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Introducing Rev Philip Howson

I'd like to introduce myself as the new curate working with Rev. Zoe. My name is Philip, and I'm married to Imogen. We have two children: Philippa who lives in London with her blue hair, and Elinor who is still at home and shares her wonderful dog Riley with us. We also have three rescue cats who as well as sharing their peculiar characters, have also been bringing Boughton mice into our new home. Hmmmm, not so welcome!



We moved here in June after two years at the vicar school in Nottingham, and I started in my new role at the beginning of July with my ordination at Southwell Minster followed by a generous welcome meal and service at St Paulinus. Needless to say, we needed a very early night after such a big day.

Since moving in we've been given more flowers than we have vases to put them in, and are immensely grateful at everyone's generous welcome.

"What's a curate then?" I hear you ask. In many ways my work will look like Zoe's: I will support people in bereavement, take funerals, lead worship, preach in church, do Christenings, and support and serve the community like Zoe. But the big difference is that Zoe is training me up into the life and work of a priest and I still have a lot of learning to do. To my relief I won't have anything like Zoe's responsibilities till I finish my post here in about three years, by which time I should be ready for action and the Church will expect me to serve a parish somewhere else. I've no doubt three years won't feel like long enough time to spend with you, but I'm looking forward to meeting you, so do say hello if you see me out and about.

All the best,

Philip.

Farewell to Revd. Chris Levy

It was a lovely Sunday afternoon on 31st July for the Group Farewell Service for the Revd. Chris Levy.

As people were arriving the bells were ringing and they were greeted by Chris. It was lovely to see the church full with about 150 family, friends and parishioners from our group of seven churches.

The service took the form of a Songs of Praise and was introduced by the Revd. David Moore. Members of our churches gave the readings and read poems and

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prayers. Jonathan Price from Kirton sang a solo and Graham Laughton



played a solo on the organ.

Canon Richard Kirton of Warsop gave a talk thanking Chris for his 33 years of ministry. Each church chose a hymn so it was lovely to have a good sing. The service ended with the singing of Chris'

favourite hymn, 'Tell out my Soul'.

Each of the churches had said their farewell to Chris individually and marked his leaving with a gift. This special service, on his final day as our Vicar, was his farewell from the Group.

After the service a presentation was made to



Chris from the Group of Churches. This was a set of seven wine glasses, each engraved with a picture of one of the churches - and, of course, a bottle of wine to go with them. Opening one of the individually wrapped glasses, Chris was clearly delighted and visibly moved. His wife, Denise, was presented with a gift of an orchid and a plant pot.

The Revd. David Moore was presented with a gift to thank him for his continuous help with services across the group.

Chris took the opportunity to thank everyone, saying how much he had enjoyed his time with us. he and Denise had placed Change of Address



cards at the back of the church and said they hoped to see people in the future.





A buffet afternoon tea followed with sandwiches, cakes and a glass of wine.

Thanks to everyone who gave food towards the tea. I am sure everyone enjoyed it and the whole afternoon as well.



Lammas Day

Our traditional Lammas Day service is always held on 1st August, which this year was a Monday. By chance it fell on the first day on which Revd. Zoe Burton became our Vicar and she had an early start for this 8am service, assisted by our new



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curate, Revd. Phil Howson. The service was a first for them both. The lesson was read by Mike Jackson and Phil and the first wheat sheaf of the season was presented by Stuart Rose. Other gifts and prayers were given by members of the congregation.

After the service we all gathered at Crosshill House, where we all enjoyed a full English breakfast, kindly prepared for us by Roberta and her family.

Many thanks to Roberta, her granddaughters and John for their hospitality and help.

Pat's Plant Stall

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This year has been another good year with the stall raising £1285.50 in total. £1127.50 was sent to the Helipad Appeal in mid July with the end of the Inner Wheel financial year. Subsequent sales, amounting to £158.00, have been donated to our church.

I would like to take this

opportunity to thank all the customers who have supported the stall and to people known and anonymous who have brought pots and trays for me to use, for which I am most grateful. I now have sufficient for the next year and beyond.

I would also like to extend special gratitude to Lesley Booth for growing some of the summer bedding, tomatoes and cucumber in vast quantities. I would not have been able to produce them myself.

Finally, if anyone has any requests for next year's stall, do let me know sooner rather than later. All suggestions will be considered but practicalities of space are a limitation.

Thank you once again.

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With September just around the corner it is time plan for the Autumn. A folk evening in Laxton Village Hall featuring Howdenjones folk duo will be held on Saturday 29 October at 7.00 for 7.30 and everyone is welcome. Tickets are £10 including a pie and pea supper, for which we are well known, but please bring along your own drinks and glasses. Kate Howden and Paul Jones are



professional singer songwriters based in the north west of England. Skilled musicians, they write all their own material and between them play guitar, mandolin, fiddle, banjo and bodhran.

Their music reflects the ups and downs of life, some humorous some poignant and their observations of village life, travel, nature and the seasons. Delivered in a relaxed and endearing style, it is music for all ages.

Come along and join us and bring along a group of friends for an evening of music, friendship and good food. Numbers are limited because of the size of the hall so buy your tickets early.

Tickets are available from Mike Manning 870844 and Pat Naylor 870601

We look forward to seeing you there.



Strawberry Tea

Jean and Roy Hennell hosted their Strawberry tea in aid of Helipads for Hospitals on a glorious Sunday July 17th.

They normally need the marguee 'just in case' and more than once there has been a deluge or a stiff breeze to interfere with plans, but on this occasion the day was the complete opposite from the Dog Show



and Gymkhana the previous week, and people were glad of some shade.

The usual stalls were there, groaning with produce and prizes and people spent generously. Pimms was available as an option to give an extra summery feel to the occasion.

The marquee was full when people sat down for their tea of ham and salmon salad followed by the strawberries and cream,

Coffee Morning

This month will be on 8th September at Ivy Cottage opposite The Dovecote, from 10.30am - 11.30am.



Everyone is welcome to this informal group.

You don't have to commit to monthly attendance



and are welcome to pop in to enjoy some friendly, cheerful company.

Plenty of tea, cakes, chatter and warm welcomes for newcomers.



home made cakes and a cuppa.

When everyone had eaten their fill the prizes were given out. Margaret Noble was spot on to win the 'Guess the Weight' cake, then she generously donated it back to be auctioned for the cause. Dik Allison was enlisted to do the honours as auctioneer and the winning bid of £10 secured a very tasty looking porter cake made by Jean.



The 50/50 draw took a total of \pounds 40, and the winning envelope drawn out belonged to Jean Morton, who went home with \pounds 20.

There was a great raffle with numbered prizes so being first out was not necessarily an advantage. The last prize was a bottle of whisky, which kept the attention focussed to the end.

The event raised £556, which

was £12 more than last year. A big thank you from Jean and Roy to Rachel, Neil and Amelia, Marti and other family members for their help throughout; also to Brenda, Jo, Heather and Derek for help during the afternoon and to every one who made cakes or donations or who came to enjoy another lovely afternoon in their garden.



The Dovecote Inn at Laxton Your Local Village Pub



Tuesday 6th September Pie Tuesday - 5.30pm to 9.00pm

A choice of chef's lovely homemade pies, all served with a fine glass of best cask beer or a glass of wine to suit. £13 per person including drink.

Monday September 19th Steak Night - 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Your steak cut to size in the restaurant by Doncaster's of Newark then cooked to your liking. Price dependent on size of steak.

Friday 7th October OktoberFest - 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Join us for beer and sausages at Laxton's answer to Oktoberfest All served with creamy mash and peas plus a pint or glass of wine £15 per person including drink.

Bookings now being taken on all these events. For further information of our events or to book a table, please call us on 01777 871586, visit the Website <u>www.dovecoteinn.co.uk</u> or find us on Facebook.

All events can now be booked <u>and paid for on line</u> using PayPal

Summer Ball at the Dovecote Inn



7.00pm Friday 8th July, with the champagne on ice, the band set up, the lights flashing and the pig roasting, we opened the marquee doors and welcomed you in.

And in you came – all 240 of you.

Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed another fantastic night at the sell-out, Dovecote "Big Summer Ball".

A special thank you to the many residents of Laxton, and Moorhouse and surrounds who came to this event, it was lovely to see you all. As I always say – we can organise the events but it is you our loyal customers who make them such a great success.

And what a success it was. The champagne flowed, the bar was packed and the dancefloor full all night.



Despite the dodgy weather forecast, we were really lucky indeed, and had a surprisingly lovely evening, allowing people to sit out on the lawns



ate into the night.

Unfortunately we had to disappoint a lot of people as we sold out of tickets so quickly, so as many of you suggested perhaps next year we'll have to have 2 events an early summer and a late summer ball – what do you think?

See you soon

Linda and David x

Laxton History Group



In July it seemed a very long time since the group had met in the hall for a 'normal' meeting. In fact we met for our Supper and AGM in April, followed by two working meetings to prepare for our Booklet Launch

working meetings to prepare for our Booklet Launch, and this, our 80th meeting was the only the fourth this year to follow our normal pattern.

Everyone was greeted with a glass of Pimms on arrival to mark our 'Big 80' and later enjoyed cream cake with strawberries as a treat at refreshment time. We now have time to plan for meetings 90 and 100!

We had discovered late in the day that our speaker had fallen victim to a series of medical conditions which are currently preventing her form doing talks. Luckily we were able to contact Doug Bradbury, himself a booked speaker whose illness had befallen him on the day of our meeting last October, and whom we were keen to see. We were not disappointed.

The meeting was an opportunity for all the members present to reflect on the HLF project and to give their feedback. Everyone agreed the booklets were very effective as a set and that Andy Columbine had done a great job for us. Many people have asked for extra copies and those who have been reading them have enjoyed them. The thanks which have been received by email were put out for people to read.

There was a discussion on what we do next, which brought forward a number of ideas. These will be taken back to the HLF Project Group to decide how we should proceed.

We then welcomed Master Farrier Doug to speak to us. He told us a lot



about the history and regulation of the practice. Doug is one of only 38 people worldwide to hold the Fellowship of the Worshipful Company of Farriers.

We learned that there is a long standing tradition that peers of the realm and the Royal Family donate a horseshoe to Oakham Castle on their first visit to the town and these can be seen on display. We hope to organise a visit there some time soon. A Norman shoe showed how long established the trade is.

In 1346, the organisation which was to become the Worshipful Company of Farriers, one of the oldest Livery Companies in the City of London, was formed. They set an examination syllabus for farriers, which is used all over the world and recognised for its high standards.

The exam structure has three levels. It is a legal requirement for anyone to pass level 1 before working on a horse's feet. The Associate exam, requires further study and looking more at therapeutic applications of farriery. The third level is the Fellowship.



We heard a lot about the exploits Doug, his son and grandson had been involved in in the course of their work. A humorous man, Doug was a great taleteller and had members laughing throughout at the misfortunes which had befallen them and the characters they had met. He also described being asked to work for a prince in Turkey, a job which he and his son undertook for a number of years, keeping the prince's race horses in tip top condition.

We learned how the farrier may shoe creatures other than horses when we saw a pair of ox shoes. He will also work with the vet to provide remedial treatment for conditions of the foot and leg. He showed us a variety of shoes ranging from a tiny racing plate for a thoroughbred to a massive solid shoe for a Shire. Among the more intriguing was a hinged shoe with a leather case accompanied by a folding hammer and hoof pick. These were carried by coach drivers to allow them to fit an emergency



replacement to any horse to allow them to get to the nearest farrier. In Doug's words 'The forerunner of the spare tyre'.

More modern are the man-made materials used to construct shoes with numerous specialist purposes. Doug produced a flexible length of moulding which is applied to a brood mare and trimmed to length simply to protect the hoof. Pink synthetic shoes are made for the 'little princess' who has to have all accessories matching. The 'toilet seat' shoe turned out to have a serious purpose in supporting the pedal bone while a horse recovers from laminitis. Members enjoyed the opportunity to examine the display of artefacts at close quarters. Doug has invited us to visit his museum at Clay Cross.

Laxton History Group contd.



Fortunately August's meeting proceeded, and we were delighted to welcome back Rosemary Gibson, who had given us an excellent presentation on the Costumes of the canal people earlier in the year.



This time Rosemary gave us a fascinating insight into the lives of our Iron Age Ancestors. Rosemary

gives her talks in appropriate costume, and this time she wore a brown themed tartan costume, which she later described.

As a primary school teacher, Rosemary had become involved in experimental archaeology in Leicestershire where she had the opportunity to live in an Iron Age home and to try out the tools and equipment they were believed to use. Her boundless enthusiasm and extensive knowledge made her a captivating speaker.

We heard that the tribe living in this area and up as far as the Humber were known as the Corieltauvi. Rosemary showed a collection of illustrations from literature on the period. This included the photo which inspired her costume. It featured genuine costumes from the time which had been discovered virtually intact in a Danish bog. The tartan style design on it could still be seen. It was clear that ladies wore a tube pinned at the shoulder and with a belt from which hung tools needed frequently for daily tasks. Rosemary's costume was constructed in this way. She described how higher status women wore brighter colours and as she was depicting a tribeswoman. Another image showed a very clear tartan pattern and members were astonished at the preservation of an open weave bonnet and a lady's hair, showing a plaited, pinned up style which was also illustrated on a modern model. A selection of combs and a beautiful decorated mirror had also been found.

Women served as warriors alongside the men and we were shown a chariot burial of one of them.

Rosemary told us about an illustrator who not only produced beautiful drawings







interpreting the period, but also tried out the features he depicted, making his illustrations as true to life as we are likely to be able to achieve with the current state of knowledge. One of these was of a chariot burial of a high status male showing the body laid on side by side wheels, topped by the body of the chariot.

Rosemary described how trying to use a loom constructed according to an image proved it could not have been used upright as depicted. Slanting it made a big difference to the ease of use.

We saw illustrations of jewellery and adornments, tools and coinage all accompanied by Rosemary's informative commentary. She described how it was thought that the houses would have had a hole in the roof to let out the smoke from the fire. This was rapidly shown to lead to too strong a through draft which resulted in the house burning down. Simply completing the conical roof with a steep enough angle to allow the rain to be shed created somewhere for meat to be hung to smoke and dry and allowed the smoke to diffuse safely out through the straw.

Rosemary described her display of typical vessels and food stuffs, and invited members to come and see them. She concluded by saying that she had enjoyed the opportunity to undertake her experimental work and to engage





children in trying many of

the techniques. In the modern days of risk assessments and health & safety this would be impossible.

Jean is hoping to organise a trip to Newstead Abbey in December to see the Christmas decorations. She asked for names for this trip, which will be on 3rd December. Further details will be available next month. Please contact Jean on 870276 if you missed the meeting and would like to come.

In October we have another change to our planned

programme as Matt Beresford has cancelled his booking to come to talk about Roman Southwell. Members were asked for suggestions for the night.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall is at 7.30pm on 21st September when Trevor Frecknall, the local author from North Muskham, will be speaking about Newark in World War I. Members and guests always welcome.

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Laxton History Group Trip to Newstead Abbey's Christmas Decorations Saturday December 3rd

The Group are planning a visit to see the beautiful decorations in Newstead Abbey this Christmas. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us.

Will members and others wishing to go please contact Jean on **870276** for details and to book their place

Bus Timetables



The following bus timetables commenced 1/8/16.

IF ANYONE IS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THEM PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

Wellow - New Ollerton - Newark

Wednesday and Friday

WELLOW Maypole Road	0857
Ollerton Hop Pole	0902
New Ollerton Briar Road	0907
NEW OLLERTON Rufford Avenue	0912
Laxton	0915
Egmanton	0918
Moorhouse	0924
Ossington	0929
Norwell	0935
Bathley	0942
Little Carlton	0947
NEWARK Bus Station	0957
NEWARK Bus Station	1215
Little Carlton	1225
Bathley	1230
Norwell	1236
Ossington	1243
Moorhouses	1248
Egmanton	1254
Laxton	1257
NEW OLLERTON Rufford Avenue	1300
New Ollerton Briar Road	1305
Ollerton Hop Pole	1310
WELLOW Maypole Road	1315





The late summer / early autumn order was placed with Bayfords on 17th August. The price began to

move upwards between sending out the reminder email and placing the order, but we still managed to secure a good rate of 31.00p per litre. The highest quote was 33.00p per litre from Chandlers and the general Boilerjuice rate for 1000 litres was 34.00p. 19 people ordered an average of almost 1000 litres each.

The next order will be placed towards the end of November / early December depending on the weather and prices. As always it would be helpful to have your requirements in that period regardless of the reminder email so that collecting details is as quick as possible if prices are moving.

If you need oil from the next order and would like to be included, please confirm your name, full address and contact numbers with the amount you need (not 'fill it up' as they will not accept an order with no number of litres). Please remember to send any new email addresses or contact numbers as otherwise you will not be contacted.

New members of the group welcome.

Please email oil@openfield.org.uk or call 871506.

Th	nings to Do this Month		
Sign up	to learn to make glass Christmas decorations		
Sept 3 rd	Egmanton Craft & Produce Show - viewing 2.30pm, Egmanton VH		
Sept 4 th	Poppies at Lincoln closes		
Sept 11 th	'The Clumber Love Story', 2 - 4 Milton Mausoleum		
Sept 10th,11th Festival of Bird Art, Bakewell			
Sept 11 th	Sculpture at Doddington Closes		
Sept 13 th	'Who Do You Think You Are' 7.30pm,		
	Maplebeck VH		
Sept 14 th	WI - 'Hats & Hat Pins', 7.30pm. VH		
Sept. 21 st	History Group 'Newark in WW I', 7.30pm, VH		
Sept 24 th	Southwell Ploughing Match, Farnsfield		
Sept 28 th	Parish Meeting, 7.30pm, VC		
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It is an offence by law to allow fouling of roads and footpaths and dog walkers are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

For some weeks now, someone has been letting their dogs into the churchyard to run free, not even on a lead. George Noble tries hard to keep the churchyard looking tidy and it is not very nice when he runs through piles of dog dirt and gets it into the mower.

As I write this, we are getting ready for a wedding and have found more piles of dirt near the church door.

If anyone sees any dogs running loose in the churchyard, would they please report it to a member of the PCC. If it is your dog that is doing it, don't forget that the churchyard is not a field for dogs to run free in.

Laxton PCC

Notts Historic Churches Trust

Ride & Stride Sponsored Bike Ride Saturday 10th September 10am - 6pm



All monies raised go to the Notts Historic Churches Trust to give grants towards maintenance work on historic churches in Nottinghamshire.

Laxton was fortunate to receive a grant last year towards the repair work on the church tower.

Southwell Ploughing Match and Show

This traditional country event - held on the last Saturday in September is a celebration of agriculture and farming skills. It is a highlight of the year for many people.



There's something for everyone with classes

for a wide variety of animals, produce and crafts, displays in the main ring and, of course, every conceivable type of ploughing alongside



displays of agricultural equipment.

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This year the main ring attraction is The Imps Motorcycle Display Team - noted for its highly disciplined spectacular show. This group is dedicated to educating children and the youngest

performer is only 5 years old! The team is sure to have you mesmerized by an unmissable display of discipline and skill.



The event takes place on 24th September between 8am and at Farnsfield – NG22 8HB. Admission is £10 per adult and under 14s free. There is no charge for parking. Advance tickets and VIP parking can be purchased locally from Jill Hoyland in Egmanton or Tom Seal and John Michael in Caunton ...or you can

book them on-line. There is a discounted price of £8 for early booking.

For further information visit - <u>www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk</u>-schedules and entry forms can also be viewed and downloaded from here.

Harvest Festival Friday 14th October 7.00pm, St Michael's Church, Laxton

The service will be taken by the Revd. Phil Howson Everyone welcome



Harvest Supper Friday 14th October 8.00pm, Laxton Village Hall

Adults £7, Children under 12 £3.50 Names to Brenda on 870541 or Jean on 870276 by Friday 7th October for catering please



Sunday 16th October Harvest Family Service 4.00pm

The service will be taken by the Revd. Zoe Burton and the Revd. Phil Howson

Readings, poems and songs Please come along and bring the family Everyone welcome Service followed by tea and cakes

September Services across the Family of Churches

4th Sept 2016

9am	Kirton HC
9am	Moorhouse HC
10.30am	Kneesall HC
10.30am	Ollerton HC (St Giles)

<u>11th Sept 2016</u>

9am	Walesby HC
10.30am	Laxton HC
10.30am	New Ollerton HC (St Paulinus)
4pm	Wellow Evening Prayer
6pm	Egmanton Evensong

18th Sept 2016

9am	Egmanton HC	
10.30am	Boughton HC (St Matthews)	

25th Sept 2016

9am	Wellow HC
10.30am	Kirton Harvest
10.30am	Harvest at New Ollerton (St Paulinus)

Frid 23rd Sept	7pm	Moorhouse Harvest
Sat 24th Sept	7pm	Harvest Supper
	St Paulinus Commun	ity & Church Hall, New Ollerton
Sun 25th Sept	10.30am	Kirton & New Ollerton Harvests
Sun 2nd Oct	10.30am	Kneesall & Bilsthorpe Harvests
Sun 2nd Oct	6.00pm	Eakring Harvest
Fri 7th Oct	7pm	Wellow Harvest
Sun 9 Oct	9am	Walesby Harvest
Sun 9 Oct	6pm	Egmanton Harvest
Fri 14 Oct	7pm	Laxton Harvest with supper
Sun 16th Oct	4pm	WFA Harvest & auction - Laxton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2016	
Sept 8 th	Coffee Morning
Sept 14 th	WI
Sept 21 st	History Group
Sept 24 th	Southwell Ploughing Match, Farnsfield
Sept 27 th	History Group Trent Cruise
Sept 28 th	Parish Council Meeting

Forward Planning

Dec 3 rd	History Group Newstead Abbey Trip
Dec 2 nd	Quiz Night
Nov 19th	History Group Christmas Fayre
Nov 18 th	Church Dance
Oct 29 th	Folk at the Hall

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

If you know the date of a meeting or an event, please pass it on so that others can take it into account when planning.

Copy Date for October: <u>16th September</u>.

We cannot guarantee to include items received after this date.

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Instead of having a speaker at our meeting on Wednesday 10th August we enjoyed a faith supper. Anna Hill provided a lasagne for our main course, which went down a treat with everyone. Members brought a selection of other food including some delicious puddings.



Before our meal the usual business was discussed. We heard Margaret Noble and Mavis Beckitt had enjoyed an afternoon at Rainworth having a lunch served by the County Executive Committee. This was followed by the speaker, Margaret Dickinson, the local author who spoke about her life writing about local stories such as the people of Southwell Workhouse; Grimsby fish docks; the Spalding tulip fields and many more. Her latest is 'The Buffer Girls' about the Sheffield silver works.

Tickets are to be ordered for the Autumn Council Meeting at Newark on 29th September, when the speakers will be the History Wardrobe, for a course on 'Talking for the Terrified' and for the harvest Lunch at Oxton when the speaker will be a farmer's wife.

Members were asked to knit again this year for the Samaritan's Purse Appeal. Hats, scarves and mittens are required to be sent abroad for children.

We have received an invitation to Egmanton WI's party in October



and we discussed the arrangements for the Group meeting at East Markham in October, when it is our turn to cater.

Thanks were expressed again to everyone for their help and generosity at the

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Queen's Birthday Tea. It was a great effort from all the members, families, friends and members from other institutes. We will be sending £300 from the proceeds to the Child Bereavement Centre at Newark. Thank you once again to everyone.

At our September meeting our speaker will give a talk and demonstration on 'Hats and the Theatre'. **The competition will be for a hat pin**.



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If anyone would like to come along and join us, they will be most welcome. You are invited to

come as a guest a couple of times to see if you enjoy our meetings. We will be in Laxton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th September.

Poppies Come to Lincoln Castle



The striking installation, Poppies: Wave, is open to the public at Lincoln Castle for free until September 4th. Wave is one of two sculptures taken from the installation 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red', at Tower of London in 2014 where 888,246 poppies honoured every death in the

British and Colonial forces in WWI. Lincoln hosted Wave for the WWI centenary, as it was a major centre for the manufacture of weapons and munitions during the conflict.

With a cascade of several thousand poppies pouring from a high window entitled 'Weeping Window', 'Wave' was one of two key parts of the Tower display which captured the public imagination. They were visited by over five million people. When the display ended, it was agreed that these two works of art should be preserved for the nation.

For the remainder of the 14-18 NOW programme the sculptures will be displayed around the UK finishing at IWM North and IWM London in autumn 2018. They will then be gifted to the Imperial War Museums.

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Sculpture at Doddington Hall

Doddington Hall's biennial sculpture exhibition returns for the 3rd time. It has become a popular fixture on Lincolnshire's summer event calendar, appealing to all age groups. This year's exhibition is open daily until Sunday 11 September. There will also be an indoor exhibition located in Doddington Hall's expanded Granary Barn.

Work by 74 leading national and international sculptors are featured; 33 are returning with new work and 41 are new to the event. Between them, they are loaning the 450 original pieces which have been carefully sited to complement the Elizabethan gardens and grounds. All the work appears at the exhibition for the first time .

There is a wide range of work and styles spanning classic, modern and contemporary. Mediums include marble, stone, water, bronze, ceramics, glass, rubber and even artificial grass.

The exhibition first took place at Doddington Hall in 2012, and returned in 2014. It has attracted thousands of visitors and given a lot of enjoyment to people of all ages.

The exhibition will be open every day until Sunday 11 September and is included in the cost of garden admission - Adults \pounds 6.50, under 16s \pounds 3.50. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs \pounds 18.

A full colour exhibition catalogue and guide is available; all pieces are for sale.

For more details <u>www.doddingtonhall.com</u> or call 01522 694 308



Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
23/7/16	25	Linda (Dovey)
30/7/16	48	David (Dovey)
6/8/16	08	Evie
13/8/16	38	Colin Cree

Thank you all for your continuing support for our Sports Field. Since the National Lottery increased the number of balls to 59 several of the new numbers have been allocated, but there are still some available. If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 52, 53, 56, 57, 58 and 59. Anyone with a current ball is also invited to take another.

To take a new ball please contact either Ken Shep on **870605** or myself on **870844**. Thank you.

Michael Manning



Bird Art at Bakewell

September brings the National Bird Carving Championships to Bakewell's Agricultural Business Centre once again. September 10th and 11th are the dates for your diary.

The event has classes for everyone from Junior through to Advanced and the quality of work on display is always breath taking. Even if you would never have a go, you really should go along to admire the skills and artistry of those who do.

If you think this might be a hobby for you, there are plenty of people on hand to help you on your way. If you need more practical help there are wonderful carved walking sticks to see, usually accompanied by a demonstration of the skills involved or you could win one by choosing your favourite exhibit.

There are a variety of other stands from which to purchase bird related items and everything you need to carve a bird. We hear it is simple - just take your piece of wood and cut away everything which doesn't look like a bird!



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Dukeries Singers

By the time you read this we shall have recovered from the hours spent watching the Olympics, well worth the effort of sitting in a darkened room with snacks and drinks close to hand. The Choir will be back from their Summer break too. We resume rehearsals on Wednesday 7th. September 2016 at 7:30pm. until 9:30pm. above the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy. We shall be raring to go



with voices at full throttle after our three week break. Wednesday evenings will resume the normality of a good sing with a lovely group of like minded people.

If you feel you would like to join the choir, please just come to any rehearsal night and give it a go, you would be very welcome. All our details are on our website, thedukeriessingers.com We are also on YouTube using the same address.

We have two upcoming concerts;

Thurs	22 Sept,	Warsop Church, at 7:00pm, for the Warsop Ladies Probus Group.
Fri	28 Oct	East Drayton Church A joint Concert with Les Baladins des Bords de L'Indre, from Tours, France.

And then we shall be into Christmas! What a lovely time to take up the new hobby of singing.

Enjoy your Summer whatever you are doing

Jan



Health Matters - Influenza

This month we take our annual re-visit to flu (influenza), with particular reference to the recently introduced childhood nasal vaccine.

The 2015-2016 flu season saw numbers increase on the 2015-2016 season, but this was the lowest on record. Pandemic flu (actually a defined sub-type of influenza A (H1N1) usually affecting pigs) was the predominant virus last year, particularly at the beginning of the season, followed by influenza B, which increased towards the end of the season (from March onwards). Pandemic flu was the cause of the majority of hospital admissions, except towards the end of the season, when most cases were influenza B. The influenza virus was of significantly greater severity than the 2014/15 season and there were 2462 people admitted to intensive care units (ICU) in the UK compared to 1187 in 2014/15. There were 209 influenza-related ICU deaths compared to 100 in 2014/15. The majority of deaths occurred in non-vaccinated patients.

Flu is of course an unpleasant experience for anybody, but to those who are 'at risk', flu can be a major health concern. 'At risk' means anyone over 65 (yes you might still feel 25 inside, but unfortunately your immune system is 65 years old); anyone with asthma, diabetes, a serious heart, chest or kidney condition or lowered immunity due to disease or treatment such as steroid medication, cancer treatment or pregnancy - when immunity is lowered to avoid 'rejection' of the unborn child. Anyone in this group is more susceptible to flu, and the virus is more likely to lead on to an even more serious illness such as bronchitis or pneumonia, and can lead to hospitalisation or, in some cases, death. The flu vaccine protects against seasonal and pandemic flu and is safe in pregnancy and breast-feeding, but should not be given to anyone with a severe allergy to eggs or a documented allergic reaction to the flu vaccine.

Flu is an illness caused by the influenza virus of which there are many different strains. Symptoms include a high temperature (fever), muscle aches, cough, headache and extreme tiredness – very much like a simple cold, but more severe, often incapacitating a normally healthy individual to bed for a few days. Swine flu causes much the same symptoms but is more likely to causes nausea and diarrhoea as well. Most people fully recover, but the viral infection makes the sufferer more prone to secondary bacterial infections, such as pneumonia. Antibiotics do not kill viruses so are useless against flu itself, but if you develop a secondary bacterial chest infection, then they may be used. Green sputum does not necessarily mean you have developed a secondary bacterial infection. Symptoms to look out for include a recurrence of the high temperature, worsening of the cough, which in flu can persist for a couple of weeks or so, shortness of breath and increase in your rate of breathing, or chest
pain. If you are in an at risk group and develop symptoms of flu, then anti-viral medications, such as Tamiflu, may be advised, but these need to be taken as soon as possible - within 48 hours of onset of symptoms - to have any beneficial effect. Tamiflu can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain and headache, but these side effects are usually temporary.

Flu reappears every winter, usually over a short period of a few weeks, so a lot of people get ill around the same time. Flu epidemics result in widespread illness and disruption to health and other services. The flu virus moves quickly, spreading from person to person in no time at all. The average sneeze travels at around 80 miles per hour, and can cover distances of up to 30 feet. The Government's advice slogan – 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' – is worth remembering. Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, preferably with a disposable tissue, will contain the virus. Tissues should be disposed of promptly and carefully, and hands should be washed frequently to avoid spread of the virus from hands to face and then on to other people. Hard surfaces such as door handles should be cleaned frequently using normal cleaning products.

The flu jab is currently the only way to protect yourself from seasonal and pandemic flu. If you are 'at risk' you are entitled to a flu vaccination free of charge via your GP surgery. You can also claim your free flu jab if you are a carer for elderly people or anyone deemed to be 'at risk'. The viruses that cause flu change every year so a different vaccine is produced every year based on the strains of virus expected to be circulating, before the flu season starts. To stay covered you need to have an up-to-date flu vaccine every year. Unfortunately the flu vaccine last year conferred lower than expected effectiveness due to mutation of viral strains, but this is unusual. The same reduced effectiveness was seen in the USA and Canada.

After receiving the vaccine it takes about a week to ten days for your body to start making antibodies to the flu virus after the injection – these only protect against flu and won't stop you catching the many other viruses that appear every winter, but because flu is generally more serious, it makes sense to have a flu jab. The flu jab does not contain any live virus, so it CANNOT cause flu – the mild symptoms that may occur are a sign that your body is priming itself ready to fight the flu virus!

National uptake of the flu vaccine was slightly down last year compared to 2014/15, but there is still room for improvement. In the over 65 year old age group, 71.0% were vaccinated (down from 72.7%), in the 'at risk' under 65 group uptake declined from 50% to 45%, and in healthy pregnant women uptake declined from 44% to 42%. Nationally there was lower uptake by healthcare workers, down from 55% to 51%.

We will be repeating the popular open house 'Flu Fayre' approach that we had had for the last 3 years - the afternoons of 5th, 18th and 27th October.

If you know someone that does not have their own transport but needs a vaccine, why not make arrangements to bring them as well. If you are housebound please ensure that you call us, so we can record your need with the District Nurses who should be able to give your flu jab to you at home. We do expect high demand, but should have ample vaccines for all those who need it, and have ordered over a hundred more than last year!

This information is provided by Tuxford Surgery. If you attend a different surgery they are likely to have their own arrangements for the vaccine and you should speak to them direct for details.

Like last year, the nasal spray flu vaccine for will be offered routinely on the NHS to all children who were aged two, three and four on September 1st 2016. That is, children with a date of birth on or after September 2nd 2012 and on or before September 1st 2014. Uptake is currently low – varying between 30 and 38% across these three years. The nasal spray flu vaccine is also for children aged two to 18 who are 'at risk' from flu, such as children with long-term health conditions. Years 1 and 2 (five and six years olds) should have school based vaccinations – uptake was 54% last year.

The flu vaccine for children is given as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up each nostril, although some children may require a second dose. Not only is it needle-free (a big advantage for children), the nasal spray works even better than the injected flu vaccine with fewer side effects. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus, or to pass the illness on to a vulnerable family member. Although new to this country, it's been widely used in the US for more than 10 years and no safety concerns have been raised so far. The vaccine contains live, but weakened, forms of flu virus that do not cause flu in children who receive it. Please ensure that your child is covered if they are entitled to a vaccine.

Useful resources: http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/ Fluandthefluvaccine.aspx

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/annual-flu-reports https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/.../ Flu Annual Report 2015 2016.pdf



Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council: Minutes of the Meeting on 3/08/2016

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Meeting Location – Moorhouse Church

Meeting Attendees - Mr M Manning – Chairman, Mr D Brown – Vice Chairman,

Mr J V Godson, Mr S Hill, Mr R Hennell, Mr M Hennell, Mr K Shepherd (Clerk)

District Councillor Mrs S Michaels

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Apologies - Mr J Hill & County Councillor B Laughton

Issue Date of Minutes - 16/08/16

Minutes Taken By - Mr K Shepherd (Clerk)

- 1.00 Ten Minutes Parishioners time
- 1.01 No parishioners where present

2.00 Declaration Of Interest

2.01 Non where made

3.00 Previous Minutes

3.01 The minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings held on 21st June 2016 were distributed to Councillors, Mr M Hennell proposed & Mr D Brown seconded that these were accepted as correct.

4.00 Matters arising from Previous Minutes

4.01 The clerk had spoken to Cty.Cllr.B Laughton regarding getting a grit bin at Moorhouse and had been told that it was not to get a bin at Moorhouse, the clerk said that the parish council could purchase a bin for $\pounds150$.

4.02 The broken cow sign at Moorhouse would be reported.

4.03 Mr M Manning said he would distribute copies of a letter received about Dismissal on Capability Grounds to all councillors.

4.04 The Clerk would contact Cty Cllr B Laughton regarding the moving of the 30mph sign coming into Laxton from Moorhouse.

4.05 Mr J V Godson said he did not Know if it was the correct time for him to raise the matter of an E-mail sent to the Crown concerning access to Hall Grounds, he thought as the E-mail was sent under the name of the Parish Council he should have been notified. The clerk said he did not know of any such letter but both the Chairman & the Vice Chairman were aware of it but as this item was not on the agenda it would be included In the agenda for the next meeting.

5.00 Formal thank you to previous Chairman

5.01 Mr M Manning said he would like to thank Mr J V Godson for all the work he had done during his 18 years as Chairman.

6.00 Accounts

6.01 The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the accounts for last year had not come back from the auditors yet.

6.02 The Clerk proposed that the following accounts be paid £28.20 to Severn Trent for sports field water, £60 to Mr K Morton for petrol to mow Cross Hill, £500 grant to Village Hall and £70 to Visitors Centre for meetings. All were agreed

7.00 District & County Councils

7.01 No matters except the before mentioned 30mph sign

8.00 Correspondence

8.01 A letter from N&SDC regarding The Plan Review Preferred Approach –Strategy was tabled for all to review

9.00 Glebe Field Update

9.01 Mr M Manning informed the Meeting he had the deeds to the Glebe Field and he would not put them back into safe keeping until told to do so by the Parish Council.

10.00 Sports Field

10.01 It is now the responsibility of the Sports Field Committee to mow the Sports Field and the Parish Council confirmed the mowing of the sports field is now being carried out and the Parish Council confirmed that the mowers had been handed over to the Sports Field Committee when the committee was formed.

11.00 Transparency Code

11.01 It was confirmed that all the required information has now been uploaded to the Parish Council web site

12.00 Village Signs/Police Aid Convoy update

12.01 A small committee was to be formed to look into costs and design of new village signs.

13.00 Village Interpretation Boards

13.01 It was agreed these were to be repaired

14.00 **Defibrillator**

14.01 This would be installed in the Visitors Centre and anyone wishing to help will receive training.



15.00 New Clerk Recruitment Arrangements

15.01 As Mr K Shepherd has now decided to retire as the Clerk after almost fifty years of service a new Clerk would be required

16.00 Matters for Future Discussion

16.01 Mr D Brown raised the issue of the semi-detached house (owned by Thoresby) and the poor state that the garden is in

16.02 It was agreed that the Parish Council would draft a letter to Carter Jonas/The Crown Estate to express deep concern about the way that land and property is being split and rented and the possible long term implications this may have for Laxton

16.03 Access to the Castle Mound.

Date, Time & Location Of Next meeting

7.30pm on Wednesday 28th September 2016 in the Visitors Centre

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Milton Mausoleum

On Sunday 11th September Milton Mausoleum has a special event to contribute to the national occasion of Heritage Open Days. We have local history author and writer of our guidebook, Mrs Janet Roberts giving a talk for us.

The church will be open for our usual time, 2 - 4pm, but at 2.30pm Janet will talk about her



research and the story of Henry and Georgiana, the 4th Duke and Duchess of Newcastle, in 'The Clumber Love Story'. Before and after this you may look at the building and monuments and meet our volunteer stewards.

The Mausoleum will be open every Sunday afternoon until the end of September. We will be having our Christmas Music concert again this year on Saturday 3rd December, as it was so well received last year. But, do remember to bring a blanket if you think you will be cold in a church with no heating! We were amazed though, how much heat all the candles gave out.

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Unmanageable debt fuelling a vicious cycle of problems in people's lives in Newark, Ollerton and surrounding areas says Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark

People seeking help from Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark with debt problems also face significant issues in other areas of their lives, the charity reports today. Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark helps people with over 7000 debt issues each year. Of this number, just under half our clients have a problem in another area, such as housing, benefits and employment.

At a national level, more than half of the 350,000 people Citizens Advice helps with a debt issue have a problem in at least one other area and nearly three quarters of debt clients say they felt anxious or stressed because of their debts.

Nationally Citizens Advice recently published a new study examining the link between excessive debt and wider issues in people's lives called A Debt Effect? The report finds that high levels of unsecured debt - such as credit cards or personal loans - make people less likely to move house, apply for a new job or start a business. The study also finds that people with high levels of debt are 24% more likely to experience poor mental health, and that those with mental health problems are twice as likely to be behind on their bills.

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Laxton Harvest Competition

Saturday 15th October

Laxton Church

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