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Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON 16th May 2023 PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.

A Message From Our Churchwarden



As I said, in last months open field, the Archdeacon was to interview a candidate to take up the position of "House for Duty Priest" for our group of parishes, but this has now fallen through. Due to the applicant's family commitments, they are now no longer able to take up the position. That means that we are back to square one again.

Our Area Dean, Reverend Canon John Chambers, has also stepped down from his post, but we hope after a holiday he will be around to take services.

We now have to wait and see what happens next. It's very disappointing for us all as we are having to keep things going.

Brenda

From the Registers - Baptism



Congratulations to Ralph Henry Ronald Creighton, who was baptised into the church of England on Sunday 16th April 2023, at Saint Michael, the Archangel Church, Laxton. The service was conducted by Reverend Canon John Smith of Besthorpe.

Ralph is the son of Ian and Rebecca Creighton of Lilac Farm, Laxton. His godparents are Jessica Rose, Jack Briggs, and Kimberly and Scott Taylor. Ralph is the grandson of Stuart and Sylvia Rose of Laxton and Karen Creighton of Tuxford.

From the Registers - Burial

The funeral of one of our long-standing village residents took place on Friday 14th of April 2023 in Saint Michael's Church Laxton.

Margaret Mary Madison was born on 17th December 1936 and sadly passed away on Saturday, 25 March 2023 in Tuxford Manor Nursing Home.

The service was attended by her family, friends and many village residents past and present. The service was conducted by our Lay Reader, Joan Wood. The burial took place in the churchyard next to her parents.



Margaret lived her whole life in Laxton. Her home from birth was the Post Office and general shop. She had a younger sister, Nora, and not long after Nora's birth their father died. Their mother kept the business going, and both Margaret and Nora worked there.

Margaret attended the village school next to her home and her mother would lift her out of the side window directly into the school yard. She used the same window to supply hot buttered toast as well.

Margaret took the business on after her mother retired, little knowing then that she would be the village's last Postmistress. She and Nora worked there together supplying the needs of the village and even

mastering the new computerised system the Post Office introduced. Nora continued to help even after her marriage and the two were together when the Post Office finally closed in Laxton in March 2008.

Janet Cooke has many memories of times spent with Margaret. She recalls that:

'Together with Mr Edwards' shop at the top of the village, 'Post Office & Shop' were two of the most important places in the village. We used to get our sweet ration from Mr Edwards and we often visited Post Office as well. These were very busy places in our childhood as the village was more self-sufficient then. Only sometimes we went into Retford on a Saturday to do extra shopping such as fancy goods, clothes, etc.



Margaret (left) and Nora serving their final Post Office customer, Eric, on 11/3/2008.

For more or less, as long as I can remember, Margaret had been church organist following, I think, Eddie Howe. In those days, we had a church choir and her grandfather, Mr Moody, was part of it. Margaret played for services with Brenda Bagshaw (now Chambers) playing for Sunday School.

In our younger days Margaret and I used to go dancing. Dances were held in a lot of local villages and in Retford. On one occasion we attended one in Worksop and popped next door to the Chinese restaurant in the interval! We once went to one in Skegness on a Saturday night and then drove back home. I had a few hours sleep before I went to work the next day! Oh to be young again!

We decided to restart the tradition of decorating the pillars in church. My husband, Frank, used to go up the ladder to attach string to the pillar tops and wind it around and down the pillar.

The rest of the helpers, Dean and Mark Sayer, our daughters Ruth and Clare and Jean all passed reeds and berries up for him to attach. On one occasion Dean said to Margaret "Can't we have some music?" so she played 'When the Saints Come Marching In' on the organ along with a selection of other tunes.'



Given her long association with the church and its music, we can only ponder how amused Margaret would have been to know the drama unfolding behind the scenes during her funeral. Graham Laughton, another lifelong villager and church organist, was playing on the day, but he soon discovered that the organ wasn't performing as it should. The compressor was not filling the bellows with air.

A relay of four strong men, Mark Hennell, Stuart Rose, Geoff R and Edwin S discreetly slipped behind the scenes to operate the manual pumping system, which pre-dates the electrical system. It was fortunate that it was intact.

The cause of the failure was the electrics to the boiler that supplies the heating having tripped the compressor circuit breaker. The only warm members of the congregation were the pumping party, but they ensured that Margaret had a suitably musical send off.





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Laxton's Organ Blower

Janet Cooke has shared this photo on which her Grandma Bailey recorded the gentleman second from the left at the back as Billy Bramford, organ Blower, pictured with the church choir, about 1920. He would have known exactly how to work the organ bellows manually!



Get Well Wishes

It was good to hear that Keith Morton had the procedure he had been waiting for and that it has gone to plan. We wish him a full and speedy recovery. He seems well on the way.

We also send our very best wishes to George Noble, who has had an unexpected stay in hospital. He is liable to have a long recovery ahead of him, which we all hope will be complete. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, Brenda and their family at this difficult time. Particular thanks go to Brenda for her normal contribution to Open Field this month despite her obvious concern for George.

We send best wishes for a speedy recovery and to anyone who is unwell at the present time. Our thoughts are also with those awaiting hospital admission.

We are always pleased to share good wishes for anyone who is unwell, but we do need to know that they consent to their names being published please.

Young Farmers Sponsored Cycle Ride



Never people to rest on their laurels or to plan a quiet weekend, Nottinghamshire Young Farmers decided to arrange an event which would be a personal challenge for those taking part..

The goal was to raise awareness of Young Farmers and to raise money as well as awareness for three

dementia charities - Forget Me Nots at Tuxford, which provides support to people with dementia in our area, Dementia UK and the Alzheimer's Society.

The original suggestion was made to cycle the 60+ miles from near their county office in Collingham to Skegness for the East Midlands weekend of competing and partying there in March.



There was an enforced last minute change of plan when the snow returned at the precise date they were to set off. They wisely decided that not only would it be unpleasant, but also potentially unsafe to attempt it. It was agreed to go on the next available, and snow free, weekend.

After diaries were checked, the final group taking on the challenge was a team of six, three each from Tuxford and Collingham. Unsurprisingly, given her reputation for never asking someone else to do something she would not do herself, County Chairman and

Laxton lass Jessica Rose, joined Vicki Banks and Katie Gent as the Tuxford YFC trio.

Fortunately the only meteorological challenge on their rescheduled date was a gusty and rather chilly side wind which proved 'interesting'. Knowing them, this much overused word hides the fact that it proved quite a challenge at times, but they all came through fit and well.

The group left Collingham at 8.30am and the ride took them just 5 hours. They reported feeling 'fantastic' by the end. It was a great opportunity to catch up with the friends and relatives who had made the journey to welcome them and to refuel with seaside-fresh fish and chips.

After some fun on the slot machines and a well deserved rest, they all enjoyed a rather more relaxing trip back with bikes safely stowed in vehicles. No doubt long, hot baths were enjoyed by all back at home.

Jessica is becoming the 'go to' person for local radio to interview about Young Farmers Activities and she was live on Lincs FM the day before the ride to promote it. By then they had already raised £1,000 towards their target of £3,000. At the time of going to print, the total is now £2,800 and still rising. All contributions gratefully received via their web site or you can contact Open Field for a local drop off point.



After the various postponements, alternative formats and other imaginative ways invented to get the word out there, the Great Notts Local History Fair is happening live again this year, rebranded as Hands on Heritage Day, in Mansfield Library.

It is scheduled for the **Saturday 13th May** this year, rather than Sunday in the hope of attracting more footfall. It will also be on the main floor of the Library, although we have yet to find out how it will be fitted in. Individual displays will be smaller, and there is an emphasis on getting visitors to be involved 'hands on' with what the many groups and societies from across the county have to show.

Laxton History Group will be there with a display of photos from around the village covering all eras and as many activities as we can.

The hands on aspect of our display will be a quiz based on Laxton dialect words, mostly relating to agriculture. We would be pleased to see any villagers new or old on the day at this free event. It is open between 10am and 2pm.

Laxton WI
are holding a
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Laxton Coronation Weekend Events

Plans for the Coronation events in the village are still coming together as Open Field goes to print, but please make a note of what is known so far and get the dates in your diary.

The Dovecote starts the weekend off with a party in the grounds on Saturday 6th May - see their separate advert.

Village 'Street Party', Sunday 7th May: at the Village Hall. Bring your party to a party. Bring your own food and drink and join friends, family and villagers for an afternoon of family activities. On the pavement if possible, but Plan B is to move into the Hall, where tea and coffee making facilities will be available plus toilets. All welcome.

Community Litter Pick, Monday 8th May: Details still being finalised. Come and join in smartening up the village.

Look out for the flyer which will come through your door with last minute details nearer the event.

Laxton Traditions - May Day Sunrise



A more recent tradition, organised from outside the village, is Rattlejag Morris' May Day Celebration. This group from Retford come to dance to welcome the sunrise from the top of Laxton Castle.

Needless to say, you need to be there for sunrise - at 5.20am. It can be chilly, so warm clothing and shoes which will resist a heavy dew are needed.

The entrance to the Castle Grounds is opposite the church. Bacon sandwiches, beer or tea are available on site for a small donation.

Dawn Chorus Walk: After the dancing Stuart Rose leads a walk round the three open fields to listen to the birds calling. On previous occasions around 30 species have been identified.

If you are new to the village, this is one event you shouldn't miss. It is not something you can do everywhere and the walk is a great chance to learn more about the famous three field farming system surrounding your new home. Everyone is welcome. Please note that you need to be able to walk safely over rough ground. The whole event is on working farming land.

MAY CONGRATULATIONS

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

We would love to give a mention to anyone who is celebrating, so please send in details with dates in good time for the right month.

The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Roger Cottee, David S, Lesley Booth, Alison Beckitt, Elizabeth Banks and another David S

We wish a happy anniversary to anyone celebrating this month.

If you are celebrating please accept best wishes. If you are aware that we have missed someone, please let us know so that we can congratulate them.



Publishing Full Names in Open Field

Thank you to the people who have given permission for us to use their full names in the magazine. Until we have a longer list you will still see a mixture of full names and first name plus initial as in the greetings opposite. At least one family has expressed pleasure in seeing their names in full in future.

When the laws on personal information changed a few years ago, the then vicar, Zoe Burton, told us that we should not use the full name of anyone who had not given explicit permission for that to happen. Southwell Minster carries a message to this effect in every issue of its 'Pew News'.

The magazine runs under the auspices of the church and so we must to follow their guidance.

If you are happy for your name to be included in full in this publication and in the on-line version, please let Jean Hennell or Joy Allison know. We now have a list of people we may name and we would like to be able to add you to it.

Thank you

Jean & Joy

Elections 4th May 2023

Just a reminder of the Parish and District elections taking place on 4/5/23. All the Parish nomination papers were delivered by hand by the due date 4/4/23 and a total of 9 nominations have been accepted for the 7 Councillor places. Consequentially **there will be an election on 4/5/23** for Laxton and Moorhouse Parish Council

As you will all know ID is required this year if you wish to vote.

Laxton Open Fields Interpretation Panels

A site visit was made to all the 9 locations with Thoresby's Jim M, Stuart R and Robert H from the Trustees and Gaits & Commons and Michael Manning from the Trustees Board.

With slight modifications to the existing sites, all locations were agreed and the new Interpretation Panels will be installed as soon as possible.

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The Parish Council applied to the scheme last year for a tree to be planted in the village. The tree eventually arrived in Easter week.



It has been planted amongst the new saplings in the hedge of the Twitchill footpath by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Michael Manning, and his grandson Eddy.

Nottinghamshire County Show



The 2023 County Show on Saturday May 13th will again be staged as an activity packed one day event at Newark Showground.

This is an opportunity to see our Notts Young Farmers in action. In addition to the many livestock classes and equine events, this year the advertised highlights of the show are:

Miniature donkeys; Lawnmower racing - where the Young Farmers really get moving!; The Barlow 'Red Barrows' - always good fun; a Festival of Food showcasing food and drink from Notts and the Midlands to a backdrop of live music on the bandstand; Dog Show; Vintage tractors; classic games on the 'Village Green' and all the many retail opportunities.

See show@newarkshowground.com £11 before 5/5/23, U16 free

Laxton Visitor Centre Trust

Commemorative Tree Planting

At a recent Trustee meeting it was suggested that we plant a tree in the village to commemorate the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2022

Thoresby kindly donated a fine oak tree and it was officially planted on Saturday 15th April at 1.30pm on Main Street just below Step Farm.



The planting was undertaken by Emeritus Professor John Beckett, a lifelong supporter of the Laxton Open Fields farming system and the Laxton

Community. He wrote his book on the History of Laxton in 1984 when the future of the village was under threat and is also responsible for the film shown in the Visitor Centre, of which he is a Trustee. He is currently revising the Visitor Guide booklet which is available for purchase in the Visitor Centre.

In attendance were Sir John Starkey, Chairman of the Trustees, Professor John Beckett, most of the Visitor Centre Trustees and a number of villagers. Unfortunately Gregor Pierrepont was unable to attend.

There was also a good turnout of villagers established and new, enabling a group photo to be taken. It was not quite on the scale of the 1986 photo of the planting of the tree on the green, but records an equally significant occasion for the village which should long outlive all present on the day.

Following the official planting a number of Trustees added their own spade full of soil to the hole before Chris from Thoresby finished the job and hammered in the supporting stake and plastic shield to



The Dovecote

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protect the young tree while it gets established.

See back page for more photos

Thanks were given to Dik and Joy for taking the photos; to Chris from Thoresby for delivering the tree; to Johnny Godson for permission for the siting of the tree and all who attended.

A plaque will be installed with the following wording:

This oak tree was planted by Emeritus Professor John Beckett, Trustee of the Laxton Visitor Centre on 15/4/2023 to Commemorate the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2022



MAY SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

30th April - No Services

**7th May Rogation Sunday – and the Coronation of
His Majesty King Charles III**

10:30 am Laxton	HC	Rev Margaret?
4:00 pm Wellow	EP	Heather B

14th May

9.00am Egmanton	HC	Father David.
10:30am Kirton	HC	Father David

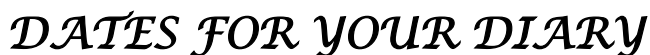
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10.00am Walesby	HC	Rev Vaughn
10:30am Wellow	HC	Rev Margaret

28th May – no services

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12 noon, 16th MAY 2023**

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.



May

Thurs 4th Polling Day in the Village Hall (with ID!)

Sat 6th Coronation Party at The Dovecote

Sun 7th **Street party by the Village Hall**

Mon 8th **Community Litter Pick**

Sat 13th Nottinghamshire 'Hands On Heritage Day'

Sat 13th **Nottinghamshire County Show, Newark**

Weds 17th **Fire Safety Visit**

Tues 23rd **Parish Council**

Weds 24th WI Fashion Show

Mon 29th Wellow Maypole Day



Mon 31st July New last date to use non bar coded stamps

Sat 30th Sept Southwell Ploughing Match, South Muskham

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Laxton WI



WI members met on 12th April for the AGM. We had one member who wished to join us on the committee, which we were pleased about.

Anna and Jackie gave a report on the Spring Council Meeting they had attended at Southwell, and Sue and Margaret had joined East Markham for their annual Party.

The National AGM is to be held in Cardiff in May, when the resolution to be discussed is "Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife". The aim of this is to create designated stretches of clean water sewage will be restricted and drains managed so that people can swim in the water and wildlife will be protected.

Our members did well in the Village Hall Quiz and a team will take part in the County WI Quiz at Ollerton in June. Also in June members are going to Southwell again to have a go at croquet and two members are going to a watercolour painting workshop.

Final arrangements were made for the Fashion Show on Wednesday 24th May at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are now on sale. See the advert elsewhere in the magazine.

Our speaker for the 10th of May is Yvonne Henson, "The Hat Lady", who makes hats for a living and is a qualified milliner (not millionaire, as spell checker wanted to write, although no doubt she wishes she was!). In June, we will be having a go at Kurling. This is Kurling with

a 'K', not curling with a 'C', and definitely not on ice. It was great fun on the previous occasions when we have tried it.

As always we welcome friends, visitors and potential members.



Village Hall News



The March Village Quiz was a roaring success, and I mean 'roaring'! It was a really fun evening, with lots of laughter and much hectoring of our famous and highly skilled quiz master. We are all still uncertain how long Liz Truss was in office as Prime Minister, but by the end of the evening no one really cared. The 'naughty table' came up with several alternative and highly creative answers.

For those of you who don't know, our quiz is for fun and there are no prizes, so despite winning a tense and hilarious tie break, the winning table got nothing, except the honour of being Village Quiz Champions until December when our next quiz will be held.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, and to those Trustees who worked in the kitchen, and to those who made and donated sweets.

You will be delighted to know that we raised just over £800 for Village Hall funds, so we should be able to pay the electricity bill this year if nothing else.

Joan Cottee
on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees

The Dukeries Singers

It's not long until we will be holding our wonderful 2023 Summer concert.

The concert will be performed with The Forest singers of Mansfield, plus some exciting guest acts, including The Edwinstowe Hand Bell Ringers.

The concert will be performed twice as follows:

Saturday 3rd June 7 pm (doors open 6.30pm). St Lawrence's Church, Skerry Hill, Mansfield NG182PR

Saturday 10th June 7 pm (doors open 6.30pm). Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road Ollerton NG229AP

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Laxton Traditions - Rogation Sunday

Rogation is one of the lesser-known festivals in the Anglican Church. It is an ancient festival to seek blessing 'for a community and its sustenance.' The word *Rogation* has its origins in the Latin verb *rogare*, (to ask). We see the same root in the word *interrogation*.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (the fifth Sunday after Easter Sunday) is traditionally known as "Rogation Sunday". The date is arrived by working backwards from Ascension Day, which is 40 days after Easter.

Easter Sunday is counted as the first day and so Ascension Day falls on a Thursday. The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the week following Rogation Sunday are known as the "Rogation Days" and they are the three days preceding Ascension Day. The Rogation Days were traditionally days of fasting and abstinence devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry.

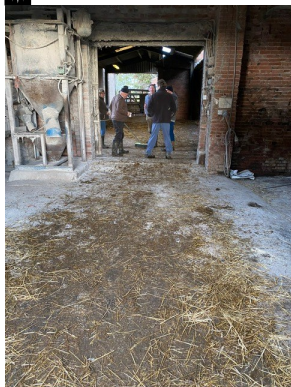
Since mediaeval times there has been a tradition of "beating the bounds" of the parish, praying for God's blessing upon the crops at Rogationtide. The purpose of this was to re-establish the boundaries and reinforce them in the minds of the community.

There are varying accounts of what happened. Some say that the elders of the parish would walk the boundaries beating landmarks with whips or saplings. Others say that the priest would go round the boundary with the village boys and subject them to a beating at specific spots, which would fix the places in their memories! While barbaric, there was science behind this because it has since been proven that memories of trauma are often firmly associated with the place where it occurred.

In recent times, this parish has always celebrated Rogation Sunday with a procession and service in the open air, usually on the Common to the west of the village - and no young people were hurt in the process. The current shortage of clergy makes it difficult to continue this tradition, but it is to be hoped that it will not be lost.

The essence of Rogation is to ask for blessing – for a particular place; for those who live and work there and for everyone's efforts to create a thriving community. Rogation invites everyone to join in asking for the success of the community and also to pledge to their part in achieving it.

A Laxton Departure



Nick Gent, the farmer who has held the tenancy of Ide Farm at the bottom of the village on Moorhouse Road recently gave up his tenancy and he and his partner Adele



moved away.

We shall no longer see his lovely cattle in the fields adjacent to the village roads in that area.

Ivan and Christine Rayner went to see them off and sent these photos as a record of the event.

Egmanton Upcoming Event

As an opening event for the Coronation weekend, on **Friday 5th May at 7:30pm** we are holding a folk music evening with the Scratchy Beard Quartet. £15 per person.

They play a variety of upbeat music - gypsy jazz, Celtic folk, story telling and rootsy blues. There will be a bar and snack food available.

Tickets should be purchased through our website 'Events' page.

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 13th May, 10 - 12. All welcome.

Wellow Maypole Celebrations



The annual Maypole Celebrations in our neighbouring village of Wellow are nearly upon us once again. Newcomers to the village may not realise that this is a major date in the area's calendar and can draw over 2,000 people.

This year's Maypole Day at Wellow on May 29th marks 100 years of recorded history of the village's maypole celebrations! In 1923 the Marchioness of Titchfield crowned the village May Queen, and in 2023 there will be two crownings during the month of May – King Charles III in London and the new May Queen in Wellow!

The highlight of a full afternoon of family fun and activities is the crowning of the new May Queen by her predecessor. Earlier in the year the new Queen is elected in a secret ballot by the people of Wellow but her coronation is by no means the only thing on offer.

The green around the huge permanent maypole in Wellow is turned into an arena for activities and entertainment. This begins at 12 noon with a parade headed by the retiring May Queen and travels from the west end of the village into the arena.

The surrounding area is full of craft and produce stalls, opportunities to buy some tasty snacks and to have a go at the excellent raffle. There is something for everyone – stalls, crafts, exhibits, live music and entertainment, children's swing boats, Morris dancing, ice cream, hot and cold food, and the famous home-made cake stall.

A display of interesting vehicles of various vintages fills the bank on the

opposite side to the swing boats and bouncy castle, with an ice cream van strategically positioned between them.

The highlights of the day are always the children's procession, the crowning of the May Queen and the ever popular maypole dancing. The May Queen, her retinue and the dancers gather at St Swithun's Church to change into their traditional costumes. The small dancers wear pretty dresses with white aprons over and garlands in their hair. There are various roles for the older ones to carry out. The Herald walks ahead of the procession doing her best to get a note out of a bugle, the posy bearer and crown bearer carry flowers and a coronet of forget me nots for the new and retiring May Queen respectively while pairs of girls carry hoops of colourful flowers.



The party forms a procession to walk down the yard of the Red Lion pub to



the arena for the ceremony, the dancing and the mischief created by Wellow Jack and his Bogies. These trouble making newcomers first appeared in 2009 and have now become firm favourites. Who would believe that you needed to train young boys and the occasional girl to create mayhem!

Free parking is available close to the green. Visitors are encouraged to purchase a programme to support the funds of the Maypole Committee as this there are a lot of hidden costs in staging the event, not least road closures and substantial insurance. The whole event would not be possible without the efforts of the many dedicated volunteers, which include a number of former May Queens.

Wellow Maypole Day is a unique and much loved tradition in Nottinghamshire – come and be a part of the celebrations, buy a souvenir programme, have a flutter on the raffle or tombola, and maybe take home some delicious cake!

We Are Visiting!

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
will be in your area on the below date to
talk to you about fire safety.

17th May 2023

Always ask for official identification - all Service employees will be happy
to produce this upon request.



www.notts.fire.gov.uk
facebook.com/NottsFRS
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Fire Safety Visit

A visit to Laxton has been arranged to enable residents to discuss fire safety with the Fire Service.

They will be in the village on Wednesday 17th May

For more information
please contact

Dave Sheard:

**01777 232230 or
07941 625761**

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

18/3/23	58	Anna Hill
25/3/23	28	Lesley & Steve
1/4/23	49	Joan & Roger
8/4/23	17	Ivan & Chris
15/4/23	29	Lucille M

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the spare numbers: 7,11,13,20,26,32,34,35,37,38,40,41,44,51,52,53,57, and 59. Please contact me on 870844.

Thank you.

Michael Manning

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Saturday 13th May 2023 From 7pm 'til late

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Live TV – Bar Open – Grand Prize Draw - Entrance by ticket only

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

VICTORIA 07866 416269 - JENNY 07791 527569 - BOBBY 01777 870300

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This year will be a busy one for the Friends of the Mausoleum. Our opening date for visits to the Mausoleum is Sunday 14th May, 2pm – 4pm. Open every Sunday until September. Please note we are not open Coronation weekend.

Visitors are welcome to come and hear about our historic building, the Dukes of Newcastle (local landowners) and links to Clumber Park.

Watch this space for news of more events to come this year.

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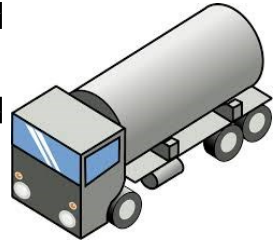
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Group Oil Order



The price of oil has been on a roller coaster ride since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The next order is due in July / August, but as some people economised after the winter order and did not order last time, it may be needed sooner rather than later. We will keep a close eye on prices and if there seems to be a good reason to order earlier, all those on the list will be contacted. Getting your name down sooner with a probable amount avoids you missing out if you are away when the word goes out.

The latest Boilerjuice average 1000 litre price for England is 65.68p/litre, about 62.5p ex VAT, and a far cry from the £1+ a few months ago.

Please let me know if you think you will be needing an order from early July. If you don't want to miss the chance to get a discount by ordering with a substantial number of others, please notify your current contact details and delivery instructions such as lock, need advance notice of delivery etc.

Anyone whose order can be placed by email is very welcome to join. Please contact me on oil@openfield.org.uk The group currently covers an area of roughly 5 miles radius from Laxton.

Joy

Local Open Gardens

In the next few weeks there will be opportunities to visit a number of local gardens under the National Gardens Scheme. In May there are three which are quite close to our immediate area:

Sunday 21st May: Norwell Nurseries and / or Wellow village

Sunday 28th May: Normanton village

Sunday 2nd July: Most local of all is Ossington 2-5 at Ossington House, NG23 6LD, jointly with Hopbine Farm House just opposite.

Photo ID Now Needed to Vote

Don't forget to make sure you have the right ID to vote next month. More details were in the last Open Field

Bring
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to vote

Egmanton Village Hall

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

- ♦ **Yoga** – with Karen Baker every Monday at 7.15pm.
For Information please contact, mobile **07399 669380**
Email **karenbaker321@outlook.com**
- ♦ **Pilates** - Every Thursday at 5:30pm with Holly Rye.
Contact **07415436001** Email **holly-rye@hotmail.co.uk**
- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Third Thursdays in the Hall
- ♦ Coffee Morning Second Saturdays 10 - 12. All welcome

All events appear on the web site - see above

Bonus Balls Available

Below is the up to date list of spare numbers available in the weekly draw. If anyone would like a number or an additional one please let me know.

1,7,11,13,20,26,32,34,35,37,38,40,41,44,51,52,53,57, and 59

Best Wishes

Michael

Laxton Defibrillator

The defibrillator in the Visitor Centre, is always accessible as neither the Visitor Centre door nor the cabinet housing it is locked.

Please do remember that the defibrillator must only be used once authorised by a call to 999.

Michael Manning

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

A reminder about the pot hole reporting contact details are:
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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,
 evenings / weekends
Anne-Marie & Geoff Rose 07961 933290 / 07957 991002, as required

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Sgt 2949 Christian Hurley, Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Team,
Ollerton Police Station

PC Gary Sipson 07525 226575 or 101 x 800 7673

Email : gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

PC2548 Deborah Bakin supported by
PCSO 8524 Richard Dunn at Southwell

07595 074292

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

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