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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

On the 1st August, we celebrated Lammas Day at St Michael's Laxton and ventured up the tower steps to dedicate the use of the new bell ropes in God's service and to pray for our bell ringers. The dedication was drawn to a close by chiming one of the bells. As I reflected upon urban and rural life, I am particularly struck by the fact that bell ringing is very much part of village life.

Last year I managed to attend one of the bell ringing practices at Wellow and was given a lesson by our Bell Captain Robert. This was a fascinating and illuminating experience as I discovered that bell ringing offers much to our wellbeing: there is the social dimension of coming and working together as one for a common purpose as well as the physical dimension – it is a workout in itself! There is also the spiritual dimension – I once heard someone say that bells are “singing icons” – scripture in sound as they herald in the Good News. The Psalmist in the Bible certainly encouraged the people to praise God with loud instruments akin to the bells of today! Bell ringing reflects our emotions – the tolling of a bell to mark the death of someone or at the funeral service itself in contrast to the joyous ringing to celebrate the joy of a wedding. Bell ringing literally announces to a community that something important is happening.

During the four year (2014-2018) commemorating the 4 years of WW1, peals of bells commemorated the fallen in the communities where they had lived. We also commemorated the end of war on its 100th anniversary when church bells were rung on Remembrance Day throughout the land as they had been 100 years beforehand to mark the end of the war; this was particularly momentous as they had been silent for the duration of the war.

Church bells are rung shortly before church services to remind and announce to a community that a church service is about to happen. During the installation of a new vicar in a community – the vicar will chime one of the bells as part of the service. May I take this

opportunity to say thank you to our bell ringers for all that they do as a service of the Lord within our villages.

Blessings

Rev Zoe

From the Registers

Congratulations to Joseph Saxelby and Rachel Bovill on their marriage on Saturday 10th August 2019 at Moorhouse Chantry Chapel.

Joseph is the son of David and Lynn Saxelby of Wilmington Farm, Moorhouse and the grandson of Eunice Saxelby.

Joseph and Rachel were married by the Rev Zoe Burton.



As Moorhouse church is not licensed for weddings to take place there, anyone who wishes to get married there has to apply for a special licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury. In an old book it states that one of the first that might have been recorded as getting married there were Thomas Amos of Clipstone and Ann Green of Moorhouse (lic) in Moorhouse Chapel 24th February 1756, and Thurston Bolton of Rufford and Susanna Jepson of Moorhouse in Moorhouse Chapel (licence) 24th April 1783. This would have been in the old church but the same applies in the church today.

Congratulations Joe & Rachel

On August 10th 2019 Joe, son of Mr and Mrs David Saxelby of Moorhouse and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Bovill of North Clifton were married at Moorhouse Church.

Congratulations from both families.

The Last of the Laxton Sampsons

The last surviving Sampson to be born in Laxton has died aged 98.

Rita was born at School House Farm to Frank and Violetta (nee Rose) Sampson in April 1921. She lived at Laxton until the family moved to Flaggs Farm Norwell when she was 5 years old.

She has been buried at Norwell with her son who died in a car crash when he was aged 15.

Eunice and Margaret (nieces).

Goodbye Rev Anna

The Rev Anna Alls, our Growing Disciples Priest in our Group of churches, will be leaving us to become the vicar of Burton Joyce, Bulcote and Stoke Bardolph with Lowdham, Caythorpe and Gunthorpe also in the diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

There will be a leaving service for her, for us to say goodbye, on Sunday 6th October 2019 at 4 pm at Kneesall church. This will also be Kneesall Harvest Festival and the service will be followed by food. If anyone would like to go please let me know numbers for catering reasons.

Brenda 870541

Lammas Day

Thursday, August 1 was our Lammas service, which was held at 8am. Traditionally it was held at 5:30 am when the service was first held years ago. The farmers would go into the fields for the first sheaf of corn and, with a loaf of bread made from the fresh flour, it would be brought into church to be blessed.

A sheaf is still brought in to the church to be blessed with a loaf of bread and some wine. Thanks to Stuart for the sheaf and to the Rev Zoe for blessing the gifts. Mike read the lesson and this year we were joined by the Rev Alistair Littlewood who read the Gospel and also by friends from Walesby.

Thank you to everyone who took part and to Anna for providing us with bacon and mushroom butties after the service.



Thank You - Bell Ropes

The PCC were recently given a donation to church funds from the estate of the late Nora Kent. This most generous gift has been used to purchase six new bell ropes for our church bells. These have been made by Ellis Ropes of Loughborough to our measurements and have the traditional red, white and blue sallies. Our bells date from c. 1500, 1591, 1599, 1721, 1860 and 1862.



The bells were re-hung on metal head stocks and ball bearings to take their weight by Taylors of Loughborough in 1956. We must say thank you once again to the family of Nora Kent for this most generous donation as we all know Nora was a faithful member of our church.

Blessing of the Bell Ropes.

After our Lammas Day service on Thursday 1st August members of the congregation made their way up the bell



tower to join the Rev Zoe and the Rev Alistair who blessed the new bell ropes for us in memory of Nora Kent.

Thank you to Janet for ordering them and to Robert Wilson for his advice and also for fixing the new ropes for us.

Thank You - Golden Wedding



We would just like to say a big thank you for all our lovely cards, gifts and messages for our Golden wedding and for making it such a special occasion.

Our thanks also go to Diane who prepared us a delightful buffet, which we hope everyone enjoyed. Anyone

wanting Diane's details can find them in the magazine.

Get Well - Poppy

We were sorry to hear about Poppy's accident and we wish her well for her recovery.

We are pleased to hear that she is now recovering at home and hope to see her about very soon.



Get Well Thanks - Joy

I would like to thank everyone for their kind visits, cards and messages after my recent operation. They cheered me up no end. I'm pleased to say that all is going well and I hope to be fully recovered very soon.

Mothers' Union

Our last meeting was a lunch at the Spread Eagle, Hockerton. Eleven members came and we enjoyed the afternoon together. 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.

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

We hope you will come and join us. Tickets £8 from Jean (870276) or Brenda (870541).

Tickets include delicious buffet.

Bring your own drink and glasses.

All proceeds to church funds.

Laxton Garden Fête & Welly Wanging

This much loved game was re-introduced into the compendium of activities at this year's garden party. The Rev. Zoe bravely undertook training and delivered the first two wangs resulting in a commendable 13.5 metres for her further attempt. During the course of the evening the record gradually improved with Maria on 14.9m, Rebecca topping out at 16.5m, only to be pipped at the post by Tessa with a ladies record for this year of 17.9m.

An element of rivalry entered the men's competition as usual, with Mark not too happy that his 25.1m wang was overturned by Ian's 28.4m. Eventually the tide was turned and Mark regained the lead with an almost tape busting 29m.

Nylah won the children's competition with an eye-watering 9 feet (using her feet as the measure.) A variety of techniques were adopted with the over arm and horizontal helicopter being very successful. Although recommended by some, the reverse overhead throw was not attempted so no comparative analysis is available.

Perhaps next year we could have a mixed doubles competition, with all four wangs added to give a teams total - or a Mr and Mrs team - or local teams competing in a round robin, say football, darts, Young Farmers, Rounders, Laxton men, Laxton women, Dovecote etc.

Although the money raised goes to support our lovely church it would be great to see the event as more of a whole-Village social get-together on a summer's evening in the future, the more the merrier and a first rate opportunity to get to know people and renew friendships. Next year come along for the hot dogs, scones with jam and cream and ice cream along with tea and coffee. There's a table busting cake stall, book stall, raffle, tombola, plant stall and quite a few games, and entrance is currently FREE

A great evening out.

JN

Our Annual Garden Fete took place on Friday 12th July at the Old Vicarage. We are most grateful to Nik and Ali for the use of the lawn for the evening. It seems odd when you look at the lawn at 6:30 pm and by 8:30 pm everything has been cleared away as if nothing has happened.

Thanks to Stuart for the use of his tables and chairs and to everyone who helped to clear up afterwards.

Thanks to the Rev Zoe for opening the fete for us and for judging the children's fancy dress. thanks also to the children who took part.

As was mentioned last month thanks again to everyone for their generosity with giving, spending and coming to support us and to everyone who helped in any way. A total of £734.75 was made for church funds.

Once again thank you to everyone.

Brenda

Pat's Plant Stall

I am delighted to report that the Stall raised a total of £1680 this year.

£1000 has been given to Medical Detection Dogs, £500 to Laxton PCC and the remainder to local charities. This does not include money raised this year by the Inner Wheel



Club of Sherwood Forest through other fund raising events. This has enabled us to support Riding for the Disabled, SAKA, Framework, Macmillan Cancer Support and Lost Chord (music support for dementia sufferers) all to be used locally and a small amount to the Lifeboat Association.

A huge thank you must go firstly to Lesley for the vast amount of time she has devoted again to growing and donating bedding plants for me to use and sell and for her support throughout.

Also thank you to friends for contributing spare plants, pots and other containers and to unknown benefactors who have left their contributions on the door step.

Finally a thank you must go to all the customers who have purchased from the stall, some new others repeat trade. Collectively they have made it the success we have enjoyed again. My bonus has been meeting up with people and making new acquaintances if I happen to be outside. Some are simply visiting the village as tourists, others passing through on route to another destination and others are repeat customers.

Once again thank you on behalf of the charities we have been able to support.

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

As mentioned in last months 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.



Our first final-Wednesday speaker for this new Rotary Year is a specialist in Fire Safety in the home from East Midlands Fire Service at Edwinstowe.

Our meeting is held at South Forest Leisure in Edwinstowe on September 25th, 7pm for a 7.15 start. As usual transport is available from Laxton for anyone wishing to travel with a member.

The two course meal costs £10 and we are usually back in the village by 9.15pm. Book your meal on 07711 802683 or join us at 8pm for the speaker.

All are welcome

Jeff Naylor

Dog Fouling



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

The Dovecote Inn

The Dovecote Inn has it's new menus and from all accounts the food is still very good.

Michael Manning

Village Hall Refurbishment Update

The Hall was finally completed as promised before the end of July and was formally handed over on Monday 29/7/19. There was a quick movement of tables and chairs ready for Jean and Roy's 50th wedding anniversary party and the overall impression was very good.



Some minor “snags” came to light and these are being seen to as we go to press. The fire safety equipment and signage has all been updated and we are in the process of organising a cleaner.



Anyone wishing to book the Hall should contact Pat Naylor in the normal way.

The Committee was able to meet in the Hall recently and to have some training on how the new alarm system works.



The official opening will be later in the year and again any ideas or suggestions would be great.

A big thanks to Dik and Joy who are putting together a pictorial account of the Project's progress, and we hope to be able to give everyone a special souvenir publication soon as a permanent reminder of how far we have come from the hall as it was.

Rural Cinema Grant

I have just heard that Newark and Sherwood District has agreed a grant of £1400 which I applied for to get the Rural Cinema. This of course will not cover the full cost of the equipment to set it up, but we hope that help will be available from within the Parish as the cinema was high on the list in the Community Questionnaire as a “must do” when the Hall was finished.

Michael Manning

Big Congratulations to Laxton Folk

Laxton recently hosted what must be an unprecedented week of BIG celebrations.

First Rebecca and Ian Creighton reached their BIG 30th birthdays and also their 2nd wedding anniversary and celebrated with a BIG party at home, welcoming friends and family across all generations. We send congratulations and good wishes for many more celebrations for some of Laxton's youngest tenants.



Next came a celebration at home for the 60th (diamond) wedding anniversary for Rosemary and Tony Crothers. Rosemary grew up in Laxton, the younger daughter of the village blacksmith, Arthur Grundy. She and Tony now live in Egmonton and welcomed many friends to their home for a celebration on 1st August.

Friends from Laxton and Egmonton helped with the catering and their bridesmaid, Janet Cooke, was one of those there wishing them well. Congratulations to them both and good wishes for many more happy anniversaries.

Finally, on 2nd August, came the first event in the newly refurbished Village Hall, which required some quick work to get it ready in time. Roy and Jean Hennell had held their wedding breakfast in the Hall, and were determined to celebrate their Golden Wedding there as well. Roy was born at Corner Farm, where they still live and coincidentally their son Mark now lives in Rosemary's former home, Blacksmith's Cottage.



The hall was full of family from all over and friends from the nearby villages. Granddaughter Karina provided some excellent musical entertainment and two daughters of Roy's cousin, Diane and Sally Supplied an excellent buffet, which was served in the newly created café area in the hall.

Many congratulations and good wishes to them also for many more celebrations to come.



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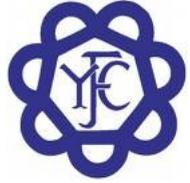
The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 12th September at Farms Cottage, next to Corner Farm in Main Street.



Why not come and join us? Everyone is welcome to this informal group. You don't have to come every month and are welcome to pop in to enjoy some friendly, cheerful company.

Plenty of tea, cakes, and chatter.

Tuxford Young Farmers



When the sun shines the harvest needs getting in and so our last meeting before the summer break took place in Rufford Park where we all gathered for a game of rounders.

Members were split into 2 teams, with captains Daisy and Will. We all got to bat and bowl in a series of 3 games.



Daisy's team took the first game by storm scoring 5 runs to Will's 1½ runs. The second was a much closer match with the score in Daisy's favour by 1 run and her team won the night with a victory in the last game.

Thanks to Amanda who had the difficult job of keeping score and Mark and Padge who collected fish and chip suppers for everyone.

We were blessed with a beautiful evening and we all had a great time.

The club does not meet now until 4th September at Hall Farm Weston at 7-30pm.

We are always looking for new members so if you

would like to know more about our activities please come along and join us.



Emily

The Hallam Family at Work in the 1920s

Following publication of this item last month, Sue Thomas of Moorhouse got in touch with the following observation:

The building which was known as "The Ship Inn" hasn't gone. It is now known as Brookedale Farm. On the wall at the entrance there is a plaque that says 'Brookedale Farm formerly known as The Ship Inn'.

Thanks to Sue for clarifying this.

Things to Do this Month

☆ . Book your tickets for Laxton Harvest Supper

☆ Book a date at your surgery for your 'flu jab

Sept 4th Young Farmers resumes

Sept 7th Enter or see the exhibits at Egmonton Show **EVH**

Sept 11th Hear about 'A Wonderful Woodland Walk' from
Gerald Hall at WI. 7.30pm **VH**

Sept 14th Milton Mausoleum Hog Roast & Concert

Sept 18th Look back with John Whitfield as he considers '100
Years On: Britain and the Great War' 7.30pm. **VH**

Sept 21st Ossington Art Group Exhibition & lunch, **The Hut.**

Sept 25th Talk East Midlands Fire Service on 'Fire Safety in the
Home' at Rotary, South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for
7.15pm

Sept 28th Go to Southwell Ploughing Match & Show **Thoresby**

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Laxton History Group



We do not meet in August so our next meeting will be on September 18th in Laxton Village Hall, when John Whitfield will be returning by popular demand, this time talking about '100 Years On: Britain and the Great War.'

Everyone is welcome. There is no membership fee, just pay £2 per person on the door to include refreshments and nice biscuits.

During July we received an email asking if we could identify the building in Laxton in front of which a photo of troops had been taken. Since the building in question looked to be a store on the scale of Macey's in New York, it was not difficult to reply that it was pretty certain it wasn't taken in our Laxton!



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20/7/19	32	Kevin and Sally
27/7/19	03	Jen Swordy
3/8/19	31	Mike Manning
10/8/19	49	Joan and Roger

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.

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At present they are rotationally grazing three lawns and a driveway and they have ample grazing. They are fed ad lib hay at night when they are in a pen area the size of small barn or in 5 stables. They are also kept in when the weather is wet

Does anyone in the village or locally have suitable space - grazing, yard area or stables/barn?

We have limited funds but are willing to pay for somewhere to move to.



Our ponies are very friendly, well handled and well cared for and they are in excellent health. They have recently been weighed on a weighbridge and assessed by a feed company professional and all are ideal weight and condition.

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Barbara

Oh What Joy at Ninety One!

It's a lovely morn.
The swallows are come.
The cuckoo has called from the wood.



A knock is heard on the door.
The children cry, 'Hello Gran. You alright?' ..



A huddle, a cuddle and they're gone,
With a smile and a cheery wave .
'See you later.' 'See you anon.'

A bowl of porridge to sustain the day.
A ride outside to see the world.
The road is open and free.
Someone stops for a chat.
Call on a friend for a cup of tea.
That is the morning for me.

Home for dinner. Too much trouble.
Better have forty winks.
But sausage and mash awaiting there,
Rice pudding and treacle tart.
A cup of tea to finish off.
Then time for that land of Nod.

Awake to a sound outside,
The children playing on the lawn.
'Come and sit on the bench, Gran'.
Blankets to keep me warm.

'Just watch us do this, Gran.'
Somersaults, cartwheels,
flips or rolls.
Now can we go for a walk?
Scooters, heelies, skates or bikes.
Playing out till nearly dark.
A huddle, A cuddle. A cheery wave.
'Love you, Gran' They are gone.



Darkness is falling, evening has come.
The sun has set in the west.
Time for a snooze, or watch TV.
Or time to phone a friend,
Call a friend you can 'see'
In Whitehorse, Ware or Wallsend.
Memories you share, fun that you had,
Way back in fifty one.
Friends you never thought to 'see'
When seventy years are gone.

Some one calls in to say 'Good night'.
A milky drink and a chat.
Another day gone.
How many more?
When you are ninety one.



Joy of a kind.
Maybe not yours. But mine.
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

25th Aug *Trinity 13*
9am Moorhouse HC
10.30am Wellow HC

1st Sept *Trinity 14*
9am Kirton HC
4pm Wellow HC

8th Sept *Trinity 15*
10.30am Laxton HC
4pm Egmonton HC followed by PCC

15th Sept *Trinity 16 – ONE LIFE MISSION*
10.30am Group service – Leyfields Farm Kneesall

22nd Sept *Trinity 17*
9am Moorhouse HC
10.30am Kirton Harvest

29th Sept *Trinity 18*
10.30am Family of Churches – St Matthews

6th Oct *Trinity 19 – Revd Anna's leaving service*
10.30am St Giles HC
4pm Kneesall Harvest

Tuesday 10th September – ‘Open Vestry Hour’ for Christening and wedding enquiries: No appointment needed. Revd Zoe can be reached at the Vicarage on **(01623) 862818** work mobile: **07983 946930**
revzoe65@gmail.com

Midweek Holy Communion Services at St Giles, Ollerton Village - 10am on Wed 11th & Wed 25th September. The church will remain open after the service until 1pm



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2019

- Sept 4th WI Fashion Show - LVH
- Sept 7th Egmanton Craft & Produce Show
- Sept 11th WI Venue tbc**
- Sept 12th Coffee Morning**
- Sept 14th Notts Historic Churches Sponsored Bike Ride
- Sept 28th Southwell Ploughing Match Thoresby Estate

Forward Planning

Alternate months, 4th Tuesday Parish Council

Oct 6th Farewell event for Rev. Anna

Oct 11th, 12th, 13th Laxton Harvest Weekend

Oct 15th History Group Trip to Oxford

Dec. 6th Quiz Night

Copy Date for October: 16th September.

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Our meeting in August was the last one to be held in Egmonton Village Hall before we move back to Laxton after the refurbishment of the hall. We have just had a year at Egmonton and our thanks to them for accommodating us.

Brenda started the meeting by welcoming everyone and handed out birthday cards to Cynthia and Madeleine and presented a bouquet of flowers to Doreen who had recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Sally, our treasurer, then read her report on the National AGM, which she attended at Bournemouth in June. She reported that both resolutions had been passed unanimously. The first was on the subject of the decline in rural bus services and the second on the decline in the number of women having smear tests. These resolutions will now be followed up by the National Executive Committee and the relevant other bodies. Sally told us what a lovely experience it had been for her and that the sound of around 5000 members singing Jerusalem was very uplifting. Everyone had been very friendly to her while travelling down by coach and staying in the hotel.

Two members had attended the Literary Lunch at Carlton-in-Lindrick. They enjoyed a lovely lunch prepared by the Executive Committee and this was followed by a talk by our own local author, Stephen Booth. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the 90+ members present.

Other events happening in the future are bingo sessions at Lowdham, Harvest I Lunch at Oxtou, Autumn Council Meeting at Newark with the Ragdolls performing songs by the Four Seasons and Frankie Valli, and a chance to try your hand at Encaustic Art. Lesley has put her name down for a day of rafting and tomahawk throwing. Two members were interested in Chinese brush painting and four members thought they would have a go at making Christmas rag wreaths.

Members were asked to knit again this year on behalf of Teams 4U, who take the lorries to Romania and Ukraine, Bosnia and Belarus. They are asking for hats, gloves, mitts, scarves and gloves puppets. This will mean the children have a gift for Christmas.

We received an invitation from Egmonton WI to join them for their birthday party in October. A cheque has been sent to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals in memory of our member Judy Spencer who recently passed away. This was one of Judy's charities which she supported every year.

Our Group Meeting will this year be on Tuesday 1st October at East

On Saturday 21st September, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

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Vicarage Cottage, Laxton



Markham Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. Our speaker or entertainment will be Neville Cooper and friends who play Latin American music. Lesley is working on our entry for the competition, themed to fit with the music.

We were interested to see that Lesley's entry for the Sheila Norris Rose Bowl competition appears in this month's 'Hornblower', despite not being the winner. Well done Lesley.

Unfortunately we are going to have to postpone the fashion show that

we were hoping to have in September and will rearrange it for spring next year.

After the business part of the meeting had finished we had a



Faith Supper. This included quiche, salad and a selection of desserts finished by birthday cake and wine, which Doreen had brought for us. We had a toast to her and sang happy birthday. Heather was taking photos to send for the magazine, but her opportunities were limited as by then members were ready to tuck in.

Our meeting on 11th September will be in Laxton Village Hall and the speaker will be Gerald Hall, who will give a presentation and talk entitled "A Wonderful Woodland Walk". The competition will be for **'Something Made of Wood.'**



Egmanton Craft & Produce Show

NEW Scarecrow competition to be staged at the Hall

The 21st Egmanton Craft & Produce Show takes place in Egmanton Village Hall on Saturday 7th September.

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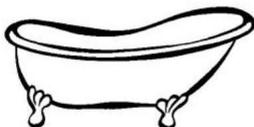
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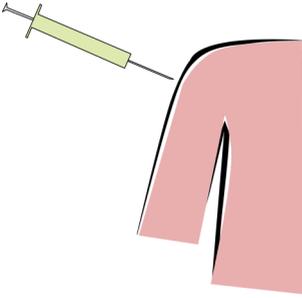
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Flu Vaccinations

Having scarcely had a summer, it is hard to think about winter and all it brings already. Nevertheless, 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.'**

Tuxford Surgery has kindly sent us the following:

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 x3 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.

I think the take home message is that dates are tentative – but for people to make sure we've got up to date mobile phone numbers so that we can let them know as quickly and efficiently as possible if things change.

Similar issues will affect other local surgeries. 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 towards the end of September to see when they are offering vaccinations so that you can get yourself and your family booked in.

We hope to be able to print updated information next month.

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There will be workshops and 'meet the maker' sessions for all the family. Visitors will get the chance to have a go at handling clay, throwing a pot and painting ceramics.

The event will run between 27th July – 8th September 2019. More information will appear on their web site as it becomes available. The Stable Yard Galleries are free to enter and open daily. The Hall and gardens are well worth a visit. An admission charge applies.

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Tuxford Surgery

Health @ Tuxford - What's in a Name?



Anyone who has been to the surgery or contacted us recently can't help but notice that Tuxford Medical Centre has changed a lot over the past couple of years. In December 2017 we changed the way our appointment system works; during late 2018 we started renovating & extending the building; and just after Easter 2019 we launched our new practice website. The appointment system introduced allows GP triage for all patient requests, whether these are made by phone or online, aiming for same day service, and usually immediate face to face review when required.

We've improved access to our nurses (who now see patients from 08:30 rather than 11am previously) - and we've increased our available nursing hours by 25 per week - which has also had an added benefit of allowing our nurses to *become a team* as they now work alongside each other on a rotating rota (rather than working different days and hardly ever seeing each other!) We've invested in new nursing equipment to improve the outcomes for patients with non-healing wounds - which has had great success with improved clinical outcomes. We've employed a pharmacist who carries out comprehensive medication reviews with patients on multiple medications with particular reference to respiratory conditions where he can ensure that the medication device is best suited to the patient.

We've also increased available appointments with our Healthcare Assistants who are able to provide an increasing number of procedures and tests – such as injections, spirometry and tele-dermatology (where photos of skin problems are sent to a consultant dermatologist for advice).

We're now starting to look at what other health related services or courses can run from our premises, and hope that we will soon be able to host specialist smoking cessation services, pre-diabetes courses (to give advice to patients who are close to being diabetic so that they can turn around their diet and lifestyle to prevent type 2 diabetes), and Bassetlaw Action Centre's "Staying Well" course allowing better access for our patients who may struggle with transport.

All of this change has made us reflect on what we actually call

ourselves. We feel that being a 'Medical Centre' isn't reflective of the significant amount of preventative and health related work we do. 'Medical Centre' sounds as though we are 'medicalising' everything we do to the patients we see, whereas we see our role as improving the health of the community we serve, and helping people to help themselves.

We're going to re-brand our self "Health @ Tuxford" – which was a suggestion from our Patient Participation Group after we ran a Facebook survey earlier in the year. This new name has been approved by NHS England and you will soon notice it on our telephone greeting message, practice Website, and premises signage.

We're also going to write more regular articles and newsletters to share how we work and what we're doing. Next time we'll be discussing our appointment system - how it works, feedback we receive (both positive and negative), and why we believe it's a better way of working.

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Dukeries Woodturning Society

In September we look forward to welcoming our second female demonstrator this year - Sue Harker. There is no hands on session in September. The next is on 20th November.

For more information please visit www.dukerieswoodturning.org.uk or call Gordon Fisher on **01623 464986** / Michael Manning on **01777 870844**

Rotary Club 'Bras for Africa' Collection

The Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest's collection of lightly used bras and new pants for Africa continues to go well.

They are everyday items to us and it is hard to understand the huge difference they can make to women in countries where simply having underwear can protect you from unpleasant incidents and unwanted attention.

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.



The Dukeries Singers



The Choir have completed their Summer Season and were "stood down" for August for rest and recuperation. We had a "Bit of a Do" after our last rehearsal with a tasty buffet and Ash and Ashley

entertained us appropriately on violin and guitar. I have begun the Autumn tidy in the garden and have no doubt that the Autumn tidy in the Music Cupboard will also by now have been completed and all the lovely Christmas Music unearthed ready for our start date of rehearsals on 4th September 2019. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9pm upstairs in the Theatre refreshment area at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

We already have several confirmed bookings for Concerts and Carol Singings but there are plenty of available dates if you would like to book us for your fund raising, celebration, anniversary or charity event. Do contact our Secretary Pauline on **07951609217**. She would be delighted to hear from you. Believe me, it is not too early to think about your Christmas events.

You can find information about the Choir at thedukeriessingers.com and also on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube

Hope your Autumn tidy is better than mine. I generally fail in the "chuck it" category!

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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 7th May 2019

Present: Councillors: M. Manning (Chair), S. Hill, R.Hennell
M. Hennell, J.Hill, J.Godson, S,Rose

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk), S. Michael (District councillor)
M. Pringle (County councillor), Members of the public (x7)

1. Election of Officers:

Councillors completed their acceptances of office and register of interest forms.

The following were elected:

- (a) Chair – Mr Manning (unanimous)
 - (b) Vice-Chair - Mr S Hill (unanimous)
 - c) Defibrillator inspection councillor - Mr M Hennell (unanimous)
 - (d) Accounts scrutineer –Mr S Hill (unanimous)
 - (e) Parish Council Representatives on other village organisations:
Safer Neighbourhood Group – Mr S Hill (unanimous)
- No other organisations requiring council representation.

2. Apologies for absence: There were no absences.

3. Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 14 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.

4. Dispensations: None required.

5. 10 Minutes public speaking: Matters raised:

- a. Notification of elections – A member of the public had not been aware of the election of parish councillors. The chair confirmed that notices had been displayed on the noticeboards. The clerk confirmed that notice of the election had also been published on the website.
- b. Tree overhanging on The Bar/Cross Hill – Had been promptly removed
- c. Relocation of 30 mph signs to further out of Laxton village – Mr Pringle confirmed that these are to be included in the 2020-21 schedule of works
- d. Road conditions generally – Mr Pringle is visiting with the senior Highways officer to inspect the roads, pavements, signs, bridge and

potholes. Although the meeting is not open, councillors were invited to attend.

- e. Speeding traffic in village – Mr S Hill will raise concerns at the next SNG meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the clerk should request the installation of speed monitoring strips with a view to collecting evidence of the need for a speed sign. The member of the public will provide details of the location with reference to the closest lamp post.
 - f. Dog fouling – Councillors were disappointed that this remains an issue. A second dog bin is being installed at the bottom of the twitchell by the churchyard. The clerk will notify NSDC that it needs to be added to the emptying schedule.
6. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 26 March 2019:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
7. **Matters arising:** All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.
8. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Councillor Pringle:
- 1. Updated councillors on developments in the wider area
 - 2. Reported on the proposals for A614 improvement.

Mrs Michael reported that:

- a. NSDC's had undertaken a grading exercise in respect of listed buildings in its area. Bar Cottage had been graded at 3. As a result, action will be taken in relation to its deteriorating condition.
 - b. The role undertaken by Newark & Sherwood Homes is being brought back into NSDC. This will result in a saving of approximately £1m.
9. **Reports from councillors:** Mr Hill reported on the matters discussed at the recent SNG meeting including lead theft and diesel and heating oil theft. He reminded residents of the importance of vigilance and appropriate security. Residents were invited to contact Mr Hill if they had any issues.

Councillors noted that Inspector Sutton had not been able to attend this meeting. The clerk will invite her to the next 2019 meeting which she is able to attend.

They also noted that PCSO Crowhurst had advised that parish councils are free to purchase speed guns, which the police would train volunteers to use. However, it would rely on volunteers.

10. Financial Matters:

- a. **Financial position as at 30 April 2019:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 April 2019 (incorporating the 2018-19 budget figures). The clerk will increase the election reserve to £1000 and the sign reserve to £1300.
- b. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** seven payments totalling £629.30.
- c. **To agree the 2018/2019 annual accounts:** Agreed.
- d. **To certify exemption from limited assurance review under section 9 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015:** Councillors **certified** that, as:
 - 1) Both the council's annual gross income and expenditure for 2018/19 were less than £25000, and
 - 2) The council had been in existence since before 1 April 2014, and
 - 3) The external auditor had taken no step in relation to 2017/18 which precluded exemption and
 - 4) The court had made no declaration under section 28(3) of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014the council was exempt from a limited assurance review and **authorised** the clerk and chair to sign the certificate of exemption.
- e. **Review system of internal control and internal audit system effectiveness:** Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and **agreed** that it remained adequate and continued to operate effectively. Councillors also reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit system and **agreed** that, taking account of the straightforward nature of the council's transactions this year, it operated effectively on an annual basis.
- f. **Risk assessment 2019 – 20:** Councillors considered and **approved** the draft revised risk assessment for 2019-20 circulated by the clerk.

11. Property matters including sports field and rent request:

Position noted.

12. Planning matters:

- a. **Applications: 19/00220/FUL | Barn conversion to form 2 No. holiday cottages and creation of additional vehicular access | Brookdale Farm Moorhouse Road Moorhouse:** Councillors considered the application and unanimously **decided** that they had no objections to the proposal
- b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC:** Approval noted.
- c. **Compliance:** No issues raised

13. Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:

Councillors noted that a preferred bidder had been selected and then process is continuing.

14. **Village environment and appearance, including:**
 - a. **Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that work was proceeding well and should finish in July 2019.
 - b. **Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application:** Councillors authorised the chair and Mr S Hill to sign the s115 permission and LIS capital funding agreement. Mr S Hill signed the documents which the clerk will submit to NSDC. Mr S Hill will progress the order.
 - c. **Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:** The chair continues to take matters forward.
 - d. **Fibre broadband for Moorhouse:** Mr Pringle continues to take matters forward.
15. **Service faults:** The clerk will notify a loose kerbstone outside Blacksmith's Cottage, Main Street.
16. **Correspondence:** All items of correspondence noted.
17. **Agenda items for next meeting:** As above and speeding traffic and dog fouling.
18. **Date of next meeting:**
 - a. **Annual governance matters:** 7.30 pm on 11 June 2019
 - b. Tuesday 23 July 2019 at Moorhouse Church



Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting 11th June 2019

Present: Councillors: M. Manning (Chair), S. Hill, R.Hennell
M. Hennell, J.Hill, S,Rose

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk), S. Michael (District councillor)
Members of the public (x5)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Godson was absent. Councillors consented to the absence.
2. **Declarations of interest:** Mr J Hill declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and Mr S Hill a personal interest in item 4 a on the agenda (Planning matters – Application 19/00879/FUL). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any item of business on the agenda.

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3. **Dispensations:** No dispensations required.
4. **Planning applications:**
- a. **19/00879/FUL | Change of use of redundant agricultural building into a micro brewery | Agricultural Building at Home View Farm High Street Laxton:** Having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest at LMPC/60/19 above, Mr J Hill withdrew from the meeting.

The chair suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to address the meeting. Councillors noted, in particular, the minimal increase in traffic and that the noise produced would be less than that produced when the building was used as a milking parlour.

Following discussion, councillors **decided** to support the proposal (4 in favour: 1 abstention (Mr Hill)).

Mr J Hill returned to the meeting.

- b. **19/00824/FUL - Demolition of outbuildings; conversion and extension of The Old School to form 1 No. 3bed dwelling. New garage and workshop. (Revised application of 18/01426/FUL) - The Old School High Street Laxton:** Councillors discussed the proposal, noting that the building in its current state is unsafe and unsightly. The proposed development was in keeping with the original building and landscape. The objection made did not appear to raise valid planning matters. Councillors unanimously **decided** to support the proposal.

Councillor Michael and three members of the public left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

5. **Financial Matters:**

- a. **Confirmation of internal auditor:** Councillors noted that the clerk had been unable to contact the internal auditor originally approved. They **confirmed** the appointment of Ms Ricketts, Halam parish clerk, in his place.
- b. **To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return:** The Annual Return was presented incorporating the completed internal auditor's report. Councillors considered the contents together with the internal auditor's comments. They unanimously **authorised** the chair and clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual governance statement) which they then did.
- c. **To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return** Having considered the contents, schedule of fixed assets and variances, councillors unanimously **authorised** the chair and clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting

Statements) which they then did.

Mr S Hill updated councillors regarding the fingerpost order. Councillors discussed whether to approve payment in advance and **decided** to do so only if payment in advance was a condition of installation. Mr S Hill will take the matter forward.

6. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 23 July 2019 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Festival of Bird Art, Bakewell

This event is both a show and the annual competition for the British Champion Bird carver. It is an amazing demonstration of the skill of the carvers with the naturalistic classes giving the definite impression that a flock of many species of birds is poised for flight at any moment.

These classes are judged for both carving and painting skill and realism. An ornithologist is on the panel to ensure the birds would convince a fellow of their species.

There are also interpretive classes and an opportunity to be totally original in the Competition for the David Rose Memorial Trophy. David was a Laxton man of exceptional skill with wood and also an innovator in style and approach. Christie Rose learned alongside her husband and has steadily risen from beginner to advanced, and this year to judge in the intermediate classes.

The event runs on 14th and 15th September in the Agricultural Hall at Bakewell. For full details and photos from last year see bdwca.org.uk

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 Puzovio 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.

For more information contact Elizabeth Jones email: emjones.norwell@btinternet.com tel: **01636 636 365**

Group Oil Order



The late summer order was placed on 9th August, following the price dropping in the wake of the tanker incidents in the Middle East falling out of the headlines. We achieved a price of 44.35p per litre, about 1.5p lower than last time.

If you would like to order at some future date, please get in touch. 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.

Southwell Ploughing Match & Show

This year's event takes place at Thoresby on Saturday 28th September between 8.30am and 6.00pm.

This is the largest agricultural one day show in Nottinghamshire, established in 1855 and run by a committee of local business people and rural enthusiasts. It is held at a different venue every year.

The show represents all the really important interests of agriculture from horse ploughing through the vintage years to the modern day tractor, a variety of livestock, static displays and trade stands to suit all tastes. In more recent years horse classes, dog show and the farmers market have been introduced.

If anyone wishes to become a steward or become a helper please contact the show office, help is greatly appreciated, as running the show depends on the very generous help and time given by the committee members, stewards and helpers.

Advance tickets are available from Paula Doyle c/o Brenda Noble, **870541**.

Egmanton Village Hall

www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk / 01777 871171

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

- ◆ **Yoga with Greg** – Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- ◆ **Egmanton WI** - Thurs 19th Sept
- ◆ **Children's Dance Classes** - Sat mornings (Jill, 07790 601877)
- ◆ **Computer Problems?** - Call **01777 871171**.
If your computer is misbehaving or you need help setting up a new one, please call. Donations to Egmanton Village Hall in lieu of fee.

LAXTON VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

The next Quiz Night will be on **FRIDAY 6/12/19** in our new Hall, we can't wait!!

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

Maplebeck Village Hall Events

www.maplebeck.org.uk / 01636 636421

Regular Activities

Yoga	Tues 9.45am and Fri 9.30am
Clubbercise	Thurs, 8.30pm
Walkers	Weds, from approx.10.00am
Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly 7.30pm
Book Club	7.30pm

Upcoming events and Films (all 7.30pm)

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Tuesday 10th September, 7.30pm, Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool (15)

Useful Contact Details

Defibrillator Contacts:

Neil Randall 01777 871229 & 07710 398745, evenings and weekends
Pat Naylor 01777 870601, evenings
Jeff Naylor 01777 870601, as required
Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings
Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required
David & Linda, Dovecote Inn 01777 871586, as required
Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,
evenings / weekends
Anne-Marie & Geoff Rose 07961 933290 / 07957 991002, as required

Police

PC Gary Sipson 07525 226575 or 101 x 800 7673
Email : gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

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

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

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: robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk	01636 612 837

County Councillor: cllr.mike.pringle@nottscc.gov.uk	0115 977 5661
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Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk



Laxton Harvest Festival

Friday 11th October

7.00pm, St Michael's Church, Laxton

The service will be conducted by

Lay Reader Joan Wood

Followed by

Laxton Harvest Supper

Friday 11th 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 12th October

Laxton Church

Entries to church between 2pm and 4pm please.

Please see schedule next month

Harvest Family Service

4.00pm Sunday 13th October

with Lay Reader Joan Wood

Followed by refreshments

Presentation of Competition Prizes, 5.00pm

Followed by Auction of Produce

Everyone welcome