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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

On Saturday 19th May, Prince Harry will marry Meghan Markle. We will be marking this special occasion at St Paulinus Church, New Ollerton, with a special 'Songs of Praise' service at 4pm on Sunday 20th May. All are welcome to come along and join us to mark this special occasion. During the Open Churches Weekend of the 7th & 8th July, our churches will be open and across the Family of churches we have a wedding theme running as we celebrate marriage and the importance of marriage.

Various events will be happening across our Family of churches and on Sunday there will be several Songs of Praises. Plans are in progress for this weekend so note the dates and watch this space for more information to follow in the June newsletter/magazine!

During the 10 – 20th May, the Church of England will launch its 3rd annual global prayer movement called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The words will be familiar to many of you, from the Lord's Prayer: 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven'. Many other Christian churches have partnered the Church of England in this initiative, reminding us of the important of prayer and the difference prayer makes to our lives.

Last year, as part of the initiative, we invited you to tie coloured ribbons to the railings/church gates as a sign and symbol of your prayer. There was a particular outpouring of ribbons tied shortly after the terrorist attack at Manchester. When we are overwhelmed and feel powerless by circumstances beyond our control, there is something within us that desires to reach out to offer help in some form - to make difference and prayer is one such means by which we do this. Prayer is something that anyone can do. You don't have to use complicated words. God hears the simplest cries of our hearts.

Archbishop Welby says, "the moment we start praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we look outwards....we are compelled to experience the compassion of God for a world caught up in lostness, in suffering and pain, in the oppression of the poor, in cruelty, in all things that go against the Kingdom the God'. When we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' as part of the Lord's Prayer, we are asking that God's Kingdom of peace, justice, mercy, hope and joy will transform individual lives, transform society and transform the world at large and in the process, we are also re-committing ourselves to be used by God so we can play our part responsibly in this process of transformation.

I wonder what does the Lord's Prayer mean to you? Is this a prayer which you use? Do you know this prayer? This religious prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, is used all around the world by millions of people and has been for over 2,000 years. There probably isn't a moment, day or

night, when there isn't someone on earth praying the Lord's Prayer. It is prayed at family events: weddings, christenings and funerals and other church services. We are doing some focused teaching on the Lord's Prayer in schools and we have hosted 2 nurtures groups recently to study the Lord's Prayer in more depth. Comments made by those who have done this study include: 'the words of the Lord Prayer have sunk from my head into my heart, I no longer just trot them off by rote; each verse has real depth and meaning every time I say them. If you want to know more about the nurture groups running in our Family of 12 churches and know what we are studying and even want to be part of them, please get in touch!

Keep praying!

Blessings

Rev Zoe

From the Registers: Marian Cooper

We are very sorry to report the death of Marian Cooper, nee Rushby, of Edwinstowe on Easter Monday, 2nd April 2018 at the age of 87.

Our sympathy goes to her husband Richard (Dick); Peter and his wife; Sandra and her husband and grandchildren Charlotte, Alexander, Rachel and Grace.

Marian's funeral took place at Laxton Church on Tuesday 17th April, taken by Reader, Heather Brown. She was buried in the churchyard next to her mother, father and other family members.

Sympathy: Roy Viney

We were sorry to hear of the death of Roy Viney at the end of March. Roy lived in Toad Cottage, Toad Lane, Laxton. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Sue.

Congratulations: Lewis and Jacob

Congratulations to Andrew Robertson and Charlotte Gregory of Church Farm, Laxton on the birth of their son Lewis William on 6th April 2018. Lewis is a brother for Finley, another grandson for Christine Rayner and another great grandson for Pat Haigh.

Congratulations also to Anna and Rob Chase of Wellow on the birth of their son Jacob Edward, who was born on 10th April 2018. Jacob is a brother for Harry and Isobelle, another grandson for Richard and Diane Wood and a 13th great grandchild for Ken Shepherd.

Church Brasses Need YOU!

Each month there is a rota on the inside of the front cover showing the people who are due to clean the brasses and supply a few flowers for the church. Over the years this list has got shorter as people have become unable to take their turn. Now some helpers also cover for others and do more than one turn.

There is an urgent need for more people to come forward to help. The more volunteers there are, the less often everyone's turn comes around. It is a simple job which is equally suitable for newer and longer term residents of the village if they can spare less than an hour occasionally.



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

Each pair of volunteers looks after the flowers and brasses for two weeks in turn.

Please think about whether you and a friend or family member might help with this simple but important task and contact Brenda Noble on 870541 if you would like to offer your help or know more.

Thank you

Get Well Soon

We are sorry to hear that Mavis Beckitt is not well and in hospital. We are all thinking of her. Hurry up and get well soon Mavis.

Thank you from Ken and Margaret

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and kind messages congratulating them on their recent 60th wedding anniversary.

Ken and Margaret Saxilby



Congratulations: Brenda Chambers

We send many congratulations to Brenda Chambers, formerly of Laxton and now of Newark, who celebrated her 80th birthday on 7th April.

Brenda is a much loved member of the History Group who is always ready to help. We have her to thank for providing us with the excellent biscuit selection each month as well as her support at all our events. We all hope Brenda enjoys many, many more happy birthdays.

Mothers' Union

On 30th April we are having a talk from Norma Heron on 'Angel Gowns'. Mothers' Union knit garments for premature babies so this should be a very interesting talk on the wider aspect of premature babies. The meeting takes place at Janet's house at the top of Timothy Road. Everybody is welcome.

The May Meeting is a particularly topical and interesting one. Victoria Adams, the daughter of a member who works for Santander is coming to talk to us about 'Telephone Fraud'. This is a subject she is particularly worried about. Everyone is welcome at the meeting on 21st May at Janet's house.

Laxton Mothers' Union will be celebrating its 120th anniversary with a special service on 24th September. More details nearer the time.

Janet

Seed Scattering Weekend

Fri 8th, Sat 9th and Sun 10th June

with the Rt Rev Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood

Bishop Tony and his wife, Lucille, will be coming to spend the weekend visiting all of our churches, taking part in different activities around the Group. On Friday he will be visiting the schools and in the evening he will be at a magical show at Bilsthorpe. On Saturday there will be a competition for throwing teddy bears from Wellow church tower, after On Sunday we shall be having a 9.00am BCP service at Laxton. There will be a Worship for All service at St Paulinus, Ollerton followed by bring your own lunch. later the plan is to have Beer & Hymns at The Dovecote.

This is a rough plan so far as is known at the moment for the events of the weekend. More details will follow next month.

Village Hall Update



The registration of the Title Deeds to the hall has now been submitted to the Land registry by our solicitor and this is likely to be completed within the next two weeks.

Concurrently with this, the solicitor is completing the transfer of the Hall Management to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) This is a requirement of

the Lottery before funds will be released and provides protection for the management Committee concerning their liabilities. The Management Sub Group met on 10/4/18 and reviewed the draft Constitution to ensure it is "fit for purpose".

The renovation work is expected to start in September as we have to go through a tendering process once all this legal "stuff" has been completed.

Michael Manning

Moorhouse Garden Fete

Friday June 1st

6.30pm

Wilmington Farm

Moorhouse

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Church Dance

Thanks to everyone who attended our church dance on March 16th. We were disappointed that the numbers were down at the last minute with people being ill and the bad weather, but those who made it enjoyed themselves. Bruce and Marion did a super job with the music and, of course, a good supper. A total of £347 was raised for church funds.

Thanks to everyone who gave food and raffle prizes or helped in any way. Thanks also to Jean and Rachel for their help.

As the Village Hall will be closed in November, our next dance will hopefully be in March 2019.

Quiz Night

The re run Quiz on 6/4/18 turned out to be the best attended we have ever had (88), the largest raffle (£255) and the biggest profit ever of £719.42. The eventual winners were the Joan and Roger team but only by one point from Roberta's team having been neck and neck at half time.

We always give big, big thanks to ALL who attended and continue to support the Hall, to all the Committee who worked particularly hard (Pat and Rachel/Neil in the kitchen especially) Also thanks to the Committee for donating raffle prizes again and the wonderful sweets.

The mushy peas were produced "in house" on the very "dodgy" cooker thanks to Michael and Keith and we haven't heard of any upset stomachs since so we must have done them properly!!!

A special big thanks to Cath again for the great mix of questions, never an easy job. Even though ALL the answers are checked with Google, matters of opinion/discussions still prevail occasionally. And, as is usual, every question was answered correctly by at least one team!!!

The December Quiz on 7/12/18 will go ahead as normal but it will be at Egmonton Village Hall as we expect we will be in the throngs of building work. More info when we know it.

Michael Manning

Laxton on Notts TV

The news that the Crown Estate is going to put the Laxton Estate on the market has given rise to an increase in media interest. The latest feature was announced by Notts TV, who have arranged to come and film in the village on 19th April.

There is no news yet on when the feature will be broadcast, but we will try to get some behind the scenes information about the filming.

Things to Do this Month

Let us know of problems with your land line telephone

- May 1st** Rattlejag Morris followed by Dawn Chorus walk
Laxton Castle. **5.20am** approx.
- May 9th** WI - Resolutions and Supper **VH 7.30pm**
- May 12th** Photo exhibition, Retford Town Hall **10am - 3pm**
- May 12th, 13th** Notts County Show, Showground, Newark
- May 13th** Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair,
Mansfield Library, 11am - 3pm
- May 21st** MU Meeting - 'Telephone Fraud' @ Janet's house
- May 22nd** Annual Parish Meeting, venue tba
- May 26th** Kirton Coffee Morning, Hopland Cottage, **10.30am**
- May 28th** Wellow Maypole Celebrations **12 noon onwards**
- May 30th** Rotary Final Wednesday Speaker with Meal.
South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm. £10
inc. meal. Book on 01623 823866.

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Coffee Morning

10th May

10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 10th May at Corner Farm, last house on the right going towards Kneesall

Why not come and join us? Everyone is welcome to this informal group. You don't have to come every month and are welcome to pop in to enjoy some friendly, cheerful company.

Plenty of tea, cakes, and chatter.



More from Madge Quibell & Fred Sampson



An Adventurous Man
John 'America' Rose
1843-1918



A Courageous Girl
Mary Jane Twidle
1851-1925

My grandmother lost her mother when she was only 12 years old and she had to go out to work. Her employer, Mrs Motley, moved from Messingham to the Dovecote Inn at Laxton in 1868 and grandmother came with her.

She met John Rose and married him when she was only 16 years old. They set off for America straightaway. Mary Jane gave her age as nineteen.

In about 1860 John Rose had moved with his sister Ann and her husband, Mr James White, from Moorhouse to Navenby where Mr White had taken a farm. John had evidently remained there, working for his brother-in law, until his marriage.

John met Mary Jane on one of his visits home and as soon as she was old enough they got married. They spent their first night in Navenby. It must have been a whirlwind courtship!

However they did not leave England straightaway. In 1871 they were in Sheffield, possibly earning enough money to pay for their passage or perhaps making a stop-over on their way to Liverpool. In the 1870s it cost about £4 to buy a ticket in steerage - that is below deck. (The wage for an agricultural labourer at that time was around £30 a year)

Men, women and children were herded together in the hold. You were allocated a space for your mattress and blankets which you had to provide for yourself, along with anything else you might need, including provisions, eating utensils and a pot.

There was little or no privacy. Rats and insects were constant companions. And the stench!

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May Day Dawn

As we have quite a few new villagers this year it seems the right time to print a reminder about the celebrations at Laxton castle on May 1st.

Every year Retford's Rattlejag Morris team meet at the castle summit to dance as the sun rises. They take up a barrel of beer and the means of making bacon baps for which they request a small donation. Other than this the event is free.

You need to be at the castle behind High Street by about 5.15am. If you don't know the way, just follow everyone else. The event has become quite well known over the years and up to 250 people have been known to gather on a particularly nice morning.

The sun actually rises about 5.28am and even if you have to go to work it is a lovely sight and well worth doing.



Hot Cross Bun Service



Our Hot Cross Bun service was held on Good Friday, 30th March and was taken by reader, Joan Wood. She read the story of Easter with us singing hymns in between. Three crosses were placed in front of the screen and then the congregation were asked to write down their thoughts and prayers and to place them at the bottom of the crosses. Our service ended with hot cross buns thanks to Jean from Wellow and tea, coffee and biscuits thanks to Janet.



Pat's Charity Plant Stall



Pat's Plant Stall - outside School House Just a reminder that it will be opening for business on 10 May.

In the interim an unexpected collection of evergreen shrubs has arrived. They are on the pavement and driveway. Please browse and if suitable pay in the usual way. Money through the letter box.

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

Pat Naylor

Laxton Garden Fete

Friday 20th July 2018

6.30pm

The Old Vicarage, Laxton

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Sewing Machines



The 2nd batch of sewing machines ready for their check before sending to Africa.

I would like to say thank you to the generous members of our small community who have donated sewing machines which they no longer require but remain in working order. To date ten machines have been received and passed on.

The next leg of their journey will be to Africa where they will be distributed to women wanting to develop their skills with a view to starting a small business, which in turn will sustain their family finances and thus make a huge

difference to their lives.

This is all made possible through Rotary and Inner Wheel initiatives and the use of NPAC transport. National Police Aid Convoys.

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Drama in Laxton

Jo Godson has come upon some items which tell of the village's dramatic history. Thanks to Jo for providing the information, gleaned from her researches at the Retford Library looking in the old copies of the Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop Times.

17th October 1930

DRAMATIC SOCIETY – This class held a very successful annual meeting last week. The treasurer, in presenting the balance sheet, stated that the society was in an excellent financial condition and the organiser stated that although a few members had left the village, he hoped, with the influx of a few young men to be even more successful this season. It was unanimously decided to join the Notts Drama League, organised by the Rural Community Council.

24th April 1931

The Laxton Players, who are affiliated with the Notts Drama League, gave a concert in the schoolroom on Thursday April 16th to a crowded audience. The programme included two plays, "The Door on t' Chain" and "Thirty Minutes in a Street", the first a village drama and the second an amusing farce.

The characters in "The Door on t' Chain" were well interpreted by Miss B P Willis as "Martha Kirby", the vicarage housekeeper; Miss M Quibell as "Anne Fewston", a village girl; Mrs McDearmid, a village gossip; D Henderson as the village rake; and J Quibell as the constable. "Thirty Minutes in a Street" caused roars of laughter. There were 23 characters in this play and most of the members of the large Laxton group of players had some part to play. The adventures of the Old Lady with her petticoat, the hopeless plight of the Stray Man and the predicament of the Actor were screamingly funny. These parts were well played by Miss E Cocking, Mr O Laughton and Mr C Rayner. Romlea McDearmid as the child, played the perfect part.

The programme was varied by other items contributed by the Players, as follows:- Poem, "The Inventor's Wife", Irene Cocking; song "The Fine Old English Gentleman", J Quibell; poem, "The Highwayman", Harold Sampson; song, "The Farmers Boy", Frank Reed; pianoforte duets by Misses I and E Cocking and Misses D Laughton and S Price; "A Country Dance" by the children; song, "Husbands", Miss Willis; and a poem, "Jolly Farmers" by Miss M Sampson. An amusing dialogue, "Mrs Jawkin's Husband" was effectively rendered by Miss Doris Clark and Miss Majorie Quibell. The audience was most enthusiastic over these efforts and encores were frequent. The whole programme made a most successful evening's entertainment. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Laxton players

Laxton History Group



Members were saddened to hear of the death of Marian Cooper. Marian was born in Laxton and moved to Edwinstowe in 1967 although she always thought of Laxton as home. She was a great help to the History Group in providing information and photographs for the recent booklets. Marian and her sister Sybil appear on the front cover of the volume 'The Variety of Village Life' sitting on a horse.

The March meeting of the Group took place after the April edition of 'Open Field' had been printed but members arriving saw Cath Manning's lovely picture of the church on copies on the reception table and said how lovely it looked. No doubt their appreciation was increased by the night being rather warmer than of late.

Michael Wood Award

Following the great success of the Michael Wood Award project we have run with Kneesall School, the Group allocated additional funds to the project earlier this year and have now engaged two more schools to take part. Because children stay in the top class at Kneesall for 2 years, we run the project alternate years there and hoped another school might be interested in taking part on the years we are not working with Kneesall.

Project leaders Roger and Joan Cottey have been speaking to Norwell School about this. They have learned that this school is linked with Normanton School and between them they have 27 children in the top class. They are both very enthusiastic to join in the project and arrangements have been made for the children to come here in early summer to begin their project. We are delighted to welcome them in this work and look forward to meeting the children and teachers in due course.

Forthcoming Activities

We finalised arrangements for our AGM and supper and gave the recipes to the cooks. We are so fortunate to be blessed with very able and willing cooks who are not put out by being asked to turn their hands to the sometimes strange recipes we find. This time they are all from the 1700s and two are 'Italian style' and another 'in the Dutch Way'. It proved to be a period when it is harder to find recipes which fit our current thoughts of three courses as the order of the day, at least for the wealthy whose recipes have survived, was 'meat and six meat'! Fruit and vegetables did not appear much used although herbs and leaves were, so that saved the day. More of this next time.

We have now booked our 100th Meeting celebration at Thoresby hall for

May 16th, where we will be enjoying afternoon tea in the Blue Room.

Last month we told how Norwell Parish History group had invited us to join them for a meeting in May. Unfortunately this had to be moved forward to April, but as Prof. John Beckett became unavoidably unavailable the meeting was then cancelled. We hope it is just a postponement and that it may go ahead as a joint meeting of our two groups next year.

We are booking a coach to take us to Ryedale Folk Museum on Saturday 23rd June. There are a small number of seats available for any non-members who would care to join us. Please contact Jean Hennell on 870276 if you would like to come. The cost to non-members for the bus will be £5 per person and admission as charged, £5 + £7.95 age 15+, concession and age 4 - 15 £6.95

‘Rural Britain’

The entertainment for the evening was a film entitled ‘Rural Britain’ - a compilation of about a dozen short films, ranging in date from 1904 to 1981 and covering all parts of the kingdom. It was presented as a journey through the seasons and we began with a look at an upland sheep farmer at lambing time on the hillsides around his farm. Dating from 1932, this showed him walking everywhere and bringing chilly lambs home to his wife to warm up in the range.

A day in the 1904 hayfields was nostalgic and in many ways reminiscent of the 1935 film of Laxton. No doubt the scene in the 1941 blacksmith's shop was much the same as happened here as well. The later films looked at the threat of closure facing a village school, which felt it would 'become a geriatric ward' if a conservation order stopped housing being built for young families and how early warning of invasion would have been spread in Derbyshire in 1981 by the publican on his bicycle! It was a good job it never happened. The most bizarre film showed a seal, caught in The Wash in 1930, which was being kept as a pet in a village pond in Norfolk. Certainly on the day the film was made, he fed very well on fish brought by young and old alike. Everyone enjoyed the charm of this look back in time.

Laxton's Historic Open Field Farming System - Latest News

Very little to report at this stage and no contact from the Crown. However Sir John Starkey has been in touch to say The Crown have agreed to inform us first when the Estate is put up for sale and secondly he said that the Vice Chancellor at Trent University/Brackenhurst was compiling a submission in readiness for when The Crown release details.

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Open Churches Weekend Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th July

This year our Open Churches Weekend will take the form of a 'Wedding Fair'. There will be displays of wedding dresses, flowers, cakes, photos and music playing. The church will be open from 10.30am - 5.30pm with tea, coffee and cakes being served.

On Sunday at 10.30am there will be a 'Songs of Praise' to include all our favourite hymns which are sung at weddings as well as readings. This will be followed by tea and cakes and the church will remain open until 5.30pm with tea and cakes available all day.

We would like to invite all couples who are thinking of getting married in church; who have recently got married or who have been married 25 or even 60 years to come along and join with us in this weekend to celebrate marriage.



Problems with Telephone Lines - Update

Following the items in Open Field in the last couple of months, eleven people have given their names to have their problems with the telephone line followed up. These were presented to the engineers working on the line in Egmonton in early April. The engineers say there is a problem in Tuxford as well and they are trying to discover the extent and cause of it.

A senior member of staff is hoping to attend a meeting of Egmonton parish meeting soon to hear first hand how people are affected. If more details become available they will be circulated to the people who have let us know they have a problem.

If you live in Laxton or Moorhouse and have still not identified yourself as having a problem you would like looked into regarding the BT telephone service you are receiving and the quality of the line, Egmonton Parish Meeting need your name, number and details of the problem. Please contact Dik on 871506 if you would like to add your name to those to be looked into. BT have said they will be working on the box in Egmonton and are checking all lines identified as having problems, so if your problems continue, or even hopefully are resolved, it would be helpful to know. Be sure to report your faults to your service provider as well.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

April / MAY 2018

HC = Holy Communion EP = Evening Prayer MP = Morning Prayer

Es = Evensong WfA = Worship for All

29th April
10.30am

Easter 5 (Rogation Sunday)
Rogation Sunday on Laxton Common

6th May
9am
10.30am
4pm

Easter 6
Kirton HC
Kneesall HC
Wellow EP

13th May
10.30am
4pm

Easter 7
Laxton HC
Egmanton Evensong

20th May
9am
10.30am
4pm

Pentecost
Egmanton HC
Wellow HC
Songs of Praise celebrating the Royal Wedding
St Paulinus, New Ollerton

27th May
9am
10.30am
6pm

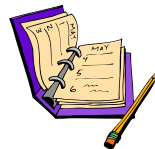
Trinity Sunday
Moorhouse
Kirton Patronal Festival WfA
Maypole Service, Wellow

Revd Zoe's number at the Vicarage: (01623) 862818.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2018

Apr 30th	MU
May 9th	WI
May 10th	Coffee Morning
May 12 th & 13 th	Notts County Show, Newark
May 13 th	Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair
May 16th	History Group 100th Meeting, Thoresby
May 21st	MU
May 22 nd	Parish Council with Annual Parish Meeting

Forward Planning

Jun 1st	Moorhouse Garden Fête
Jun 8 th - 10 th	Bishop's visit to our Group of churches
Jun 23rd	Coach trip to Ryedale Folk Museum
Jul 7 th & 8 th	Open Churches Weekend 'Wedding Fair'
Jul 15 th	Strawberry Tea
Jul 20th	Laxton Garden Fête
Jul 24 th , Sep 25 th , Nov 27 th	Parish Council
Sept 24 th	MU Service of Celebration for 120 years
Sept 29th	Southwell Ploughing Match
Dec 7th	Laxton VH Quiz Night @Egmanton VH

NB New entries appear in ***bold italics*** for the first month.

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The County Federation have now held the final events of their celebrations to mark 100 years of WI in Nottinghamshire. Brenda Noble represented us at a Civic Reception in the ballroom at Newark Town Hall, hosted by the Mayor, Cllr Rita Crowe. The County Executive, a hard working group of



ladies, had prepared a magnificent buffet. County Chairman, Jane Jefferson, had baked a cake decorated in the colours of the Suffragettes - **Green, White and Violet**, representing 'Give Women Votes' as this year is also the centenary of the first women getting the right to vote in this country.

Our annual party was held in Egmonton Village Hall on Wednesday 4th April.

Brenda welcomed everyone including members from Weston, Egmonton, Sutton and East Markham. We were served a lovely meal by Sally Adamson. Prizes were presented to the people with most points in our competitions over the year. The cup was won by Lesley Booth with Sandra Clarke and Bridget Smedley joint second and Elizabeth Banks and Margaret Palmer joint third. Afterwards we were entertained by Ann Fotheringham or Worksop who sang songs from the 60s and 70s with everyone singing along and even some members dancing.

Unfortunately the April meeting was hit by holidays and illness. Our smallest attendance for a while heard that a start has been made on the group entry for the Notts Show. Lesley brought a sketch of the backdrop to encourage us to look for suitable fabrics.

Our team reported that they had 'participated' in the Village Hall Quiz, which spoke volumes about how they felt they had got on. We now need to find a team or two for the County Quiz. Our June outing to the Echium collection on 13th was confirmed, although the venue has now moved to the walled garden at Thoresby.

Brenda then greeted Steven John who had come to talk to us about theatre masks. He began by explaining that the mask takes away the ability to read emotions in the face so we have to rely on reading body language. This allows the actor to be creative in how they express themselves. Steven observed that those who have most difficulty with mask work are the most beautiful who rely heavily on their faces.

John trained in ceramics and as well as a mask maker, he is a puppet maker. He took us on a whirlwind word tour with the masks he had brought

to show us. We went from an ancient African example to an Indian tiger then a vengeful Buddah from Tibet. Peking Opera has dispensed with masks in favour of make up but Chinese masks have influenced those in Japan. Here the fascination with the big noses of Europeans is reflected in masks.



In Bali mask making is quite an ordinary part of cultural life and they tend to represent perfection and be beautifully painted as in this example which we saw.

The next stop was across the Atlantic where a North American Indian mask was made of papier maché representing a very expensive wooden style carved from fresh cedar with hair made from cedar bark.

Much further south, Mexican, Peruvian and Chilean masks showed Aztec, Mayan and Inca influences mixed with Spanish. A Mexican wrestler's mask had an interesting story. The mask was only removed when a wrestler was defeated. When a famous wrestler was defeated only after 10 years he was revealed to be a priest fighting to make money for an orphanage.



Crossing back to Europe we saw a Greek mask with an open mouth to permit speech before hearing about a series of Italian masks from the Comedia del Arte, which included the origin of the harlequin we all know.



The talk ended with a series of examples from closer to home and a brief description of the many processes in making a custom mask



The meeting on 9th May will be discussion the Resolution on mental health which is to be put forward to the national AGM. A member from Kneesall will be will be our representative. The discussion will be followed by a light supper.



Maypole Celebrations at Wellow



Our neighbouring village of Wellow is one of the few to have a permanent maypole and every year they hold their celebrations centred on the village green. This takes place during the afternoon of on the late May Bank Holiday Monday, which this year falls on 28th.

This free event is well worth a visit, especially on a fine day. Free car parking is marshalled to allow everyone who would like to enjoy the event to leave their cars safely. Inevitably as the village centre is reserved for pedestrians and

activities this means parking away from the green and walking there.

From 12 noon until 5pm the attractions are open. There are displays, stalls, Morris dancing, bouncy castle, swings and Punch and Judy for the children as well as entertainments on the roped off green where the main events occur. The Memorial Hall, beside the green, serves home made cakes, sandwiches and refreshments all day - or until supplies run out.



Seats are provided so you are advised to find one before the proceedings begin if you don't want to stand. Central to the celebrations is the crowning of the newly elected May Queen chosen by Wellow people of from the eligible girls who stand.

The procession forms at St Swithun's Church and at 2.45pm the retiring May

Queen leads the way to the green, followed by her retinue, the dancers and the newly elected May Queen.

The crowning of the new May Queen by the retiring Queen takes place on a flower decked stage. After the formalities, the May Queen asks to see the dancing during which Wellow Jack and his 'Bogies' love bringing mischief and mayhem to the event. For more information or stalls: laura_wellowmaypolecommittee@outlook.com



The Dukeries Singers

Well, " I CANNOT BELIEVE IT!!" I sit by the radiator because we have snow outdoors again! I sincerely hope we are all warmer by the time you are reading this. In a rare burst of enthusiasm I retrieved the propagator from the shed and sowed lots of seeds and now I have to move them on and the path is too slippery for me to access the greenhouse.



Fortunately the Choir is not subject to the vagaries of the weather as we rehearse in comfort every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm until 9.15pm in the Concert Hall at The Dukeries Academy in Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

The Choir has a Summer programme of engagements that we are looking forward to performing.

Our Diary Dates:

Sat 12th May Concert at Farndon Church at 7.30pm.

Sat 23rd June Our regular Summer Concert. Being our 40th Anniversary we hope for bumper numbers to help us celebrate. We are looking forward to this event and warmly welcome ex Choir members and friends. We have just one founder member in the Choir, as enthusiastic as ever and much valued.

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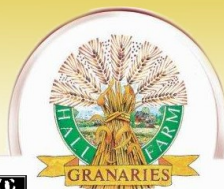
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7/4/18	13	Colin Cree
14/4/18	38	Dorothy Cree

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and the Idle Valley Nature Reserve in Retford.

During the year we held a number of competitions for our members which produced some wonderful work. Without doubt Retford has strength in depth in wildlife and the competitions also demonstrated the many other styles and types of photography enjoyed by members. There is a growing strength in the monochrome



classes with some excellent images presented to the judges. We achieved an unprecedented 12th place in a prestigious digital competition in Sheffield thanks to a glorious image from Anna Blow (left).

After our well received six week exhibition in Bassetlaw Museum last summer, two members received trophies as the winners

thanks to the public vote for their favourite colour and monochrome images. This year we have our one day exhibition upstairs in Retford Town Hall on Saturday May 12th between 10am and 3pm. The two winning images from 2017 will be displayed along with over 100 images new images to vote for, including the winners of our year's print and digital competitions. We look forward to welcoming many visitors to see the work we have produced this year and look forward to talking to anyone interested in coming to join us for the new season ahead which will run weekly from Monday 3rd September until May 2019.

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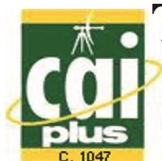
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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of held on 27/3/2018

NB these minutes are printed prior to sight and approval by the councillors.

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk), S.Michael (District councillor)

M.Pringle (County councillor), Members of the public (x2)

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were no absences. It was noted that a prior commitment had prevented Sir John Starkey's attendance but that he had provided an update.
2. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 14 b (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project). Mr Brown also declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field).
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:** A member of the public enquired about a letter received from NSDC planning department regarding a structure which NSDC described as unauthorised and for which retrospective application for planning permission was required. Councillor Michael offered to discuss the planning requirements and necessary steps with the resident outside the meeting.
The chair referred to a written request from the landowner for the removal of the defunct cricket pavilion and mower shed and restoration of the cricket pitch. Councillors **agreed** that this was a matter for the cricket club rather than the council but understood that the cricket club was aware of the need to remove the pavilion and would be doing so in due course. The clerk will write to let the landowner know.
5. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 23 January 2018:** The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
6. **Matters arising: LMPC/4/18 – 10 minutes public speaking time:** It was noted that the new LED streetlights had been adjusted but that unlit spots remained. It was also noted that the lights mimic car headlights which can be confusing. The clerk will write formally to councillor Pringle to ask that the angle of the lights be changed to improve the spread of light emitted.

There were no other matters arising.

It was **agreed** that, for the benefit of a member of the public in attendance, item 14 e (Village environment – Parish footpaths) and then item 13 (Village development and future) should be considered next.

7. Reports from district and county councillors:

Councillor Michael reported that:

- i. There had been no developments regarding Bar Farm House.
- ii. Extra residential care facilities in Newark due to be opened shortly by NSDC and planned for at Ollerton.

Councillor Pringle reported on number of county council matters, including highways, social care and single use plastics. There was general agreement that the standard of pothole repair is unsatisfactory, particularly with regard to durability.

Councillors thanked councillor Pringle for his Moorhouse finger post grant.

8. Reports from councillors: No reports.

- 9. 2018 Annual Parish meeting arrangements and speaker:** Annual parish council meeting to commence at 7.00 pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 pm. The clerk will invite Mr P Tipping, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and The Crown Estate. The chair will provisionally book the Village Hall for the meetings, with the location to be decided once it is clear which speakers if any will be attending.

10. Financial Matters:

- a. **Financial position as at 28 February 2018:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2018 (incorporating the 2017-18 budget figures).
- b. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** ten payments totalling £752.35.
- c. **Appointment of internal auditor:** The chair suggested a suitably qualified resident whom he will approach. Councillors **agreed**, by a majority of 6 with 1 abstention, that a payment of £100 should be made. **Property matters including sports field:** The clerk will make the formal request for reimbursement of half the rent due in March.

11. Planning matters:

- a. **Applications:** None
- b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC: 17/02309/LBC | Internal alterations and improvements, new external doors and fabric repairs. Replacement of existing roof coverings. | Laxton Village Hall High Street Laxton -** Approval noted
- c. **Compliance:** Save as discussed at LMPC/24/18 (10 minutes public speaking), no issues raised.

- 12. Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:** This item was considered immediately after item 14 e on the agenda (Village

environment – Parish footpaths) (see LMPC/26/18 Matters arising above). It was noted that Sir John Starkey had reported that:

- a. A review of the project costs was to be undertaken
- b. The Vice Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University is preparing a submission.

Councillors noted:

1. Reports that the Crown had measured all properties and undertaken energy surveys.
2. The update provided by Mr I Mills of The Crown Estate in his email dated 2 February 2018.

The clerk apologised for her oversight in communicating to all councillors the contact from and visit by BBC.

Councillors will continue to await developments.

13. Village environment and appearance, including:

- a. **Location of and access to community resilience container:** No developments
- b. **Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that:
 - i. The legalities relating to the title to the land had been resolved but had caused delay.
 - ii. The Lottery Fund's response to the Business Plan submitted is awaited.
 - iii. A charitable incorporated organisation is being formed to manage the project
- c. **Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application:** NCC funding decision awaited.
- d. **Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:** The chair had no update.
- e. **Parish footpaths –** This item was considered immediately after item 6 on the agenda (Matters arising) (see LMPC/26/18 above). Councillors noted NCC's emails dated 2 February 2018 explaining the cutting schedule and attaching a map of the paths which NCC cut. The member of the public outlined the cutting obligations and explained the cutting service provided by farmers in the parish to NCC. The resident will send details of that service. Councillors thanked the resident for the useful information.
As agreed at LMPC/26/18 above, the meeting moved next to item 13 (Village development and future).
- f. **2018 dog bin emptying contract:** Approved.

14. **Service faults including road closures (Marnham Road, Egmonton Road, Kersall to Norwell Woodhouse Road):** The clerk will report that the ditch on the left hand side of Green Lane past Copthorne Lane end is in disrepair leading to water running down the road.

Councillor Pringle suggested a walk round the parish roads in spring to inspect their condition.

After discussion, it was **agreed**, by a majority of 4:3, that, subject to NCC approval, the council should purchase four flower boxes for the base of each village sign at a cost in the region of £50 +VAT. Mr R Hennell will forward a

picture of the proposed design to the clerk. She will then seek NCC Highway's guidance.

15. **Correspondence:** Noted.
16. **10 Minutes public speaking time:** Councillor Michael will make enquiries regarding the roof at Bar Farmhouse. As seen from the rear, it is collapsing and dangerous.
17. **Agenda items for next meeting:** As above.
18. **Date of next meeting:** 7.00 pm on 22 May 2018 – Venue to be decided depending on likely numbers.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Rotary News

Our March meeting attracted our largest audience of the year and we learnt a great deal of interesting facts during an illustrated talk from Phil Randall on Astronomy. Each month we have an open meeting for any visitors who might be interested in an entertaining and/or informative talk at South Forest Leisure Centre, Edwinstowe, 7 for 7.15pm, always on the last Wednesday.

Each evening begins with a sociable two course carvery meal followed by coffee or tea, prior to the presentation of about 30 minutes. Evenings usually conclude with a few questions for the speaker and the whole event lasts about two hours.

To book your meal(s) for the May talk please phone South Forest (01623 823866) saying you wish to book into the Rotary meal on May 30th

The May presentation may be of interest to many as it details the activities of your Rotary Club for this Rotary year, which runs July to June. We are an active dual gender club and it is quite refreshing to see an illustrated presentation of the year's programme and the groups we have supported.

Book now.

Wednesday 30th May, 7pm for 7.15pm start. £10 including meal and speaker.

South Forest Leisure Centre, Robin Hood Crossroads, Edwinstowe, NG21 9JF

Jeff Naylor

Egmanton Village Hall

www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk / 01777 871171

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

- ♦ Tuxford Young Farmers - Wed 2nd, 23rd
- ♦ Yoga with Greg – Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- ♦ WI - Thurs 17th May
- ♦ Children's Dance Classes - Saturday mornings (Jill, 07790 601877)
- ♦ **Computer Problems?** - Call 01777 871171.
If your computer is misbehaving or you need help setting up a new

Charity Needs Stamps, Please Save Them



Sandra Clarke collects stamps for Bransby Horses throughout the year. If you like to would pass yours on, they can be left in Laxton with Jean Hennell or in Egmanton with Joy Allison and they will be passed to Sandra.

Thank you.

Maplebeck Village Hall Events

www.maplebeck.org.uk / 01636 636692 / 636185

Regular Activities

Yoga	Tues 9.45am and Fri 9.30am	
Fitness	To be announced shortly	
Walkers	Weds	10.00am
Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly	7.30pm
Book Club	Tues	7.30pm 5th Jun

Upcoming special events

9 th May	7.30pm	Kurling	Kurling
22 nd May	7.30pm	Film	Manchester by the Sea
13 th Jun	7.30pm	Kurling	Kurling

Useful Contact Details

Defibrillator Contacts:

Neil Randall 01777 871229 & 07710 398745, evenings and weekends
Pat Naylor 01777 870601, evenings
Jeff Naylor 01777 870601, as required
Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings
Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required
Linda & Max McNaught 01777 870127, as required
David & Linda, Dovecote Inn 01777 871586, as required
Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,
evenings / weekends
Anne-Marie & Geoff Rose 07961 933290 / 07957 991002, as required

Police

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

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

Web, showing other contacts: www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

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

Medical

Tuxford Medical Centre	01777 870203
Sutton-on-Trent Surgery	01636 821023
Ollerton Surgery - Middleton Lodge Practice	01623 703266
Newark Hospital	01636 681681
Bassetlaw Hospital	01909 500990
King's Mill Hospital	01623 622515

Fire Safety Advice (Tuxford Fire Station)	01777 870381
MP Mr Robert Jenrick: robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk	01636 612 837
County Councillor: cllr.mike.pringle@nottscc.gov.uk	0115 977 5661

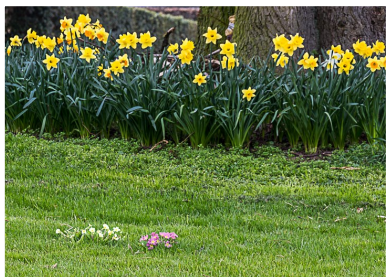
Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk

Village in Bloom

Everyone has no doubt been enjoying the lovely spring flowers all around the village. They began with the display of crocchi on the green which mark the centenary of the Women's Institute nationally and which were added to last year.

The daffodils around the village have been bought by the Parish Council, Village Hall and History Group. They look lovely, especially those by our smart village signs. Thanks again to them for making the village look so lovely each spring.

Nature seems to have joined in helping along the feel good feeling with her own display on the green. Many thanks to Keith Morton for mowing around the lovely display of tiny white violets with just a few of their purple cousins mixed in and also a couple of pretty primulas. Hopefully they will return to delight in future years.



What a Difference A Week makes!



Thanks to Linda Brown from 'The Dovey' for sending these two photos from March.

