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Jessica Rose of Laxton, newly elected Vice Chairman of the Council for The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs with fellow Vice Chairman, James Nixey (left) and National Chairman, Drew Bailey from Derbyshire, February 2024

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

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Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON 16th May 2024 PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.

A Message from our Churchwarden

Unfortunately, we were not able to have a service on Easter Sunday again due to the shortage of vicars in our area and all around our diocese and deanery. There must be at least 40 churches with vacancies. If one vicar leaves or retires and has about six churches, the number soon grows.

We were very grateful to our Lay Reader, Heather, from Eakring. She kindly offered to come to Moorhouse in the afternoon and take a service for us as Moorhouse does not have many services during the year.

Heather produced a lovely service of Easter Praise together with the usual traditional Easter hymns. Stuart C and Liz H kindly read the lessons and Sue P, from Sutton, stepped into play the organ. After the service everyone went home with an Easter egg. Thanks again to Heather.

Next traditional festival service will be on 5th May at Laxton, when we celebrate Rogation Day with a service which will incorporate Holy Communion.

Rogation Service

with Holy Communion

To be taken by Rev. Alistair Littlewood

Laxton Church

Sunday 5th May, 10.30 am

Followed by refreshments

**Everyone is welcome to come and join us
at another of our traditional services**

Springtime Village Litter Pick.

Thanks go to a small band of villagers who turned out on a glorious morning today, to try and rid our environment of litter. The morning was suggested by the Parish Council.

Equipment was provided by Newark and Sherwood District Council. The fruits of the team's labour yielded 17 bags of mostly cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, fast food cartons, crisp

packets, sweet wrappers, cigarette packets etc but a bread tray and a large tin of paint was also found. NSDC took the bags away from the pinfold.



Seen here in the photo are Stephanie, Keith and Jean, Heidi, Mike, Helen and David. Also, our thanks go to Di Jackson, Roger and Joan who missed the photo shoot. And to Anne-Marie and Geoff who gathered rubbish on another day in lieu of not being available today..

Helen

Forthcoming Dates

Laxton Church Garden Fete will be held at Blacksmith's Cottage again this year. Please note the date: Friday 12th July.

Harvest Festival: Friday 13th September in Church

Harvest Produce Show and Competition: Saturday 14th

Laxton Open Gardens, June 9th

On Sunday 9th June 2024 we are hosting an Open Gardens event in Laxton village between 1 - 4pm. We hope this event will raise much needed money for the Village Hall, which is a community asset. Funds pay for its upkeep, running costs and its ability to keep hire rates more than competitive in the locality.

We hope too, that our visitors will enjoy exploring the delights of this historic location, perhaps for the first time. After all, we have the church, the open fields, the visitor centre, the pinfold and the pub!

We have secured the participation of four gardens at present, but would welcome others. Let's showcase the village and show it off to its best advantage.

We are seeking volunteers to bake and to serve refreshments in the Village Hall. We hope to run a raffle and plant stall. Any help whatsoever will be greatly appreciated.

If you would be willing to assist please contact either Helen Sheard on 07905 161 392 or Jean Hennell on 870276.

Helen



Laxton Harvest Weekend and Competition

This year's Harvest celebrations will take place over the weekend of 13th - 15th September. Full details will be published later, but we thought we would give the people who grow fruit, flowers or vegetables; cook jams or chutneys or make craft items for the competition forward notice of the classes. Please see the schedule later in the magazine.

All classes are open to everyone, wherever you live and we encourage you to have a go. It is a friendly village competition and the emphasis is on taking part. There are classes for adults and children. We encourage new villagers to enter, even if you have never done so before, and why not get your grandchildren having a go at some of the classes for them?

Community Coffee Morning

It hardly seems possible, but it's been a year since the Laxton coffee mornings first began.

Since then, each third Saturday morning in the month has seen a growing

group of friendly faces make their way to the Village Hall. Settling down to tea, coffee and a selection of cakes, the sharing of news and views commences. There is laughter, greetings are exchanged, conversation flows easily and the atmosphere is relaxed.

The format is simple – a donation at the door, the donated refreshments are free and everyone is welcome. After expenses are paid any extra goes to a suitable charity benefitting the village and beyond.

There are all ages there from babies in arms to nonagenarians, and people from outside the village have become regulars and friends.

There was a shared coffee morning with the Young Farmers which was a delight. Until then, some of the young people were names in their reports and now they have become more familiar, to the benefit of us all.

Sometimes there is a raffle, sometimes not - it's that sort of social event. No one feels pressured to be anything other than themselves.

At times there has been a targeted charity, such as Macmillan, and Laxton folk have responded with their usual generosity.

But at its heart it remains what makes it special – a warm welcome to all and a chance to spend that most precious commodity, time, with people we share our community with.

So a whole year has passed. Flowers were presented, Karen made her beautiful cake and so we carry on into our second year. As they say: "Time flies when you are enjoying yourself."



Roy Hennell's 80th Birthday

Roy celebrated his 80th birthday with a party in Laxton Village Hall on April 14th, two days after the 'big day'. The hall was packed. Our large family all came along including our children, with their families including grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as brothers, sisters and friends.

It was a lovely party and we would like to say a very big thank you to Rachel,



Amanda, Mel, Karina and Marti who worked so hard in the kitchen. We really appreciated it. Thank you also to everyone who sent cards, messages and presents and who came to the party.

Thank you all.

Roy & Jean

Coffee Morning Corner

Local coffee mornings in our neighbouring communities have fallen into a pattern, mostly so that they do not clash with each other. They would all welcome your support. Everyone is welcome to go along for coffee, cake, a chat, sometimes with extra items for sale, so take some cash and a bag with you.

1st June Kirton at 'Hopland Cottage', Kirton, 10.30am. Entry £2.50 includes coffee and cake. EXTRA ATTRACTION: Exotic cocktails at £1 per glass! Lots of stalls.

2nd Saturdays Egmonton Village Hall 10 - 12 (May 11th)

3rd Saturdays Laxton Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.30 (18th May)

4th Saturdays Ossington Hut, 11 - 1 (25th May) + plant stall

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MAY CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to everyone celebrating in May. The **birthday roll of honour** for this month is: Roger Cottee, David S, Lesley Booth, Alison Beckitt, Elizabeth Banks and another David S*

We don't know of any anniversaries in May, but maybe you know who is due congratulations.

To anyone we may have missed, we wish you all a wonderful day and a happy and healthy year to come.

If you would like a mention for your special day, however long you have been associated with Laxton or Moorhouse, we would be happy to do so.

To have your special dates added to the lists, especially the 'big' ones, please let Jean, Joy or me know details ready for the nearest magazine.

Brenda



Congratulations Jessica



We send huge congratulations to Jessica Rose of Laxton who was elected Vice Chairman of the Council for The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs at the end of February. She will serve with another Vice Chairman, James Nixey from Bucks (left) and the newly elected National Chairman, Drew Bailey from Derbyshire (centre).

Jessica said: "I am honoured to be part of the national officer team for the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, and I am excited for the year ahead. I especially look forward to helping Drew with his mission to spread the message that the Young Farmers' Club is for everyone."

"I am so passionate about the organisation and grateful for the skills I have learnt and all the opportunities YFC has given me. I want to ensure young people are educated about our amazing youth organisation. I want them to understand it is inclusive and all its fantastic opportunities are available to them too. You don't have to be a farmer to be a Young Farmer."

Having been a member of Tuxford YFC since her early teens, Jessica is keen to carry on the good work and give back to the organisation which has taught her so much. She is a great supporter of dementia charity Forget-Me-Notts in Tuxford, which helped her grandmother Margaret Rose, and of the national charity Dementia Care.

In various roles with her local club and most recently as Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Federation of YFCs, Jessica has been an active fund raiser undertaking a personal challenge to cycle to Skegness and organising other events which have raised over £3,000 for dementia. And who could forget the Scarecrow Challenge which Jessica and Katie Gent initiated through YFC to thank the care workers during Covid. Laxton's cheery population of scarecrows did everyone good.

We wish Jessica the best of luck in her exciting new role.

Wellow Maypole Celebrations



The annual Wellow Maypole Celebrations will take place again this year on the late May Bank Holiday, 27th May, starting at 12 noon and continuing until 5pm.

This is one of the great, free events of

the year in the local area and always draws a large crowd. There is free parking near the site, but the roads around the village green are closed to keep everyone safe. A souvenir programme of events will be on sale and the proceeds from this go towards the costs incurred in advance for the next year's event.

The main event, the crowning of the new May Queen, takes place on the village green, where the maypole is situated. This year Evie Hollingworth will be crowned, following in the footsteps of her older sister Lucy, who was May Queen in 2019. Evie's maids of honour will be sisters Gaby and Lotte Cooper. There are many seats around the green, but as the crowning ceremony approaches, they fill really quickly, so be sure to get there early if you want to sit to watch .

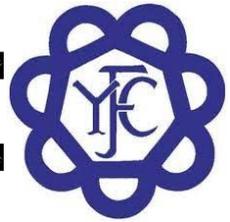
The other highlights of the day are always the children's procession, and the ever popular maypole dancing. The May Queen, her retinue and the dancers gather at St Swithin's Church beforehand, with the dancers wearing white pinafores over pretty dresses and garlands in their hair.

The party forms a procession to walk down the yard of the Red Lion pub to the green for the ceremony and dancing.. The young dancers practice hard for some six weeks to be ready for the big day.

As well as the much-loved traditional element, there is live music and entertainment, as well as Morris dancing and Punch and Judy. There are lots of stalls selling crafts, plants and other goodies, including a special food area, as well as the popular swing boats and a variety of displays, which have included vintage vehicles and photos from years gone by on previous occasions. Please remember to bring some cash as not all of the stall holders will be able to accept cards.

The cake stall is a magnet for the early arrivals, so if you would like to take home something tasty, be sure to go along in good time!

Tuxford Young Farmers



Another month with Tuxford Young Farmers and what a month it has been!

It started off with a yoga session where we were all taught about what stretches would help our bodies. The next week we went to the Dovecote Inn for an Easter egg hunt, which was run by some of our members. Everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed the eggs they found.

We then paid a visit to Thoresby Polo Club where we were shown a chukka (a game) and were each given a chance at having a swing with a mallet while sitting on a wooden horse. Thanks to Imogen for kindly showing us around the club.

We have been to Mount Pleasant Farm where we were shown some lovely cattle and given a talk about how to stock show judge by Ben and our chair Daisy. Daisy has done very well in stock judging competitions in the past.

The club, and lots of other people have been getting involved with a big game of sheep bingo.



TUXFORD YFC

SHEEP BINGO!

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Get your tickets by Sunday 7th April

The Mawer and Hill families have kindly provided 90 pregnant ewes to make the game possible and. Each ewe has been marked with a large red number from 1 to 90. When one of the ewes lambs, the number she has been marked with has been being called by Andy Hill posting a photo and all the numbers to date on a WhatsApp group set up for the game.

Thanks to all the people who have bought tickets, we have raised just under £1000 to be shared between the Children's Bereavement Centre, Newark and the club's funds.

Please be sure to come and see us at the Nottinghamshire County Show on the 11th of May. Lots of our members are going to be competing in various different categories ranging from vegetable art to a scrap metal land mark.

In addition to all the local activity, we were very pleased to hear that Jessica Rose from Laxton, who has been one of our members, our Chair and the County Chair - as well as a correspondent for 'Open Field' has been elected as one of the two national Vice Chairmen for YFC.



Amelia

Reporting Potholes

Thank you to everyone who has reported their concerns about the local roads and pot holes. Laxton and Moorhouse Parish Council have passed on these concerns and have met with a representative from Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss in further detail.



We would like to encourage anyone who has a concern about a road or pot hole to report it via the Nottinghamshire government website.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole>

The reporting address appears every month inside the back cover of Open Field. The more the pot holes are reported the more evidence we have to get them sorted.

Rebecca Creighton

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Historic Building Mythbusting

Southwell Minster will be hosting an afternoon of history, heritage, myth and legend debunked with Dr James Wright, FSA Buildings Archaeologist, in the State Chamber on 26th June.

James is an award winning buildings archaeologist. He has two decades professional experience of ferreting around in people's cellars, hunting through their attics and digging up their gardens. He hopes to find meaningful truths about how ordinary and extraordinary folk lived their lives in the mediaeval period.

Go to any ancient building and there will be interesting, exciting, and romantic stories presented to the visitor. They are commonly believed and widely repeated – but are they really true? These stories include those of secret passages linking ancient buildings, spiral staircases in castles giving advantage to right-handed defenders, ship timbers used in the construction of buildings on land, blocked doors in churches which are thought to keep the Devil out, and claims to be the oldest pub in the country.

James Wright will explain the development of such myths and investigate the underlying truths behind them. Sometimes the realities hiding behind the stories are even more interesting, romantic, and exciting than the myth itself...

Tickets cost £8, including refreshments, and are available now from The Cathedral Shop (in person or 01636 812933) or online from the Minster web site.

Parking Changes in Southwell

The parking at Church Street Car Park has changed. Previously there was a 2 hour free allowance, but this has been reduced to 1 hour. The cost is £1 an hour after the free hour. There is now a set fee of £2 for parking for the evening after 6pm. This was previously free of charge. Sundays and Bank Holidays will still be free.

This notice came via the Minster, so we cannot say if other parking charges in Southwell have changed. Please check before you get a ticket and take some change with you!

News from the Museums of Tuxford

Both Museums are getting ready for events as well as their regular opening and are delighted that we were successful in getting grants from the Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund to improve our facilities.

The Walks of Life Museum is busy with traditional building skills workshops run by Jason Mordan, the Conservation Officer. The first is working on the lime screed floor in the old farm house.

If you are interested in restoration of old buildings and would like to be part of the workshops please contact us as this is the first of many covering different types of restoration. Dates are 7th, 10th May. Details are on our FaceBook page.



We are also working with Nottingham University students on new displays.

We are open Thursday and Saturday 11am to 4 pm and other dates by arrangement. On **Saturday 1st June** 2 pm we will be having a talk commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D Day landings on the 6th June.

On **Sunday 2nd June** we are supporting the Tuxford Litter pick at 10 am

Please let us know if you would like to come along due to numbers Free event with refreshments.

Contact Diane 0177872776 dianehunt08@btinternet.com

The Museum of the Horse

Did you know that the Museum of the Horse is all about our history? Travels in any form has connections with horse history. Many of our buildings are related to the horse. Many of our well-known removal companies were formed with horses. Our clothing industry was connected to very early horse transport. Agriculture, industry, mining and of course military, were all connected to the history of the horse.

Many of our sayings come from the world of the horse. Did you know 'Crestfallen', 'Hobson's Choice' and 'Dropped Off' all come straight

from the horse? If not, is it time you visited the Museum in Tuxford to find out more? From June, the Museum will be celebrating its 10th anniversary with events, exhibitions and family open days giving you the perfect opportunity to visit.



The Museum is situated in the former Newcastle Arms building, an old Posting House on the original old Great North Road in Tuxford. It was opened in June 2014, by Sally Mitchell, who is well known locally for the art gallery named after her.

Now almost 80, Sally created the Museum single handedly and it has won many accolades including a Heritage award, appeared on TV shows Bargain Hunt and Antiques Road Trip and has been hailed as one of the most comprehensive horse museums in Europe.

Sally was inspired by German and French horse museums, the racing museum at Newmarket and the Royal Armouries in Leeds, which have superb collections but none has the full history of the horse.



The Museum of the Horse houses collections from 600 BC through to the present day and covers items from many parts of the world. It is an amazingly comprehensive collection with many very rare items, having nine rooms and nearly two thousand items on show.

As part of the 10th anniversary celebrations, from 9th June to the end of August, the Museum will be holding an exhibition of recent acquisitions to the collection. **The anniversary opening is taking place on Sunday 9th June 2pm – 4.00pm with the Museum open 6 days a week 9.30am – 4.00pm Monday – Friday and 9.30am – 1.30pm Saturdays.**

From 9th – 15th September there will be a Heritage Open Day event with a Coaching exhibition about the history of our roads and of Tuxford, our coaching town, accompanied by talks.

For more information visit www.museumofthehorse.co.uk or follow us on Facebook, Pinterest or Instagram, 'Museum of the Horse'.

Open Gardens Laxton

Sunday 9th June 2024

1 pm until 4 pm 5 Gardens. £5 per adult

Raising funds for Laxton Village Hall

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Egmanton Village Hall Refurb.

An attractive former school with substantial grounds, the hall had less appealing features including draughty, leaky windows, minimal insulation, ineffective heating and therefore high energy bills.

First, helped by the Conservation Officer, we addressed the windows aiming to keep the appearance original, but using high thermal efficiency UPVC double glazing.



Last year we replaced the convector heaters fitted about 20 years ago with infra-red heating and a dropped ceiling incorporating LED lighting. We insulated the space between the ceiling and roof, saving 50% of electricity usage and giving a comfortable temperature even in the coldest weather and improved acoustics.

In early 2024 we painted the interior to complete the upgrade to the multipurpose function room. We are grateful for a number of grants, and to the Trustees for their expertise, self-help and fund-raising.

You are never finished with such a building and our plans go on.

Kirton Coffee Morning

Saturday, June 1st

at 'Hopland Cottage', Kirton, 10.30am.

Entry £2.50 - includes Coffee and Cake etc.

EXTRA ATTRACTION- Gav's exotic cocktails at £1 per glass!

Raffle, Cakes, Bring and Buy, Bric a Brac, Plants.

Everybody Welcome !

Proceeds split between Kirton Church and the Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance !

MAY SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

28th April No Services

5th May Rogation Sunday

10.30am	Laxton	Rogation HC	Rev Alistair
4.00pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B

12th May

10.30am	Kirton	HC	Rev. Alistair
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19th May

10.00am	Walesby	HC	Rev Vaughn
10.30am	Wellow	HC	Rev Margaret

26th May

No Services

2nd June

10.30am	Laxton	HC	Rev Margaret
4.00pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

Sat 4th Village Hall 'Star Wars Day' event.

Weds 8th WI

Sat 11th Notts County Show

Weds 17th History Group

Sat 18th Community Coffee Morning

Mon 27th Wellow Maypole Celebrations

Tues 28th Parish Council



Forward Planning:

June

Sun 2nd Egmanton Garden Party for MacMillan

Sun 9th Laxton Open Gardens

NB No Garden Party this year at Moorhouse

July

Fri 12th Laxton Garden Fête

September

13th - 15th *Laxton Harvest Weekend*

**Copy Date for JUNE 2024 edition:
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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.

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Our April meeting was our AGM. Everyone was welcomed by the president.

Tickets had been ordered for the County Quiz in May. This takes place at six different venues throughout the county on the same night, at the same time and with the same questions. All the answers are taken back to County House to be marked.

Three members are booked in for a painting workshop in May and five members are going for a game of croquet in July.

Invitations had also been received to visit Ossington Gardens and Trentham Gardens as well as Notts T20 cricket. Egmonton WI have invited us to their quiz night in May.

The President read the annual report and thanked everyone for the work they had done over the past year. The Treasurer then gave her report and passed a copy of the accounts round for everyone to see. These had been audited by one of our trained WI IFE auditors (Independent Financial Examiners).

Next was the voting for the national resolution at the Royal Albert Hall to be held in London in June at the National AGM. The resolution

which gained the most votes from members throughout all WI was about "dental health matters" and improving the service so that everyone has access to a dentist.

Our county council meeting was held at Southwell Minster School in March. The

"C obblers!" cried the damsel flies,
"L ikewise!" roared the pike.
"E xcuses!" – we have had enough,
A ll those flaming lies.
"N o more filth!" the salmon scream,
"R evolution!" railed the snail,
"I nsurrection!" howled the bream,
"V ictory should prevail".
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Lesley Booth's Canada Cup winning poem



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speaker was Anne Jones, our National Chairman. She was very affable and entertaining whilst outlining the harsh situation the organisation faces. One issue being considered is whether to move the head office out of London.

The afternoon speaker was Gill Thomas, who was the contestant with one arm on the TV show, The Great British Sewing Bee. She gave a fascinating and inspirational talk. When she was young, she had been embarrassed by her disability. She could not get clothes to fit her so she made the decision to teach herself to sew. She said that it changed her life. She decided to enter the TV show so that she could show others with a disability that they could do it. After a fascinating talk she received a standing ovation.



Laxton WI had a very lucky day. Lesley won the Canada Cup for writing an acrostic poem (in box on previous page) relating to last year's national resolution to "Clean Up Our Rivers for Swimmers, Fish and Wildlife. Lesley read out her winning poem to the audience and was then presented with the cup.

The other competition was for a hat and was called "Hats Off". Anna and Sandra both entered. At our meeting Anna gave the report. She took out a model head, then put a hat on it. Everyone said "that's nice". Next out came a rosette marked "first prize", which was a total surprise to us all as we didn't know at the time that she had entered a hat. She said It was a last minute decision to take one she had already made.

Thanks also to Janet for knitting squares for "Operation Orphans", which will then be made into a blanket.

We at Laxton don't do badly to say we are only a small Institute.

Brenda



Our April meeting was very well attended and we had an excellent opportunity to learn more about the area in which we live. Our speaker, Adrian Gray, spoke about some personal highlights of Newark and Sherwood.

During the second Covid lockdown he researched all the places in our borough. For his talk he worked through from his tenth pick to his first.

10) The lost mills of Sherwood Forest

Nottinghamshire has a forgotten cotton industry, established in the 1700s and powered by water. There were mills at Lowdham and Fiskerton. The main reason the Nottinghamshire cotton mills failed was lack of large volumes of fast running water.

9) The Lincoln Gap

Here the River Trent used to flow out to Boston and on to the sea. If the Trent reverted to that route it would flood Lincoln. In 1795 Lincoln Bridge was almost swept away after heavy frost and then snow. The thaw ran off over the frozen ground and broke through at Spalford. You can still follow the old flood bank from Torksey to Clifton Hill.

8) Averham

The Trent divides at Averham and the Sutton family considerably improved the water flow there in the 1500s. Control of waterpower was vital In the Civil War. The Parliamentarians tried to cut off Newark's supply, to prevent them making weapons.

7) Wellow

It is believed that the Duke of Newcastle, a staunch high church man, was responsible for erecting a maypole at Wellow in 1856. A Primitive Methodist chapel stood on the village green and it is believed that the Duke was poking fun at the Primitive Methodists.

It seems that no one knows why Wellow Dam was created. Wellow Hall, now Wellow House School, was a hospital in the 1830s. Jordan Castle is a medieval "ringwork", seat of the Folliot family. In 1252 they received a license to fortify the site. The Folliots began the creation of the deer park at Wellow. John Jackson (1833- 1901), a famous cricketer grew up in Wellow.

6) Meering

Meering, on the opposite bank of the Trent from Sutton on Trent, is a

lost village with no buildings or parishioners although the Parish of Meering still legally exists. A ferry once ran to Sutton on Trent, but a change in the direction of the Trent may have caused the demise of the village.

5) The Kings Road

The Kings Road, one of the most important roads in the kingdom, ran from London to York through Sherwood Forest. In 1217 official perambulations around the forest had to be done on horseback, the road was so bad.

4) Walesby

Robin Hood's Cave is a sandstone outcrop above the River Maun. The connection with Robin Hood was created in the 1850s when 2 or 3 people could shelter in it. It is hardly a cave now. The land alongside it, running along the riverbank, follows the old Kings Road.

3) Thynghowe

This is a Viking meeting place discovered in 2005 and it has been intensively researched. Two of the original boundary stones remain and it is possible to still see the site where the "Thyng" took place.

2) Longhedge Lane

This is a pretty lane, possibly a prehistoric route which links up with the Kings Highway. It marks parish boundaries and connects limestone ridges from Grantham to Newark. It passes Hazelford Ferry, going through the Red Gutter, thought to be the site of a Civil War battle. It is still possible to walk for miles on this ancient route.

1) Edwinstowe

King Edwin, England's first Christian King, killed in battle in 633. It is believed that he was buried at Edwinstowe (Edwin's holy place), before being decapitated. His head was later buried at York and his body at Whitby.

In the 19th century the Duke of Portland constructed water meadows in this area to improve the quality of his land. In 1819 he made use of the effluent from Mansfield, constructing gravity fed channels to take the water and manure from Mansfield sewage works across his fields as far as Ollerton and improving the quality of the soil. By 1852 Mansfield had expanded considerably and people were complaining about the smell of the black water running across the fields. The scheme had to be abandoned, but it had been effective. Now Sherwood Forest steam railway runs along the route of one of the channels, as does the main road through Clipstone.

Electric Blanket Safety

We recently received the following notice from Trading Standards.

“68% of all blankets tested failed basic safety checks during our testing events, and we know that there are still thousands more in people’s homes throughout the Nottinghamshire. Two Nottinghamshire residents lost their lives last winter due to fires started by faulty electric blankets and we want to try and stop this happening again.”

They aim to spread the message of the dangers of electric blankets and what to look out for when buying new blankets as widely as possible. If you can help by spreading the word there are free materials available to help such as leaflets and posters. Following the success of the testing events already held, they are considering running more in the autumn and we will let you know when we get details.

Secure Your Email and Social Accounts

Data from Action Fraud shows that 22,530 people had online accounts hacked in 2023, with victims losing a total of £1.3 million. Fraudsters gain control of an account - often by convincing their victim that they are a friend. Once you share your password they can impersonate you.

The problem can also arise if an organisation you deal with has their data stolen and you use the same password for multiple accounts.

- **Use a strong and different password for your email and social media accounts.** Your email and social media passwords should be strong and different from all your other passwords. Combining three random words that each mean something to you is a great way to create a password that is easy to remember but hard to crack.
- **Turn on 2-Step Verification (2SV)** for your email and social media accounts. 2-Step Verification (2SV) gives you twice the protection so even if cyber criminals have your password, they can't access your email or social media account. 2SV works by asking for more information to prove your identity. For example, getting a code sent to your phone when you sign in using a new device or change settings such as your password. More info at www.actionfraud.police.uk



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Harvest Produce Show and Competition

September 14th 2024



Classes

Class 1

- A 3 potatoes
- B 3 onions
- C 3 beetroot
- D 3 leeks
- E 3 carrots
- F 1 marrow
- G 1 pumpkin
- H 3 tomatoes
- I 3 runner beans
- J Any other produce

Class 2

- A 3 eating apples
- B 3 cooking apples
- C 3 pears

Class 3

- A Jar of chutney
- E Jar of jam
- F Jar of jelly
- H Jar of lemon curd

Class 4

- A Victoria sandwich cake (no cream)

- B Decorated sandwich cake (any flavour)
- C Fruit cake
- D Plate fruit pie
- E 4 small cakes (buns)
- F 4 small sweet pastries
- G 4 fruit scones
- H 4 cheese scones
- I 4 tray bakes

Class 5 - Photograph

- A A Country Scene
- B It's Spring Time
- C A wild creature
- E Picture suitable for the cover of 'Open Field'

Class 6

Flower Arrangement

- A Hydrangea head in a vase
- B Single stem rose in a vase
- C Bowl of floating flowers
- D One bloom, one veg
- E Autumn Arrangement

CRAFT

Class 7

Craft item, any medium, made in the last year

CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS:

Class 8 (up to 6 years)

- A A Painted Flower Pot
- B Vegetable or fruit sculpture
- C Harvest Collage
- D A Jar of Flowers

Class 9 (7 to 11 years)

- A A Painting of Harvest
- B Vegetable or fruit sculpture
- C Model from Lego or similar
- D Hand made greetings card

We welcome additional donations of produce, preserves or home baking for auction, which is held in church at 5.00pm after the service. These can be left in church on the **Saturday, or Sunday of Harvest Weekend from 3:30pm** when the winning entries may also be viewed. **We will also be collecting non-perishable gifts for a local Food Bank.**

This event will support general Church funds and a local Food Bank

Milton Mausoleum

Sun. 5th May
The Milton Mausoleum
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Hall, live music & more. For your early bird tickets
please click on the QR code link and proceed
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Sat. 22nd June Summer Concert at the Mausoleum 7pm - with our
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Music by The Harmonics.

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Sat. 9th November Christmas Fayre at the Mausoleum. Our
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Thank you to Michael Manning for providing the information above. He is starting to pick up the reins of the jobs he usually does and has written about the Sports & Recreation Field this month. Your recent continuing patience is appreciated while he continues his recovery. Thank you.

The 3 numbers available are: 51, 52 & 53. All proceeds go to supporting the Laxton Sport and Recreation Field facilities.

Solar Park Action Group

Following all the discussion and the local meetings about the proposed Solar Park which, if built, will encircle much of the land between Newark and the area just to the east of Laxton, we have been made aware that an Action Group has been set up. This is made up of people from the affected areas, including those close to us.

There is nobody from Laxton, but there is a representative from Moorhouse along with reps for Egmonton and Ossington among others. The first meeting was all about establishing structure, protocols, electing officers etc. and we hear that there are some very committed people taking part.

The next meeting is on Thursday 9th May so we are hopeful that information will be made available to local publications after that. If we receive anything, we will include it as soon as possible to keep everyone informed.



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You shouldn't get nuisance calls if you didn't give the caller your number - for example:

- cold calls trying to sell you something like double glazing
- recorded or automated messages saying you're due compensation, e.g. for a mis-sold insurance policy such as PPI

If you're getting calls about PPI or accidents

Companies calling you about PPI claims, personal injury claims or other claims can't call you unless you've told them they can. If they call without your permission, you can report them to the Information Commissioner's Office.

It's helpful if you know the number they called from and the date and time they called. If you don't have all this information, you can give other details of the call - for example, the name of the company that called you.

The Information Commissioner will investigate and can fine the company who called.

Register with the Telephone Preference Service: The best way to reduce nuisance calls - register free of charge. They'll add you to their list of numbers that don't want to receive sales and marketing calls. It's against the law for sales people from the UK or overseas to call numbers registered with TPS.

Registering won't stop computer generated calls because the law only applies to people, not computers. You should talk to your telephone provider about how to stop these calls. It also won't stop calls from scammers. So ensure you do not pass over any personal information on the telephone if you have any concerns about the caller's true identity.

To register with TPS you'll need your:

phone number postcode email address

The quickest way to register is to visit the TPS website, **www.tpsonline.org.uk** or by phone on: **0345 070 0707**

or by **texting** 'TPS' and your email address to **85095**.

If anyone says they're from TPS and asks you for money to register, it's a scam.

If you still get nuisance calls 28 days after registering with TPS, it might be because you gave the caller your number. Tell the individual caller you don't want to be contacted again, and they should stop calling you.

If you get calls from companies that don't follow the regulations, you can complain about on the TPS website. If you do not have online access you can visit our drop in sessions throughout the area and we will be happy to help you to do this.

Block nuisance calls

There are products to block some calls (like international calls or withheld numbers) but be careful they don't also block calls you want. Ask your phone provider if they have a service to block some numbers, or you can install a call blocking device on your phone yourself.

If you require further assistance or advice on this issue or any other problem you can contact us on the details below.

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Reporting Potholes

A reminder about the pot hole reporting contact details are:
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Please do remember that the defibrillator must only be used once authorised by a call to 999.

Michael

Laxton Sports Field Bonus Ball Weekly Draw

We have 3 of the 59 numbers available for anyone who would like an additional one or a new number. The numbers are: 51,52 and 53.
Please contact Michael on 01777 870844

As a reminder, all proceeds go to supporting the Laxton Sport and Recreation Field facilities.

Michael

Useful Contact Details

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May Day Celebrations in Laxton

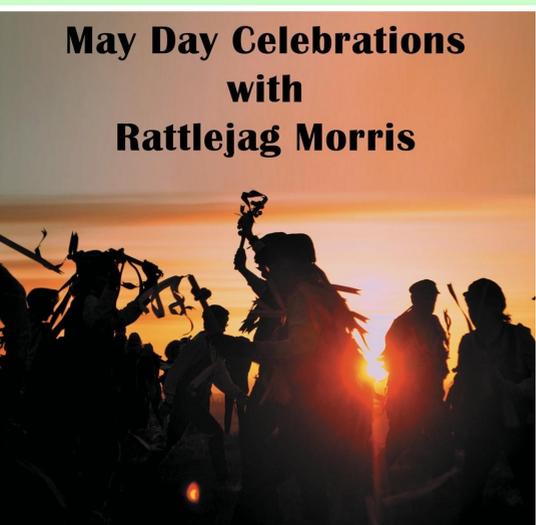
We have had confirmation that Rattlejag Morris plan to continue their relatively recent tradition of dancing at dawn on May 1st on top of Laxton Castle.

This is an unusual event, not least because it requires observers being there no later than 5.20am if they want to see the sun rising. Of course, we all hope for a lovely clear morning so that the sun is visible.

It is open to everyone, so make a note in your diary and on your alarm clock. You need to walk up Hall Lane, opposite the church and go through the kissing gate to walk through the field in which the castle stands.

Rattlejag Morris come from Retford, although some have strong Laxton connections. They make a big effort and take up barbecues, bacon, cobs and tea making supplies as well as a barrel of beer for those who fancy an early morning cold tippie. A donation is requested for the refreshments but there is no charge to attend and observe, and you may get a chance to dance as well.

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