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*'Getting to Know You' - A longhorn cow and its 2 hour old calf  
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BE WITH THE EDITOR BY 16th OCTOBER  
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Cover: Longhorn cow and new calf  
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## Letter From Revd. Anna

Rev Anna writes...

Well, it comes as rather a surprise to us all that after two and half years serving this group of churches as the Growing Disciples Priest my time here is coming to an end.

My work began in earnest in January 2017 as I tried to meet with each serving Church Warden to find out about each church and each community; a group of twelve different communities felt quite daunting as I knew each would be different even though we shared our common faith.

It has been interesting, joy filled and not without challenge as I tried to build relationships across the group of villages, at times we have not met each other's expectations which led to tension and fear, at other times we have had beautiful and profound spiritual moments and at others we've had an absolute hoot as we've laughed together.

I have learned so much about ordained ministry, about leading people and myself as we've navigated the large number of team members and large number of parishes.

On the whole my ministry here has been a series of experiments, as I've sought to build up and encourage, to build "church" where there was previously nothing and to connect community events with our worshipping communities, some of these experiments have led to success, others have fizzled out after short time but I firmly believe that nothing is wasted in God's Kingdom, every conversation, every exasperated prayer, every bizarre creative experiment has been used by God.

Highlights would include working with Kneesall School, Walesby School and Bilsthorpe Flying High School. Its been wonderful to build relationships with the children and to help them explore their own faith; and my work in the community here in Bilsthorpe.

I've enjoyed being a member of the team, working with interesting and creative ministers, both lay and ordained, I am sad to be leaving the team and the friends I have made over the last couple of years.

So I'll finish with some final words of encouragement from John 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."*

It is my prayer that our churches will be even greater places of hospitality and refreshment, places where ordinary people come to hear about, to pray to, and to be filled with the joy and peace of God.

Blessings  
*Revd. Anna*

## Congratulations - Albin Tate

The christening of Albin Edric Outram Tate took place on 1st September at Our Lady of Egmonton Church.

Albin is the son of Caroline Tate and Lee Outram and brother of Efren Alaric Outram Tate and the grandson of Jeffrey and Janette Tate all of Egmonton.



Pictured here with Albin and his immediate family are his uncle, Michael Tate, also one of his Godparents and his partner Lorena Gomba who travelled from Switzerland to be there.

Congratulations from all the family.

## Open Letter - Cricket Club

I feel very let down. The cricket pitch has been left in a dreadful mess. The Club house is an eyesore and there is a lot of rotting wood just thrown on the ground. This makes a beautiful area (which is part of an ancient monument) look dreadful and unacceptable.

Cricket has been played here for many years, thanks to Mike, who has now been left to clear up this rubbish.

Would some of the MANY people who have been lucky enough to use it please come and take it away. Mike cannot be expected to do this on his own and should not have been left to do so.

***Diana Jackson***



## What a Night!



Most people will know by now that our lovely old church was struck by lightning on the night of Tuesday 23rd July 2019. It was at 2.35am when we had a horrendous storm and lightning struck the church tower on the south side.

It hit the clock with a massive bolt and stripped the blue and gold paint off the face which is hard to believe. It didn't

touch the clock face on the west side. Both clocks stopped and we had no electricity. Luckily it had only tripped the electrics and once it was switched back on again both clocks started to go. Fortunately the lightning strike had done no damage to the mechanisms.

We have since had our lightning conductor tested by a professional and he has sent us his report. He has advised us to have the conductor fitted to all 8 of our pinnacles and our two clocks as a better precaution.

We are now awaiting an estimate for the cost of the work which needs to be carried out. As far as we can tell, no-one can remember anything like this happening before, but as our weather is now getting increasingly worse, we must take more precautions against the elements..

We are thankful to Sam Wortley, who witnessed what happened and for diligently keeping a watch on things and reporting it so quickly.

*Brenda*

## Thank You

On behalf of the PCC, I would like to say a huge thank you to Pat Naylor for the most generous donation of £500 from the proceeds of her plant stall over the summer.

It amazes me how much her stall raises each year for her charities. Pat puts an awful lot of work into it over the year and the support she gets from other people and the customers who buy from her make it all worth it.

Thanks again Pat, from the PCC. It is much appreciated.

*Brenda*

## Mothers' Union

Our next meeting, on September 30, will be a service in Laxton church. After this we will go to Janet's house for refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Plans for October have still to be finalised. Please speak to Janet for details.

## Village Hall Refurbishment Update

By the time you read this, The Lottery will have been out to inspect the Hall and tied up all the loose ends!

Bookings are now being taken in the usual fashion through Pat Naylor so if you have a "do" and want a really smart venue, please give Pat a ring!!

The Hall has already hosted two parties for village residents and regular groups have started to hold meetings there again.

The grant I applied for to Newark and Sherwood Council for the Rural Cinema eventually came though but it was reduced to £1000. We are still hopeful that help from within the Parish will turn the idea of the cinema into a reality as the cinema was high on the list in the Community Questionnaire for a "must do" when the Hall was finished

*Michael Manning*

# Things to Do this Month

- ☆ Book your 'flu jab
- ☆ Book your tickets for Laxton Harvest Supper
- ☆ Get your tickets for the first dance in the 'new' hall.

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>** Go to Southwell Ploughing Match & Show **Thoresby**

**October**

**9<sup>th</sup>** Join the fun and games at WI's Games Night, 7.30pm

**12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>** Participate in Laxton's Harvest events and visit Muskham Art Group's exhibition

**12<sup>th</sup>** Attend the concert of Baroque music, Norwell church, 7.30pm

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup>** Go to South Forest to join Rotary in listening to the master stonemason from Lincoln Cathedral, 7 for 7.15pm

**VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre**

## Tuxford Young Farmers

We started our new Young Farmers year on the 4th of September with New Members Night and we had quite a number of new people attend.

Our task on the night was to make a hobby horse and everyone had great fun. The following week was our AGM where events for the coming year were discussed and officers for the year were selected e.g. chairman, secretary, etc.

We meet every Wednesday at 7-30pm at Hall Farm Weston. If you feel you would like to join us please come along.



*Emily*

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## **Laxton History Group**

Our meeting on September 18th with John Whitfield's talk about Britain in the Great War is after the '16th deadline' so we will tell you all about it next month.

On October 15th we are making our visit to Oxford to see the 1635 map of Laxton on display at the Bodleian Library.

Advance notice: On November 9th we will be holding another of our popular Craft Fayres. Lots of stalls with tempting treats and present ideas as well as our usual delicious selection of things to eat. Make a note in your diary now: 11 - 2pm, Laxton Village Hall.

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# Laxton's Historic Open Field Farming System and Sale of the Laxton Estate

As mentioned in last month's magazine, The Crown has a preferred bidder in "The Trustees of the Thoresby Settlement". There has been no more information to either the Parish Council or the Visitor Centre Trust since the last report in the magazine, that it would be towards the end of the year before the process of the sale had been completed.

*Michael Manning*

## Rotary Final Wednesday Speaker.



### Master Stone Carver

In the hierarchy of workers in stone comes mason, master stone mason, stone carver and master stone carver. The stone mason will give you a squared piece of stone with dressed faces and edges, with chamfers if required, but a master stone carver is the master of his material and will provide your gargoyles in all their glory. He can insert repairs to pinnacles, provide roof bosses and, if you require a Queen Elizabeth head, he will carve an excellent likeness.

Our Final Wednesday Speaker for October gives you the opportunity to listen to (and view, albeit on screen), the work of the Master Stone Carver from Lincoln Cathedral. If you didn't take up the opportunity last year then here is your chance to listen to a most enthusiastic and capable master of his craft.

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.

Transport may be more of a problem this month as Paul, our speaker, needs fetching from and returning to Lincoln, but if transport is a necessity please let me know.

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

*Jeff Naylor*



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17/8/19	45	Jean and Keith M
24/8/19	38	Dorothy Cree
31/8/19	15	Ann Dutton
7/9/19	8	Evie (Neil R)

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: 1, 2, 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*

## Laxton History Group Trip to Oxford

We are going to Oxford by minibus / coach on Tuesday 15th October to see the wonderful 1635 map of Laxton by Mark Pierce on public display in the Bodleian Library's Talking Maps' Exhibition.

There will be some stunning historical maps on display as well as modern pieces. We have a waiting list in case of the inevitable changes of plan. Please call Jean on **870276** if you would like to join us.

## Muskham Art Group

### Annual Exhibition

**12th & 13th October 2019**

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10th October, 10.30am - 11.30am

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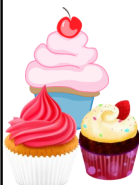
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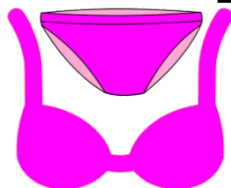
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understand the huge difference they can make to  
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If you are able to donate anything, please drop off at School House,  
Laxton, next door to the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who has  
already donated.



## Supper Dance

**The next Supper Dance will be on FRIDAY 22nd  
November 2019. This is the first since the closure  
of the Hall for the refurbishment of the hall in  
Laxton.**

**We hope you will come and join us. Tickets £8  
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## The Start of World War II

3rd Sept 1939, Church Farm, Moorhouse: Even as children we knew about Hitler and his 'invasions' and about Mr Chamberlain's ultimatum to Germany, so on this morning 80 years ago there was an air of expectancy about, a mixture of hope and fear, of what is happening, what is going to happen, what is it all about?

My father was called in from his work on the farm just before 11 o'clock and we, Mum, Dad, Ken, Noel and I, all sat down around the kitchen table. It was very quiet, we children awed by the expressions on our parents' faces as we waited in silence for 11.15 a.m. They had already lived through one world war, experienced the losses and somehow their fears, their forebodings were communicated to us.

I cannot express the sombre atmosphere as we watched their faces, whilst they listened to the announcement from the Prime Minister, Mr Chamberlain, that Germany had not pulled back from Poland and "consequently this country is now at war with Germany".

My father, grim faced, scraped back his chair loudly as he stood up, swore 'Blast it' and, without another word, went back to his work.

My mother shed a few tears and carried on preparing Sunday dinner. It must have been a momentous occasion. My mother, for the only time that I can remember, hadn't taken us to Sunday School in Laxton.

We children were left solemn and quiet, wondering what was going to happen next. Would we be bombed? Would the Germans come today? Would we be killed?

The church bell rang five times. And remained silent until the 8th May 1945.

MWS

## Dog Fouling

The Newark and Sherwood Council dog warden has visited the village and we are still waiting the report from her.





**St Michael the Archangel, Laxton**  
**Harvest Produce Show and Competition, 2019**  
**Only Home Produce and work to be entered**



**Rules**

1. Entries to be in Church **between 2 pm and 4 pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**NB PLEASE NOTE TIME FOR ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED**
1. Each competitor will be given a number in each class entered.
2. Each entry must be the competitor's own work.
3. Entries in Class 3 must have twist top, or wax disc and cellophane cover.
4. **Please note, no meat or fresh cream can be accepted in any class**
5. Prizes will be presented in each section - First 30p, Second 20p, Third 15p

**We welcome additional donations of produce, preserves or home baking for auction. These can be left in church on Saturday, or Sunday from 3:30pm when the winning entries may also be viewed.**

**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

**Auction** - all entries will be auctioned in Church on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm**  
Proceeds of the auction towards general Church funds and to charity

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

### **6<sup>th</sup> Oct   *Trinity 19 – Revd Anna’s leaving service***

10.30am   St Giles HC

4pm   Kneesall Harvest

### **13<sup>th</sup> Oct   *Trinity 20***

4pm   Egmanton Harvest

4pm   Laxton Family Harvest

### **20<sup>th</sup> Oct   *Trinity 21***

9am   Egmanton HC

10.30am   Wellow HC

### **27<sup>th</sup> Oct   *Trinity 22***

9am   Moorhouse HC

4pm   Kirton HC

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct   Wellow Harvest Festival   7.30pm**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct   Laxton Harvest Festival with supper 6.30pm**

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# *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

**2019**

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Southwell Ploughing Match Thoresby Estate

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> MU

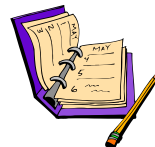
Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Farewell event for Rev. Anna

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup> WI**

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning**

Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> Laxton Harvest Weekend

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> History Group Trip to Oxford



## ***Forward Planning***

*Alternate months, 4th Tuesday Parish Council*

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup> History Group Craft Fayre**

Dec. 6th Quiz Night

**Copy Date for November: 16th October.**

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Members were pleased to return to the hall in Laxton for the September meeting of Laxton WI. Sadly our President Brenda was unable to be with us as she was unwell. We hope she soon feels better. There was an excellent display of knitting produced by Janet, Pat and Sandra for the Christmas appeal and plenty of spare wool for anyone else who felt inspired. There is a spare ticket available for the

Chinese brush painting at County House on the 5th of October. Anyone interested should contact Lesley.

One of the more unusual offerings in recent times is rafting and tomahawk throwing at Walesby. The photos here prove that Lesley got wet taking part, but we have yet to hear whether she is now lethal with a tomahawk!

The Group meeting in October will take place at East Markham Village Hall and Pat 'volunteered' to give the vote of thanks on our behalf. Laxton church will host the group carol concert on the 2nd December, which will be taken by Revd. Zoe with Graham Laughton playing the organ. The theme will be 'kindness



and giving' and mince pies and shortbread will be served after the carols.

Much to their surprise Bridget and Chris were presented with prizes from last year's competition. There will be more competition at our October meeting when we will be having a games night. The November meeting will be another of our popular craft evenings run by Elizabeth Banks and instead of a competition, Elizabeth will judge the best craft item made by a member on the night.

Lesley then introduced our speaker for the evening Ged Hall - a very apt name as the hall was very much in our thoughts. He treated us to a woodland walk, unusually using slides, which he had taken in and around Whitwell Wood in Derbyshire. It is a place he knows well as he lives close by and visits the wood daily.

Ged is an accomplished photographer and he introduced himself explaining the letters after his name, all gained through his photography. The talk began with views of poppy fields both 40 years ago and today showing how the density of the flowers has declined.

Throughout the talk Ged gave pointers on how to take better photographs. His first tip was to think about turning the camera from the usual landscape orientation to portrait even to capture a view.

Many of the photos we saw were of wildlife and in particular birds. He is clearly an accomplished bird photographer and his shots were really beautiful. As he showed each photo he told us something about the habits or the habitat of the species and also discussed how certain species had fared better than others with the modern challenges of chemicals, sprays and loss of habitat.

We were interested to learn that we might see up to 1000 lapwings very near to Ollerton around Christmas or New Year. We also learned that the parent birds will split the brood and each go off with some of the chicks so that if they are predated some should survive.

Much of the timber in Whitwell wood is immature because much was cut down for the war effort in World War II. The wood is mostly deciduous with only small areas of conifers. It was originally designed for shooting purposes and is set out in a circle marked into quadrants with rides. We learned that this is the biggest woodland in Great Britain at 428 acres. It was probably news to most members that a wood greater than 500 acres is a forest.

One series of photos showed how a pond was put into the woods in 1989. The pond was triple lined and the lining went well up above the sides to help to capture all the rain which falls around. There was no convenient tap and hosepipe to fill this pond. A lot of water was needed to fill it when it was finished and the local Fire Brigade was

recruited to finish the job. We saw a photo of the pond as it is today - clearly very much an established part of the landscape. As Ged said, it looks as if it has been there for 100 years.

Some of the photos we saw were of insects and we learned that the best time of day to photograph them was early morning before they got warm and started to move around. One shot showed a dragonfly with a mark on its wing. The dominant male in an area will attack others. This mark was a consequence of such an attack.

We were shown some beautiful wildflower photographs. The wood seems to be particularly rich in orchids, some of which may only flower every five or 10 years. The varieties included early purple orchid and it's white variant, bee orchid, the unusual tooth orchid, the fly orchid and a butterfly orchid.

Ged likes to take photos of birds at the nest. He shared that one reason for doing so is that the birds will always come back to the nest and having found it it is relatively easy to return to photograph them again.

This is a working wood. It is regularly coppiced and trees are filled in a managed fashion. The rides through the wood have been surfaced with stone which makes it easy to stack the cut wood for removal by tractor and trailer.

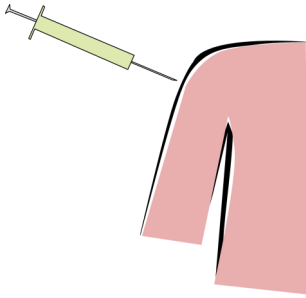
The presentation ended with shots of fungi as the wood moved into its autumn season. It was a very interesting talk and members were generous in their applause and keen with their questions at the end.



The competition was for a wooden item. Ged kindly judged this for us and decided that the first prize should go to Joy with Janet second and Lesley third.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th October in Laxton Village Hall at 7:30 pm and as mentioned above will be in the form of a games night. To see what games why not come and join us on the night?





## Flu Vaccinations

It is time to start thinking 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.'**

By the time you read this, some of the surgeries will have already had 'flu jab clinics'. You will need to make sure when you book whether your surgery is dividing the clinics along vaccine type lines or not.

Tuxford Surgery kindly sent us the following last month:

This season there will be 3 vaccines being given.

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

Our over 65 vaccine is (supposedly) being delivered from 20 September.

However – our under 65 vaccine has been delayed and will now be delivered in 3 batches, starting w/c 07/10/2019

This may change – but currently we're thinking of flu clinics on;

- 01/10/2019 – Vaccinations for **over** 65s 1 - 6pm
- 02/10/2019 – Vaccinations for **over** 65s 1 - 6pm
- 15/10/2019 – Vaccinations for under 65's 4 - 7pm

As we've discovered in previous years – it's all subject to last minute delays and delivery problems.

With uncertain delivery dates, clinic dates are tentative – so please make sure your surgery has got up to date mobile phone numbers so that they can let you know as quickly and efficiently as possible if things change.

If you are registered with one of the other surgeries serving our community, e.g. at Sutton on Trent or Ollerton, please contact your surgery for details to see when they are offering vaccinations so that you can get yourself and your family booked in.

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# The Dukeries Singers



Having spent a big lump of time sweeping, cutting down, tidying etc. I have come to the conclusion that autumn has arrived big time as the garden is liberally coated in leaves, dead plants and

crab apples for England!! I shall be needing a new brush head soon.

The choir is well into preparations for its autumn and Christmas engagements.

If you have previously enjoyed singing with a choir and would like to explore the experience again, we have vacancies throughout our choir, particularly among the male voices. We do appreciate our men. Their harmonies in the lower voices add such a depth of quality to our music and give the altos and sopranos a firm base on which to sit. (Figuratively not actually of course!)

This would be a good time to give us a try as we begin our autumn/winter and Christmas rehearsals. We are preparing new pieces and refreshing some favourites. We practice every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm. until 9-00pm. upstairs in the theatre refreshment area at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

If you are considering booking us for your fundraising, charity or Christmas event, be aware that Christmas has a unique characteristic; it appears from nowhere!! We already have several bookings for Carol Sings and Concerts but our Secretary Pauline would be delighted to hear from you on **07951609217** as we do have some available dates.

At present we have bookings for;

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov Carol Sing at Edwinstowe Lights' Switch On.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Concert, Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols and Christmas music, Alders Restaurant  
Ollerton

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols & Christmas music, Masonic Hall, Mansfield.

You can find information about the choir at [thedukeriessingers.com](http://thedukeriessingers.com) and also on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

Dare I ask for some lovely Autumn sunshine after my complaints of the extreme heat in the Summer?

*Jan*

# Dukeries Woodturning Society

Our demonstrator in August was Emma, the Tiny Turner. 38 members and visitors attended, including some fellow turners from Lincolnshire Wolds. It was a good night as we had Pat there with his wood working supplies and Steve Wright with a wide selection of wood for carving.



Emma began making a triangular box with a twist starting with a rectangular chunk of lime wood which she first turned roughly into a cylinder. She marked it up, explaining how to create the twist. Using the marks she had drawn, she reset the block into the lathe chuck off centre.

This is quite advanced work and causes the piece to wobble a lot when the lathe spins.

Emma explained how to shape each side of the piece to create the outside of the box. She then carved the surface to give it texture similar to that created with an adze. She explained that she does that before parting the top and bottom of the box so that it will match up afterwards.

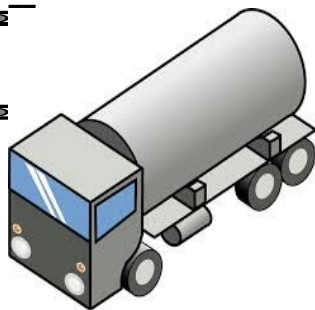
Having hollowed out the centre, Emma coloured the outside black and, while it dried, showed some samples of gilding and spoke about the techniques you can use. She finally applied gilding to the inside of the box and a different type of gilding product to each of the faces of the box to demonstrate how they differ. It was an excellent and informative evening.



On October 23rd we look forward to welcoming Dennis Wake to the Jubilee Hall in Ollerton at 7.30pm to demonstrate. The Tickets are now available for our Christmas Social of 14th December. These are available from Gordon Fisher - see details below.

For more information please visit [www.dukerieswoodturning.org.uk](http://www.dukerieswoodturning.org.uk) or call Gordon Fisher on **01623 464986** / Michael Manning on **01777 870844**

## Group Oil Order



Yet again there is trouble with oil supplies in the Middle East, but hopefully things will have settled down by the time we are ready to place our pre Christmas order. This is usually around the end of November, and there will be a reminder in next month's magazine, but it is not too late to get in touch if you would like to join the group.

You will be asked how much oil you will need and 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.

## Concert of Baroque Music in Norwell

Musical treasures from the Italian baroque come to St. Laurence's Church, Norwell on October 12th in the form of Duo Piccolo e Grande. The Lincoln and Nottingham-based musicians present a programme of rare works on equally rare instruments. Enzo Puzzovio plays mandolino, a precise replica of the ivory and ebony 1752 original in the V&A museum. He also plays an antique hurdy-gurdy and all the music is accompanied by Stewart McCoy on the theorbo. The duo frequently performs rediscovered works that have lain unplayed since the 18th century. They play in concerts internationally.

The concert begins at 7.30pm. Admission is free with an interval for refreshments. A retiring collection will be taken for St. Laurence's.

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# Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting 23rd July 2019

**NB** Minutes unapproved, to be presented for approval on 24th September.

**Present:** Councillors:

M. Manning (Chair), S. Hill, R.Hennell, M.Hennell, J.Hill (from 7.55 pm)  
J Godson, S,Rose

### **In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Millward (Clerk), S. Michael (District councillor), M. Pringle (County councillor), Inspector H Sutton

Members of the public (x2 plus 2 from 8.00 pm)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr J Hill was absent at the start of the meeting. Councillors consented to the absence.
2. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the Laxton Visitor Centre and village hall committee in item 10 d (Donation), sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field) and village hall committee in item 15 a (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project).  
There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
3. **Dispensations:** None required.
4. **10 Minutes public speaking:** Matters raised:
  - a. The cleaning of the twitchell. The clerk will write a letter of thanks to the resident responsible.
  - b. Concerns in relation to footpath route in the village that this remains an issue which councillors noted although they regretted that they have no powers in this regard.
5. **Open forum – Inspector Heather Sutton, Nottinghamshire Police:** The chair welcomed Inspector Sutton to the meeting who reported as follows in particular:
  - a. She is responsible for Southwell, Caunton and the surrounding villages in which overall crime has fallen by 10.5% between April 2018 and April 2019.
  - b. Burglary, a key focus because of the proximity of A1 and the area's isolated communities, has fallen by 16.7%. There have been a number of significant arrests. She reminded all residents of the importance of keeping their properties secure and remaining vigilant. The chair left the meeting at 7.45 pm during this part of Inspector Sutton's presentation.
  - c. Fuel theft on the A1 is in the top three priorities because of the

damage it causes to farmland.

- d. In the previous three months, there had been two calls for service in Laxton, one of which was a hoax, and one for Moorhouse in relation to a stranger. All residents were urged to contact 101 in relation to any concerns they may have.
- e. Officers are to receive large animal handling training better to support with escaped livestock
- f. Domestic violence in rural communities is also a focus.
- g. A specific example of a lack of response to a reported incident was given and discussed. Inspector Sutton will investigate and contact the individual. Mr J Hill joined the meeting during this part of Inspector Sutton's presentation
- h. Police methods of communicating with its wider community were discussed. Inspector Sutton emphasised the use of Nottinghamshire Police Facebook page in this regard and urged residents to use the facility. She also sought expressions of interest by individuals interested in joining the Nottinghamshire Key Individual Network to act a point of local contact in the event of incidents in the locality. . Two members of the public joined and the chair re-joined the meeting at 8 pm during this part of Inspector Sutton's presentation.  
Inspector Sutton was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting at 8.10 pm.

6. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 7 May and 11 June 2019:** The minutes of the meetings held on 7 May and 11 June 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair. **Matters arising:** All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Councillor Pringle:

- a. Updated councillors as to financial developments at NCC, including an £8 million overspend on children's services.
- b. Reported that A614 improvement consultation is underway.
- c. The local minerals plan will be published on 30 August 2019
- d. The village walk had highlighted a number of concerns.

Mr Pringle was asked to note rotten gateposts on a footpath across the dyke. The clerk will report to NCC formally through the online system once she has been provided with more detail of its location. Mrs Michael reported that NSDC is reviewing the Laxton conservation area the boundaries of which were fixed forty years ago. Any change would involve an extension of the area.

7. **Reports from councillors:** Reports of dangerous parking in Laxton at the junction of Green Lane and Main Street were raised and discussed at length. Standing orders were suspended to allow the public to address the meeting. The possibility of raising the matter with PCSO Crowhurst was raised.

Mr S Hill reported on the matters discussed at the recent SNG meeting including fuel theft and the consequent damage to land, other forms of theft and door to door salesman. The next meeting is on 24 October 2019. Mr S Hill volunteered to join the Nottinghamshire Key Individual Network for Moorhouse.

## 8. Financial Matters:

- a. **Financial position as at 30 June 2019:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2019 (incorporating the 2019-20 budget figures).
- b. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** ten payments totalling £2447.83.
- c. **Removal of bank account signatory and appointment of new signatory:** Mr Brown no longer being a councillor, councillors **decided** to remove him as a signatory and appoint Mr Stuart Rose, the new councillor, in his place.
- d. **Donations:** The chair reported that the Laxton Visitor Centre had donated the proceeds of the clothing bank, £2651.50, and the bank itself to the council. On the advice of the clerk, having disclosed a pecuniary interest at LMPC/66/19 above, the chair withdrew from the meeting. Mr S Hill chaired the meeting in the chair's absence and suspended standing orders to allow the public to address the meeting. Councillors noted from a member of the public that the offer had been made because of forthcoming changes in the village and the council, unlike the Visitor Centre Trust, is a statutory community body. After extensive discussion of the circumstances of the donation and need for clarification of the implications of being responsible for the clothing bank, councillors **agreed** in principle to take responsibility for the clothing bin, but needed confirmation that there is no restriction or other obligation on how the clothing bin proceeds are spent or otherwise attached to the bin itself. The clerk will seek the confirmation and include the matter on the agenda for the September 2019 meeting for a formal decision.
- e. The chair returned to the meeting and was informed of the decision. The chair referred councillors to a request recently made from the Village Hall Committee for:
  - i. A donation in the sum of £400 towards the cost of replacement glazing in the hall kitchen
  - ii. A donation in the sum of £2300 towards the cost of providing a village cinema.

On the advice of the clerk, having disclosed a pecuniary interest at LMPC/66/19 above, the chair withdrew from the meeting. Mr S Hill chaired the meeting in the chair's absence and suspended standing orders to allow the public to address the meeting. The member of the public explained the cinema proposal and why the funding was needed.

Councillors discussed the request and **agreed** to consider both requests at the September meeting when more information could be made available and the matters be included as a specific agenda item.

The chair returned to the meeting and was informed of the decision.

9. **Property matters including sports field and rent request:** Nothing to report.

**Planning matters:**

- a. **Applications:** None
  - b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC: 19/00220/FUL | Barn conversion to form 2 No. holiday cottages and creation of additional vehicular access | Brookdale Farm Moorhouse Road Moorhouse:** Approval noted together with the approval of 19/00879/FUL | Change of use of redundant agricultural building into a micro brewery | Agricultural Building at Home View Farm High Street Laxton
  - c. **Compliance:** No issues raised.
10. **Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:** Nothing to report.
11. **Defibrillator inspection report:** Mr M Hennell will complete the inspection this week.
12. **Village environment and appearance, including:**
- a. **Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that work would finish on 25 July 2019.
  - b. **Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application:** Installed.
  - c. **Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:** Nothing to report
  - d. **Proposed new footpath – Norwell to Laxton –** See LMPC/69/19 above (10 minutes public speaking time)
  - e. **Fibre broadband for Moorhouse:** Nothing to report
  - f. **Village cinema facilities:** See LMPC/75/19 above (Financial matters – Donations)
  - g. **Speeding traffic:** Strips have been requested.
  - h. **Dog fouling:** Noted that a resident had requested that the dog warden visit. New dog bin making a difference.
13. **Service faults:** None.
14. **Correspondence:** All items of correspondence noted.
15. **Agenda items for next meeting:** As above
16. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 24 September 2019 at Laxton Visitor Centre

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Across England and Wales, Citizens Advice helped 100,000 more people this year compared to last, with a total of 2.7 million people helped by the charity and its network. The national impact report shows the number of people seeking advice face-to-face, via email, phone or webchat in the 2018-19 financial year:

- Consumer and utilities: 930,000 people, up 11% from last year
- Benefits: 740,000 people, up 4% from last year
- Debt: 380,000 people, up 2% from last year
- Housing: 260,000 people, up 3% from last year

42% of those helped reported a long-term health condition or disability.

In 2018-19, for every £1 invested, Citizens Advice at a national level, generated at least:

- £2.07 in savings to government and public services - a total of £485 million - by helping stop problems occurring or escalating which reduces pressure on public services.
- £10.92 in wider economic and social benefits - a total of £2.6 billion in savings - by solving problems that improve lives through better wellbeing, productivity and participation.

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## LAXTON VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

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We hope you are all available again, please let me know if you want a team. Michael Manning (**870844**)

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Walkers	Weds, from approx.10.00am
Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly 7.30pm
Book Club	Tues, 7.30pm, call for details

### Upcoming events and Films (all 7.30pm)

**2019**

Saturday 26 Oct.. 9.am	Yoga - Half day workshop
Thursday 14 Nov 6.30pm	Theatre (puppetry), Eggs on Legs

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Email : [gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

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

Web, showing other contacts: [www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

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

### Medical

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

Fire Safety Advice (Tuxford Fire Station)	01777 870381
MP Mr Robert Jenrick: <a href="mailto:robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk">robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk</a>	01636 612 837
County Councillor: <a href="mailto:cllr.mike.pringle@nottsc.gov.uk">cllr.mike.pringle@nottsc.gov.uk</a>	0115 977 5661

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

# **Laxton Harvest Festival**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**7.00pm, St Michael's Church, Laxton**

**The service will be conducted by**

**Lay Reader Joan Wood**

**Followed by**

## **Laxton Harvest Supper**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**8.00pm Laxton Village Hall**

**Steak Pie, Potatoes, Veg, Assorted sweets**

**Cheese & Biscuits, Drinks, Tea & Coffee**

**Names to Brenda (870541) or Jean (870276)**

## **Laxton Harvest Competition**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Laxton Church**

**Entries to church between 2pm and 4pm please.**

**Please see schedule next month**

## **Harvest Family Service**

**4.00pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**with Lay Reader Joan Wood**

**Followed by refreshments**

**Presentation of Competition Prizes, 5.00pm**

**Followed by Auction of Produce**

**Everyone welcome**