates. Joy





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Trading Standards can take businesses to court or stop them operating, but they won't help you fix your problem - for example, they can't help you get a refund.

### **Check what you should report to Trading Standards**

You should report a business to Trading Standards if they sold you something:

- unsafe or dangerous, like an electronic appliance with faulty wiring or food past its use-by date
- fake
- not as described - for example, you bought a package holiday but something advertised wasn't included
- you didn't want to buy - for example, they put pressure on you

You can also tell them about a business if:

- they scammed you - for example, you paid for something online that you didn't receive and you couldn't contact the seller
- they tried to stop you using your legal rights - for example, they said you can't return faulty goods
- they weren't clear about the price or added on extra costs - for example, they advertised theatre ticket prices without booking fees
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## Report a business to Trading Standards

To report to Trading Standards, you need to contact the Citizens Advice consumer service you can do this by calling: **0808 223 1133** or contacting them online here: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales/about-us/information/contact-the-consumer-service>

## What happens after you've reported to Trading Standards

Trading Standards will use the information you give to decide if they'll investigate. They'll only contact you if they need more information.

Even if Trading Standards don't contact you, they might use your evidence to take action against the business in the future. For example, if other people make complaints about the same business.

If you need help complaining to a company about a service or product they have provided you with, you can contact us at your local office on the details below.

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## Dukeries Singers



### **When the Weather's Cold but the Singing's Warm - The Dukeries Singers.**

There's something wonderfully defiant about gathering for choir rehearsal in the depths of winter, while the wind howls outside and the heating at the church hall debates whether it's going to cooperate.

The Dukeries Singers step inside, unwrap scarves, thaw out their fingers, and suddenly the room fills with warmth, partly from the radiators, but mostly from each other.

Behind the scenes on a typical choir night, it's always the same delightful blend of calm, chaos, and comedy. Someone is hunting for a pencil, someone else has found three they didn't know they had, and someone is in the wrong part of the music but singing it with such confidence that you start to question your own part. Then John Pope brings us all to attention with one of his trademarks, "Let's try that again... together this time!" moments, delivered with enough good humour to keep morale soaring. Susan, meanwhile, is the unflappable heartbeat of the rehearsal, patiently guiding us through tricky passages and never once rolling her eyes, at least not where we can see.

One of the greatest joys of the choir is the beautiful cross-section of people who make it up. Voices from different ages, experiences, and backgrounds come together like pieces of a jigsaw, each unique yet essential to the full picture. When those voices blend, you can almost feel the room lift.

For me, being part of The Dukeries Singers is more than singing; it's belonging to a family that meets once a week to recharge the soul. Winter may be long, but laughter, harmony, and community make it feel a lot shorter.

And best of all, our door is always open. No auditions, no tests, just come along. Because everyone can sing... especially with us.

We meet at The Methodist Church Hall, Forest Road, New Ollerton, at 7 pm until 9 pm each Wednesday, pop in or call me, John Banbury, on **07759 086132** or email **john@asherwood.co.uk**;

# 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 Karen Baker Mondays, 7pm - 8.15pm.  
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- ♦ **Pilates** - Thursdays from 5:30pm - 6:30pm with Holly Rye.  
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- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Third Thursdays in the Hall
- ♦ **Coffee Morning:** The second Saturday of the month from 10 - 12 .  
Next one will be on **March 14<sup>th</sup>** All welcome.

*All events appear on the web site - see above*

## Reporting Potholes



A reminder about the pothole reporting contact details are:

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole)

Or ring Customer Services on 0300 500 8080

## Laxton Defibrillator

The defibrillator in the Visitor Centre, is always accessible as neither the Visitor Centre door nor the cabinet housing is locked. Please do remember that the defibrillator must only be used once authorised by a call to 999.

## Booking Laxton Village Hall

The Hall is available for anyone to book and bookings are taken through the web site. Please visit:

<https://www.laxtonvh.org.uk/>

# Useful Contact Details

## Defibrillator Contacts:

Neil Randall 01777 871229 & 07710 398745, evenings and weekends  
Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings  
Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required  
Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,  
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## Police

Sgt 2949 Christian Hurley, Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Team,  
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PC2548 Deborah Bakin supported by  
PCSO 8524 Richard Dunn at Southwell 07595 074292  
Web, showing other contacts: [www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

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

**Moorhouse Church**

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