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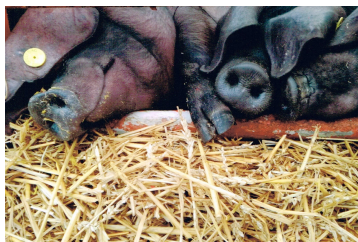
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Winner
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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

Story telling is a key method of communication between human beings. Each person has a personal story to tell – a story of ups and downs: of growing up, of love and heartache, of joys and pain, of achievements and disappointments.....

To quote John Donne, 'no person is an island entire of itself' – each person's story is part of a family story, their friend's story and the community where they live and work. Life is very inter-connected and what happens to one person impacts the lives of others. Some of these stories are recorded in diaries and history books.

I have the privilege of listening to families tell the story of their loved ones which I am privileged to re-tell at their funeral services. The re-telling of our stories reminds us of who we are and what we are called to do within our families, homes and communities where we belong.

In November we will gather at Remembrance Sunday services to remember the fallen. Their stories speak of bravery, courage, cost and sacrifice. As we read their names, stories, emotions and feelings are all re-kindled. We re-member their stories and are influenced by their stories and the lessons learnt and in light of this, we re-commit to seek peace and justice locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Each Sunday in church we re-tell the big overarching story of God's love, we re-member who God is and in light of this, discover who we are; we re-member what God's has done, continues to do today and will do into the future and in light of this what we are called to do. Each of our own stories are part of and woven into the big story of God. As we come to know God's big story we discover that this gives meaning and purpose to our lives.

Go on telling your stories and listening attentively to other people's stories including God's big story that we might continue to be shaped and formed and become better people playing our part responsibly that the world might be a better place to live in for all people.

Blessings
Rev Zoe

Get Well Soon

We are sorry to hear that Richard is still in hospital after his accident. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be back home.

Harvest



Our annual Harvest festivities began on Wednesday with the church starting to be decorated with lovely, huge, yellow sunflowers and orange Chinese lanterns. It looked beautiful when it was finished with the front pillars decorated in the traditional style and lovely displays of sunflowers which were complemented by the attractive decoration in the windows. Well done to everyone who did all the work.

It looked very good for our service on Friday evening, which was well attended and taken by Lay Reader Joan Wood from Farnsfield.

As was reported last month, new bell ropes had been purchased using a donation from the estate of the late Nora Kent. On Friday evening we were joined by Nora's daughter, Jean, and her two children, Anabel and Lucy, who had come all the way from Warrington, and also Nora's sister Margaret.

Before the start of the service the congregation sat and listened to the bells ringing as it was the first time they had been rung since having the new ropes. Joan then thanked the family and also the bell ringers.

The service then continued with Mike Jackson and Simon Hill reading the lessons and Graham Laughton playing the organ.

After the service everyone made their way to the newly refurbished Village Hall for supper. Our thanks to Anna Hill for all her help and to everyone else who helped. It was our first time catering in the new kitchen and everything seemed to go well.

Harvest Competition and Auction

The weekend continued with the usual competition on Saturday afternoon. Produce, crafts and children's items were entered this year and it was nice to have some new names on the entries for the first time, which took the total to 138 entries.

This year the cookery table was full and groaning with a tempting display of home made goods. Everyone who entered had obviously made a big effort.



The produce section was also full with a wide variety of items including some less familiar ones ranging from eggs through tomatoes, apples and beans to grapes and a chilli. In a strange year in the garden once again it was good to see some really lovely fruit and veg. There was also good support for the photography classes with some well printed examples. The flower growers had had a difficult time of it with some hostile weather in the past week, so it was good to see some people had managed to cultivate some blooms.

After all the judging came the family Service, also taken by Joan Wood with Margaret Lindley playing the organ. After the service Janet and Jean served tea and cakes.



The evening continued with Mike Jackson presenting the prize cards to the competition winners. The Roses and the Hills each went home with a good collection.

Mike then found himself in the role of auctioneer. He noted ruefully that he thought he had passed on the gavel, but it had found its way back to him. He was ably assisted by Ruby and Harry

and Ruby's mother Paula. Grandma Brenda kept the tally as the lots flew out. It was good that nobody seemed too worried about what they were buying as the eating apples were Bramleys, the tray bake some tarts and the celery was actually runner beans. It was all conducted light-heartedly and everyone enjoyed it.



Thank you to everyone who entered, others who brought produce to sell in the auction and to everyone who did the bidding. A total of £164 was raised, half of which will be donated to charity.

Once again thank you to everyone who helped and supported the weekend.

Remembrance

The Remembrance Service this year will be held at Kneesall at 10.30am on Sunday 10th November.

The said Holy Communion at Laxton scheduled for 9.00am will be cancelled.

All Souls' Day Service

This will be held at Kirton Church
Sunday, November 3rd at 10.30am.

This is a lovely and emotional service, which is followed by refreshments in church.

Please come along and light a candle for your loved ones

Everybody very welcome!

Things to Do this Month

- ☆ Think about the animals when you plan your firework celebrations
- ☆ Book your 'flu jab
- ☆ Book your table for the first Quiz Night in the 'new' hall
- ☆ Check your tank if you want to order oil with our group this month

October

Tues 29th Go to South Forest to listen to the master stonemason from Lincoln Cathedral, 7 for 7.15pm

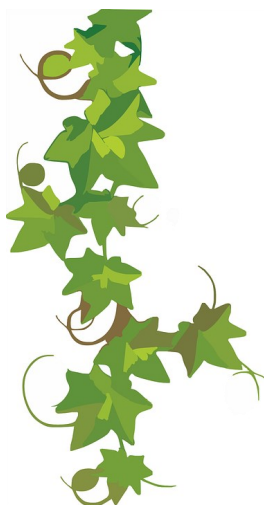
November

Sat 9th Start your Christmas shopping at the History Group Craft Fayre, 11 - 2, **VH** Lunch & refreshments

Sat 16th Go along to the Winter Fair at Wellow Memorial hall, 10 - 3, refreshments available

Fri 22nd Go along to the Church Dance, 7.30pm **VH**

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre



Church Yard Wall

On behalf of the PCC, I would like to say a huge thank you to Eric Heath who has steadily removed all the ivy from the north wall of the church yard.

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Brenda

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Nothing to report this month.

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Rotary Final Wednesday Speaker.



Master Stone Carver

All are welcome, young and the not so young, male and female, to join us at South Forest Leisure at the Robin Hood Crossroads, Edwinstowe, on October 30th 7pm for 7.15pm. There is a two course meal followed by tea or coffee, followed by the speaker, all for £10.

If transport is a necessity please let me know.

Please phone **07711 802683** to book your meal before or on Tuesday 29th.

This will be the last 'Final Wednesday' speaker until January. Please see the December / January edition of 'Open Field' for details.

Jeff Naylor

Village Hall Refurbishment Update

Many thanks to Ian Lawson for supplying and fitting the new glass in the kitchen windows, it had made a huge difference.

The December Quiz is on Friday 6/12/19 and we are really looking forward to holding it in the new Hall.

Michael Manning





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Starts Sunday 1st December, Closing date:

4.00pm Saturday, 15th December

Village deliveries will take place the following week

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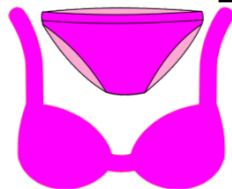
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Laxton, next door to the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who has
already donated.



Strangely the two
images in the
Harvest Competition
for the cover photo
were both of pigs.

This one by Emily
Hennell was
unfortunately
presented in portrait
format, but it is nice
to include her happy
Laxton scene.

SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

HC = Holy Communion EP = Evening Prayer MP = Morning Prayer
Es = Evensong WfA = Worship for All

27th Oct Trinity 22

9am Moorhouse HC

4pm Kirton HC

3rd November All Saints/All Souls

10.30am Kirton Memorial service

4pm Wellow EP

11th November Remembrance Sunday

10.30am Kneesall Remembrance

4pm Egmanton Evening Prayer for Remembrance

18th November 2nd before Advent

9am Egmanton HC

10.30am Wellow HC

25th November Christ the King

9am Moorhouse HC

10.30am Kirton HC

Tuesday 12th November – ‘Open Vestry Hour’ for baptism and wedding enquiries

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019

Oct 28th	MU
Nov 9th	History Group Craft Fayre
Nov 13th	WI
Nov 14th	Coffee Morning
Nov 20th	History Group
Nov 22 nd	Church dance



Forward Planning

Alternate months, 4th Tuesday *Parish Council*

Dec 1st	<i>Christmas card collection opens</i>
Dec 5th	<i>Court Leet</i>
Dec. 6 th	Quiz Night
Dec 15th	<i>Christmas card collection closes</i>

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At the beginning of October we enjoyed an evening at East Markham when our Group of six WIs got together for the annual autumn Group Meeting. The entertainment was provided by Los Amigos, a South American musical duo and based around Latin American instruments and music. This was followed by a lovely supper prepared by East Markham WI.



At each meeting there is a competition themed to tie in with the entertainment or speaker. This time the challenge was to depict a Latin American country. We chose Peru and thanks to Lesley, Janet and Joyce we were successful in coming first and winning the glass rose bowl. Next year we will be responsible for convening this meeting, and thinking caps are already on .

The following week, on 9th October we held our monthly meeting, when Brenda welcomed members and three guests. Instead of having a speaker for the evening, we tried something different and had a games night. We tried Trivial Pursuit, dominoes, Beetle, Scrabble, and Rummikub. Everyone got into teams and moved around every 15 minutes. This caused quite a laugh. Thanks to Sandra for organising this.

Our November meeting will be a craft night with Elizabeth Banks. She will be showing us how to make some items for Christmas. We shall be making crackers, a decoration and a card.

Members - please bring along small scissors, a landscape photo or cut out from a magazine approx. postcard size, showing a garden or similar scene and a gift suitable to put into a cracker.

Elizabeth will judge the results to find our competition winner.

Dukeries Woodturning Society

Sue Harker came to demonstrate to us in September and it was a fascinating evening. She first made an art deco candlestick from ash.

After the refreshment break she made a 6" high decorative Christmas tree, demonstrating how to cut shapes into the piece on the lathe as well as achieving the overall shape she wanted. The result was very attractive, but served as a reminder that the festive season is only just around the corner.



Sue described what she was doing as she worked. Her hints and tips on the correct use of the tools were particularly useful to the less experienced members of the large audience watching captivated as she worked.

Before the next regular meeting we have another of our popular hands on evenings. Three lathes will be available for members to try their hand on along with advice and the opportunity to get your tools sharpened. Just come along to the Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th November.

On November 27th we look forward to welcoming yet another lady demonstrator.

This time Margret Garrard will

be joining us in the Jubilee Hall in Ollerton at 7.30pm for what will be the last meeting of the year. As our 4th Wednesday meeting date falls on Christmas day we didn't think we would get a very big turnout!



Tickets are still available from Gordon Fisher for our Christmas Social on 14th December. This will be a good opportunity to meet fellow members socially and all spouses, partners and friends are very welcome.

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It was good to be back at Laxton after our long break and good to welcome back John Whitfield. This time he came to speak about WWI. He explained how war broke out, the course of the war, and how Britain changed afterwards.

Western Europe was doing well before the war, influenced by: electricity for factories, the internal combustion engine and mass production copied from the USA. Eastern Europe was the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Russian Empire. Serbia was independent but surrounded by Austro-Hungarian empire and something of a rogue state.

The Serb killing of Arch Duke Ferdinand and his wife started the war. Austrians then wanted war with Serbia; Serbia asked Russia for help; Austrians asked Germany for protection, and then France allied with Russia. It could have been stopped at this stage had someone backed down. Russia and Germany mobilised troops. German troops on the French border brought Belgium into the war, which ultimately brought us into the war too. We only had a small army, being mainly a naval and Imperial power and not used to fighting in Europe.

The first part of the war was fought above ground but, with modern weapons, thousands were killed. Nobody realised what a modern war would be like. We lost most of our army too in the first 3 months.

By November 1914 after being driven back from Paris, the Germans dug trenches as did France and GB. Over 400 miles of trenches were dug and the war went static for 3 years punctuated by murderous offensives, such as the Battles of Verdun, the Somme in 1916 and Passchendaele in 1917. Many thousands were killed or injured here and on the Eastern Front where Austria was fighting Russia. The last 9 months of the war were the most meaningful with the Navy blockading imports into Austro-Hungary.

Russia withdrew from the war in 1917 because of Communism which left their country in shambles. Germany could bring back 1.5 million men from the Russian Front. The same year when the USA entered the war on our side they only had a small, inexperienced army but began training millions of men to come over.

Early in 1918 the Germans attacked us in France and drove us back 25 miles but we held and were reinforced by the USA. 8th August was the turning point of the battle and using tanks for the first time and aircraft

and gas we pushed the Germans back. They knew they were beaten and on November 11th they surrendered. We never entered Germany and Hitler, who was a Corporal in the war, claimed they were not defeated but stabbed in the back by Jews, socialists etc.

John talked about life on the home front. Our army had eventually been made up almost entirely of volunteers, who had been encouraged by the suffragettes to join up. White feathers of cowardice were pinned on men thought not to be volunteering. Suffragettes reasoned that women be doing the jobs of men and could not be denied the vote afterwards. A lot of Irish women were brought into England to work including to Boots in Nottingham. Women were making gas masks, engineering e.g. shells for guns, were conductors and drivers on buses. USA provided us with new machinery which was easier for women to use. Women were moving out of service and making more money in war industry. Families learnt to live without a man, particularly by the end of the war with conscription.

Zeppelins followed railway lines to bomb places like Nottingham. Bi-planes were used over the South of England and London, though by the end of the war we had a lot of aircraft ourselves - flown under the banner of The Royal Flying Corps. The RAF dates from 1918.

After the war servicemen were demobbed. The Liberal PM, Lloyd George, held and won an election and headed a coalition of Liberals and Conservatives. (NB the Labour Party started in 1906). In 1918 the Representation of the People Act was passed. All men got the vote and all women over the age of 29. In 1928 all women got the vote,. Meaning 18m people could now vote.

A lot of women didn't go back into service after the war. A lot of the country houses were empty or demolished, changed to schools or hospitals and many of the young men who should have inherited them were killed in the war. Men, however, wanted their old jobs back and women were sent back to their homes.

By the end of the 1920s it was felt that the war had been a waste of time and lives and the sacrifice was too great. Conditions in workplaces were appalling as they had not had the investment in them. There was much discontent and bad feeling lead eventually to the General Strike in 1926.

When World War 2 arrived the difference was that we didn't want war but Germany did.

We are going to see the map of Laxton on display in Oxford in October and our final meeting of the year will see Brian Bland and friends talking about the History of Tuxford on 20th November.

We hope to see you at our Craft Fayre on November 9th, 11-2pm

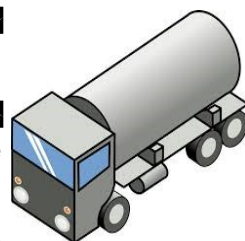
Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
21/9/19	54	Simon Hill
28/9/19	26	ROLLOVER
5/10/19	58	ROLLOVER
12/10/19	58	ROLLOVER

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: 1, 2, 7, 11, 24, 26, 28, 42, 46, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 59. Please contact Ken Shep on 870605 / Mike Manning 870844. Thank you.

Michael Manning

Group Oil Order



The pre-Christmas order will be placed towards the latter half of November, depending on expressed needs from group members and the price trends.

We seem to have just pre-empted the effects of the latest troubles in the Middle east last time, which saw prices rise by 4p per litre in a day and over 7p/litre in total in a very short time!

If you would like to order oil this time you need to send details of how much oil you will need. Your order needs to specify a number of litres. Suppliers will not 'fill the tank'. If in doubt and you really do want it full to the top, you should overestimate slightly and they will charge you for what your tank takes.

You can ask to join the list at any time by providing mobile and land line numbers, email and full postal address plus any special instructions e.g. guard dogs, gates with locks, difficult access etc.

We are working from the list which was updated last year. If you have not been in touch for a while you will need to give your details again.

Please send orders to **oil@openfield.org.uk** from mid November.

Please will long term members of the group ensure you have notified any changes to your contact details e.g. new phone number or email address. Without these you will not be contacted with a reminder, but more importantly the supplier will not be able to contact you. Please don't assume new addresses will be noted from incoming emails.

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Beware Phone Text Scam

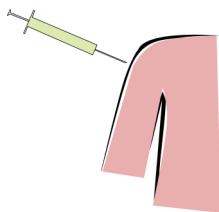
Phone users are being warned about a text scam that is doing the rounds and tricking people out of hard earned cash. Fraudsters are using a common name and an emotional story to trick people into replying to the text. But once someone replies, it costs them £20.

The text reads: *"Its Emma. I tried to call you but signal bad. "I have been taken to hospital after having a fall this morning. "If possible can you do me a quick favour and text me x"*.

Similar scams included one targeting parents asking for phone top-up vouchers. A potential victim said that she knows lots of Emmas of all the Emmas she knows, none would message her in a crisis. She thought the text suspicious so she googled the mobile number the text was sent from and discovered that texting back would have duped her out of £20.

Victims claim to have received texts with different. One mimicked a child texting their mum for help after being involved in a car accident.

Action Fraud said: "Be cautious about answering calls and text messages from unsolicited numbers you don't recognise, especially if they start 084, 087, 080 or 090.



Flu Vaccinations

There is still time to think about booking in for your annual flu vaccination. As the older members of our community were told a couple of years ago **'You may not feel over 65, but your immune system is.'**

Some of the surgeries will have further 'flu jab clinics' in November. Because the vaccines are different for different ages you should check that you book in for one covering your age group.

This 3 vaccines being given are.

- For patients over 65
- For patients under 65
- Nasal spray vaccine for pre school and primary school children

Please contact your surgery for details to see when they are offering vaccinations so that you can get yourself and your family booked in. If you can't get to a clinic, you can book in for your jab with a routine appointment or make one to get it done.

Many thanks to our regular contributor MWS for yet another insight into the life of the past. This is a page of accounts from 1885, when money was worth more than today. It covers around a month of outgoings which total just over £115.50 including some brought forward, in a period when there was no income. This is the equivalent of approximately £14,700 today. Food for thought indeed.

1885	Brought forward	£	37	17	8½
Nov 16	Mrs Reynolds drying drink for cow	"	"	"	6
"	Messrs Stones Lincfold powder shot	"	2	4	"
"	Jas Green Lincfold for coal 25cwt	"	14	5	"
21	Wm Sampson 5 days @ 2/6	"	12	6	"
22	Mt Johnson for one calf	"	1	9	"
25	Mt Hewitt for one pair chopper knives	"	7	"	"
"	Cutler's expenses at Newark	"	2	6	"
26	Robt. Lee earnest money	"	3	"	"
"	Frank Allwood earnest money	"	2	6	"
28	Wm. Sampson 5 days at 2/6	"	12	6	"
30	E. Reynolds drying drink	"	"	"	8
Dec 1	Earl Manver 2 years Rent	"	40	"	"
12	Wm Sampson 7 days @ 2/6	"	17	6	"
Nov 15	Messrs. Harwell & Son 18 gals. of beer	"	1	"	"
Dec 10	Messrs. Leathers & Sampson me	"	1	3	"
"	day thrashing barley	"	"	"	"
"	Two men helping to thrash	"	5	"	"
16	One packet of wheat's calf powder	"	1	"	"
"	Carried forward	£	115	11	1½

Events at Maplebeck Village Hall

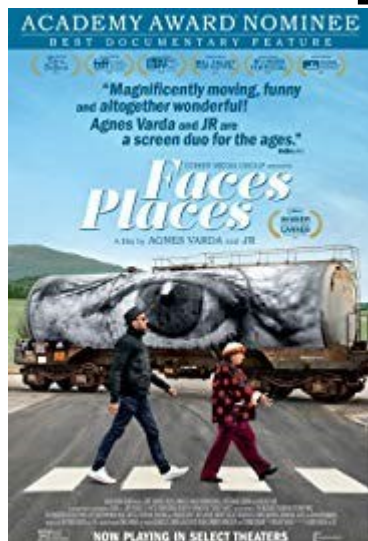
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We are proud to announce the start of our 12th season of Maplebeck Films. Another eclectic mix of the best of modern cinema in your friendly local modern environment with excellent equipment and acoustics. Come and share the 'Big Screen' experience with others who are passionate about film.

The season started on 8th October. Tickets are £5 on the door or you can benefit from the amazing season ticket offer of the remaining 8 films for only £30.

Tuesday 19 November at 7.30 pm £5 on the door

Film Screening of: **Faces / Places** PG



ALSO

**Thursday 14 November
at 6.30 pm,**

£10/ £5, concessions available

a live and local production

'Eggs on Legs'

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Winter Fair

Saturday 16th November

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Wellow Memorial Hall

10am-3pm

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The Dukeries Singers

I would like to open my "catch up" with an appeal: **WANTED, The Dukeries Singers are looking for a new Musical Director.**



For the past three and a half most enjoyable years the choir has benefitted from the wonderful direction of Mr Ashley Williams. Under his enthusiastic leadership we have enjoyed singing a wide repertoire of music.

However he has decided to step down as Musical Director, to take effect from after the Christmas period. We shall be so sorry to see him leave and thank him for his time with the choir, but we fully understand his desire to spend more time with his family and we send all of them our very best wishes.

SO the Dukeries Singers need a new Musical Director for January 2020.

We are a friendly and enthusiastic group of singers who like to harmonise both musically and socially and have been doing so for over 40 years.

If this is a role for which you have been waiting, please do not hesitate to contact our secretary Pauline **07951609217** for details.

You can see and hear us on **www.thedukeriessingers.com** and also find us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube

You would also be welcome to attend any of our rehearsals or performances. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-00pm upstairs in the Theatre Foyer at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and free car park.

Our confirmed bookings are;

Thurs 28th Nov Carol Sing at Edwinstowe Lights' Switch On.

Sat 7th Dec Christmas Concert, Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

Sat 14th Dec Carols and Christmas music, Alders Restaurant
Ollerton

Fri 20th Dec Carols & Christmas music, Masonic Hall, Mansfield.

If you would like to book the Choir for your Christmas "do" or indeed for any other celebration, charity, anniversary or fund raising we have some available dates and our secretary Pauline on 07951609217 would be delighted to hear from you.

Do enjoy your Bonfire Night celebrations, may all your sparklers twinkle and your squibs not be damp

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Group Advent Service

Laxton Church

Sunday December 1st

10.30am

**Blessing and lighting of
the first candle on the
advent wreaths**

Everyone Welcome



Laxton Christingle Service



Sunday 15th December 4.00pm

**All the children will receive a Christingle
Please come and join this family service and
then stay for refreshments.**

Everyone Welcome

Egmanton Village Hall

www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk / 01777 871171

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

- ♦ **Yoga with Greg** – Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Thurs 21st November
- ♦ **Zumba Class**  Tuesdays 5.45 - 6.45 **Call 07817 311627**
- ♦ **Children's Dance Classes** - Sat mornings (Jill, 07790 601877)
- ♦ **Computer Problems?** - Call **01777 871171**.

If your computer is misbehaving or you need help setting up a new one, please call. Donations to Egmanton Village Hall in lieu of fee.

Maplebeck Village Hall Events

www.maplebeck.org.uk / 01636 636421

Regular Activities

Yoga	Tues 9.45am and Fri 9.30am
Clubbercise	Thurs, 8.30pm
Walkers	Weds, from approx.10.00am
Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly 7.30pm
Book Club	Tues, 7.30pm, 12 Nov, 17 Dec, 2020 21 Jan, 25 Feb, 24 Mar, 28 Apr, 2 Jun, 7 Jul;

Upcoming events and Films (all 7.30pm)

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Thursday 14 Nov 6.30pm	Theatre (puppetry), Eggs on Legs
Thursday 19 Nov 7.30pm	Film Faces / Places PG

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
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

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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@nottsc.gov.uk	0115 977 5661

Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk

Laxton History Group Craft Fayre

Laxton Village Hall

Saturday 9th November, 11am - 2pm

☆ **Lots of crafts to kick start your present shopping**

☆ **Raffle, games and tombola**

☆ **Delicious home made soup & cakes**

Everyone welcome

£1 admission includes first drink and cake

Firework Time Again Please Think of the Animals

With bonfire night just around the corner, it seems a good time to remind people to take care when having firework events. They can be terrifying for animals and some people as well. At this time of year everyone with animals tends to be on alert for a week or so before to a week or so after 5th November.

If you are planning to let off fireworks at any other time during the year, please let your neighbours with animals know so that they can take precautions.

Animal owners, and horse owners in particular, will quickly spread the word amongst each other so everyone will be safe and happy and your tip off will also let people who would like to watch and enjoy the spectacle know when to be at their windows.

Thank you on behalf of the animals and owners