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

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Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON <u>16th SEPTEMBER 2022</u> PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.

A Message from Our Churchwarden, Brenda

We are looking for help to clean the church before our services, which are usually on the first Sunday of the month unless we have a special service.

Our dates at the moment are Sunday 4th September, 2nd October and harvest on October 14th.

If anyone could help before any of these dates it would be much appreciated. Also if anyone could offer to help clean the brasses please give me a ring. If you think you could help in any way on any of these dates we would be very grateful. Thank you.



Birth Congratulations

We wonder if this is the first three babies born within a week to parents closely associated with our parish and recorded in 'Open Field.'

First to arrive was Maddison Esme at 7.33am on Sunday 7th August, weighing 5lb 11oz. She is the daughter of Marti and Martin Waterfield, granddaughter of Mel and Wayne Voce and great granddaughter of Jean and Roy Hennell of Laxton. She is the niece of Karina, Chris and Jordan.

Next to arrive was Ralph Henry Ronald at 8.58pm on 11th August weighing 8lb 8oz.





He is the son of Rebecca and lan Creighton and grandson of Sylvia and Stuart Rose of Laxton and Karen Creighton. He is the nephew of Jessica Rose of Laxton, Phillip Creighton and Lucy Creighton and great grandson of Eileen Spray of Wellow.

Our third new arrival, also a little boy was born to Sarah Hill and Euen Buckle on Saturday 13th August weighing 8lb 9oz. As yet he hasn't been named: they are still deciding. He is the grandson of Anna and Simon Hill of Moorhouse and great grandson of Barbara Hill and Michael Mawer. He is the nephew of Jem, Will, Chris and Andrew, Frankie and Iona

Congratulations and best wishes to you all from everyone in the village, church and all readers of Open Field.



Lammas Service



We held our annual traditional Lammas Service on Sunday 7th August. The service was taken by Lay Reader Janice Hannington with a congregation of 35.

Simon and Stuart C read the lessons. The sheaf was presented by Stuart R,

the bread by Mavis, wine by Janet and the offertory by Eva and Eliza.

The

prayers were read by Anna, Jem, Frankie Jonathan and, a new addition to our congregation, 11 year old Grace.

After the service Simon and Anna treated us to bacon and mushroom baps which they barbecued outside in the churchyard. Janet and Mavis served tea.

Thanks to everyone for taking part to make it such a lovely service. Our next traditional service will be Harvest and then Plough Sunday in January. Before that we have Remembrance Service, which this year will be held in Walesby church.





We send special 'Big Birthday' congratulations this month to Keith Morton. Keith is the person

you will see mowing and keeping the green tidy at the top of the village. It really is true that he will be celebrating his 80th birthday this month! Thank you Keith and congratulations. Enjoy your big day.



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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Laxton Open Fields Interpretation Boards/Panels

We are pleased to say we are making great progress with Thoresby regarding both the replacement of the Information/Interpretation Boards and the refurbishment of the toilets. The toilets located in the Dovecote car park have been upgraded and are awaiting a final coat of paint.

We have received the latest proof of all Interpretation/information boards from Linney's of Mansfield, the printers. They are currently being kindly proof read by Professor John Beckett. As soon as the Trustees and Thoresby are happy with the final proof, Thoresby will arrange to have them produced and fitted either in the original locations or a more appropriate position.

The Visitor Centre had decided to bring the guide book up to date. This was originally written by John Beckett at the end of the 1980s. The intention is to update it with the current ownership of the Estate and to arrange for full colour printing. This allows for some of the photos to be updated for colour ones as well. Dik and Joy Allison have been working with Prof. Beckett on this aspect of the project. This is well in hand.

In the process it became apparent that some changes would make the information provided by the Interpretation/information Boards, the booklet and the walk leaflets available from the Visitor Centre both consistent with each other and more useful to visitors to the village.

As a result the overall process of revision and reprinting has become



rather more of a project and the separate elements are being tackled in the most sensible way to achieve the overall goal. This will mean the reprinting of the booklet being delayed, but with the benefit of a better result.

We will keep you informed of progress.

Michael Manning

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EPTEMBER CONGRATULATION

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event this month.

The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Anne D (92), Mel V, Paula D, Jo, Jean, Melanie P, Christopher H, Amelie B, Neil R, Diane W, Graham L and Keith M (80).

We wish a happy anniversary to Neil & Rachel and Roger & Alison and anyone else celebrating this month.

If you are celebrating a special date, we send best wishes.

We would love to give you for your special day, so please let Jean or Brenda have details.



Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

We are pleased to confirm a repeat of the "Christmas Light Switch On" this year on **SUNDAY 4th December** and as mentioned last month, we would be very pleased to have help organising the event. We will set up a working group again using WhatsApp, so please let us know if you would like to help and your contact details.

> Best wishes *Michael*





Thursday 8th September.

The Parish Council have had the following information about this much anticipated event, which will be visiting the area quite close to us (Norwell, Ossington and Moorhouse):

"As you may be aware, the Tour of Britain cycle race is due to return to Nottinghamshire on Thursday 8th September 2022. The procession will be travelling through Newark and Sherwood between 12pm and 2pm, then again briefly at around 3pm. The route will include locations such as Lowdham, Blidworth, Farnsfield, Southwell and Edwinstowe.

If you live, work or commute along the route, there will be rolling road closures, meaning roads will be closed for a small window of time while the race passes through (approximately 30 minutes).

For a map of the route please go to <u>https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/</u> <u>stages/stage-five/</u>. You can also access a more detailed breakdown of timings at <u>https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stage-five-timetable/</u>"

They will come into Moorhouse from the Ossington direction and turn

right towards Weston Road, Egmanton. There they will turn right over the A1.

The race route, and junctions with access roads onto the route, are closed while the race passes through. The length of closure of the rolling road block depends upon how dispersed the riders are. Typically, the lead motorcycle instigating

the closure is 15 minutes ahead of the lead rider. The closure then remains in place until all riders and race cars have passed through.

The precise timings will be determined by the speed of the riders on the day, but the published closure timetable gives 13.21 as the earliest anticipated time for arrival at Moorhouse and the latest likely time to leave Weston Road onto the Old Great North Road as 13.57. People planning to spectate are advised to be in position ahead of 13.21 and to allow for a period during which their route home may be closed.

Remember, whether or not you want to see the race, you will need to take closures into account when planning any journeys. Full details are on the County Council web site.



Bingo Night with Laxton WI

Do you know your 'Kelly's Eye' from your '2 little ducks'?

Join us for an evening of fun and the chance to win cash prizes!

When: Friday 2 September at 7pm

- Where: Laxton Village Hall
- Cost: £8 per person, includes bingo cards, tea & cake; bring your own wine/beer/soft drinks and glasses

Cash prizes: £10 for a line; £25 for a full house

Players must be over 18 due to gaming laws There will also be a raffle on the night! For more information and to book your tickets please contact: Brenda Noble – 01777 870541 or Jackie Carter – 07748 645012

Proceeds to Laxton WI funds

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starts back on Monday 12th September at Ossington Village Hall between 10.00am -12.00 noon each Monday.

Anyone who would like to try their hand at painting and drawing in all media can join, and get professional tuition from Graham Laughton. Just bring along what art materials you have to start you off to begin with.

Fees are \pm 7.00 per session including tea/coffee etc.

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Laxton History Group





We were delighted to be joined by visitors from local societies

and villages for our July meeting. In fact so good was the response to our spreading of the word that members were outnumbered about two to one!

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Our guest speaker was Professor Mark Pearce from the University of Nottingham. His visit had been booked pre-covid and postponed several times, so it was with particular pleasure that we were finally able to welcome him with an appreciative audience.

Initially it was amusing to discover that a Professor of History shared his name, if not the spelling, with Mark Pierce, creator of the famous 1635 map of Laxton. Having discovered that he had a lecture about 'The Archaeology of Cheese', we just had to invite him to visit us. In fact he had made two visits last year, attending both Jury Day and Court Day to better inform himself about Laxton.

This time it was our turn to learn. Undoubtedly the title of the talk had piqued the interest of our members and guests.

Firstly we learned that the modern day makers of 'Yarg', currently thought of as a Cornish cheese, almost certainly had come across a 17th century recipe for a nettle wrapped cheese which has its origins in Nottinghamshire.

The recent history of cheese in this country was much affected by the World Wars, rationing which lasted into the 1950s and the development of the Milk Marketing Board in the 1930s. This caused a move towards industrialisation and standardisation. Nine types of cheese were promoted and this inevitably had a drastic effect on the many local and regional cheeses. It is thought that Stilton survived as it was a favourite of the middle classes, whose support was needed politically.

Turning then to much earlier times, Mark explained that as farmers began to have sufficient milk for immediate use, they wanted to preserve their surplus production. They were faced with the fact that in hot countries milk will spoil in half a day, so methods of preservation were investigated. A further problem, which was surprising to many in the audience, was the biological inability of the human species to tolerate milk. In this country and northern Europe we are unusual in having developed the ability to consume milk with no ill effects, but this is by no means general. Mark explained the science behind the differences, which mainly centres on lactose intolerance. It has been discovered that in the Bronze Age only 10% of the population could drink milk, so the ability to do so at all is a recent adaptation.

Fermentation of milk into yoghurt or cheese makes it possible for people to consume milk products. Different areas found different solutions to the problem. In Asian countries clarified butter became a significant part of the diet, while in Europe cheese was preferred in the north and yoghurt further south.

The development of animal husbandry enabled early people to develop land further from home. Then the ability to transport dairy products in the form of cheese became important, particularly when it was being made on mountainous summer pastures and needed to be taken to the settlements where people lived.

The ability to use remote grazing in summer saves the fodder sources close to home. It is recognised now that the different diet influences the flavour of the resulting cheeses, and we learned that for this reason gorgonzola should not be eaten in the summer as it will be derived from winter milk.

The archaeological evidence for cheese making centres on discoveries about the ages when animals were slaughtered, chemical analysis of finds associated with cheese making and use and comparison of modern tools with those discovered in archaeological artefacts. The earliest evidence dates back to about 6,300 BC, while in Britain it is about the fourth century BC.

Hard cheeses were easier to transport than soft, so found different uses. In the 17th century cheese was being brought to London from Suffolk, and in 1650 there are records of full cream cheese being shipped to London from Chester.

Jeff Naylor, visiting us with friends from Rotary, gave the vote of thanks for a most interesting and informative talk.

We take a break in August while our farming members are hard at work in the fields dealing with this harvest and preparing the ground for next year.

At our next meeting on 21st September we will have a members meeting with any photos and memorabilia people care to bring as well as showing at least one, and possibly two of the historic films of Laxton. This will be a great opportunity for new villagers to learn more about the village and all are very welcome.

Book Launch

On 10th August Prof. John Beckett, our Honorary President, invited the Group to be represented at the launch of a book long in the making and with the subject matter of which he has been long associated: 'The Nottinghamshire Church Notes of Sir Stephen Glynne, 1825 - 1874.'



The event was hosted by

Michael and Elizabeth Jones and took place in Norwell Church, where Elizabeth is Churchwarden. The organiser was the Thoroton Society.

Stephen Glynne toured the country making notes on churches he visited. These included Laxton, which merited a long entry dated 13th March 1854. Egmanton was visited on 14th March 1854. Norwell and Caunton were both visited on 23rd April 1874, which was the last date he recorded visits.

He saw Laxton before the repair and remodelling of the church and records it as 'A fine church full of interesting features, but unhappily in a state of neglect and decay.'

John Beckett knew of the notes made by Glynne and in 2001 John went to Flintshire to see Glynne's entries on Nottinghamshire as part of his work for the Southwell and Nottingham Church History Project.

The idea of compiling them into a book was explored but did not gain traction until, quite by chance, a Dr Lawrence Butler approached the Thoroton Society in 2012 expressing an interest in preparing the notes on Nottinghamshire as a volume in the Society's 'Record Series'. He proceeded with the work, but it was incomplete when he died in 2014. John Beckett took over the editing task in 2019 after Butler's digital executor retrieved his work from his computer and the Thoroton Society's General Editor for the series had put the notes in order with other relevant material.

With Dr Chris Brooke, producing illustrations, John soon had the book ready to print. The original launch plans were disrupted by Covid and it was only now, on St Lawrence's Day in St Lawrence' Church in Norwell, that the launch had been able to be arranged.

Laxton History Group has a copy of the book in its library .

Thanks to Michael and Elizabeth for their hospitality and for a fascinating talk and tour of the church and village which followed despite the soaring temperatures.



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Laxton Village Hall

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More than 30 years ago when we first came to Laxton there were still 14 working farms. The farmers lived in the village and worked the 3 field system. There was intense pride in the village community and in the historic nature of Laxton itself.

We were "incomers", the local name for those not born here, but we were made very welcome and were soon involved in village life.



Recently I have reread some interviews I
 conducted at that time with the farming community and the thing that struck me most was how they emphasised the importance of community, the need to work together and to help each other They spoke about the village pulling together in hard times and joining together to celebrate the good times.

Living in Laxton meant being part of a close community, caring for each other and enjoying life together. I think that spirit came back during Lockdown and the Jubilee celebrations.

It was wonderful when newcomers to the

village offered to shop for those isolated due to covid Then to see the whole village having fun at the Jubilee. People simply enjoying themselves with friends and neighbours.

The Village Hall was, and still could be, the hub of social gatherings, parties and all sorts of fun evenings.

But to make this happen we need your help , whether you're an "incomer" or a member of the old farming families. We need you! The Village Hall Trustees have two vacancies, if you would like to join us and help your village come alive again please ring the number below and let us know.

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Local Funeral in the National Press

Last month we recorded sympathy to the family of the late Marina Smith MBE of Bethany Cottage, which stands near the Holocaust Centre. It was with some surprise that a reader discovered in mid August that her funeral included something unique, which was the subject of an article in the Daily Telegraph. 0

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The article recorded that '*Mrs Smith was one of the first adopters of a new technology that enabled her to appear at her own funeral in Babworth, Nottinghamshire.*'

Her son, Stephen, who was at one time responsible for the running of the Holocaust Centre, had developed a system called 'StoryFile', which was used to create the experience.

It uses Artificial Intelligence to combine a holographic image of the person with their recorded stories about any aspects of their lives they wish to address. Mourners are enabled to ask questions of their departed relative and the system replays the appropriate recorded responses, which appear to be a live link to the individual.

Mrs Smith had spent some time recording her contributions earlier this year. The system is now being sold and well known people have already taken advantage of the opportunity to put their stories on record to be used after their death. The system became available in the UK in mid August.

The article also addressed Mrs Smith's relationship with the Holocaust Centre. She and her husband had bought the property on the road to Ollerton, just before Laxton Common, which was then a derelict farm. It initially became a Christian and conference centre.

A holiday to Israel made the family rethink what they were doing and they turned the premises into a centre dedicated to making the reality of the Holocaust better known. This included an innovative display dedicated to making it understandable for groups of school children.

They provided an opportunity for people visiting on specific occasions to hear the testimony of Holocaust survivors from WWII and embraced the opportunity to educate about genocide in a wider context. In 2005 Mrs Smith was recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours List with an MBE for services to Holocaust remembrance and education.

Stephen Smith has recently recorded StoryFile testimonies of a significant number of people in Ukraine.





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Myself Emily Stronach (aged 20), Samuel Stronach (aged 13) and Ruby Doyle (aged 9) have always enjoyed swimming so when we saw we could raise

money for Macmillan whilst doing something we love we had to do it!.

We chose to swim 7 miles over a period of time throughout July and August. 7 miles is the equivalent to swimming the Thames from Big Ben to the Tower of London. Macmillan Cancer Support is very close to our hearts here at Hall Farm. We have not just lost family and friends to cancer, but customers who visit our shop and café have also sadly been fighting or lost their battle with cancer.

Macmillan nurses have helped massively with support to everyone we know who has been effected. So far doing our swimming we have raised over £1500, either via our just Giving Page <u>https://</u> <u>swimit.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/swim-it-with-emily</u> or cash donations. This is amazing as we set our target at £500! We would be delighted with any donations and Ruby is also having a sponsor form.

Southwell Ploughing Match and Show

This year at Farnsfield (postcode NG22 8HP) on Saturday 24th September 2022.

The one thing which goes into diaries from one year to the next in the local farming communities is the Southwell Ploughing Match. It is a friendly local event with everything rural that you could possibly want.

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

The show represents all the really important interests of agriculture from



There are classes of all types from active participation on horse back to baking, floral art, eggs, fruit, veg, hay and more. There can hardly be anyone who could not enter at least one class. Entries open 1st August.

Last year the weather was glorious and the show had clearly recovered from the

horse ploughing through the vintage years to the modern day tractor, a variety of livestock, static displays and trade stands to suit all tastes.

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trepidation during the pandemic. Even in the middle of the day, people were overheard telephoning friends and telling them to come along.

Adults £15, children under 14 free. VIP, available in advance only £75. Includes 4 tickets and priority parking. General parking free. Discounted e-tickets available online via the web site:

<u>www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk/tickets</u> or for standard tickets locally - speak to Jill Hoyland, Paula Doyle or Brenda Noble.

Harvest Supper Friday 14th October Laxton Village Hall at 8.00pm Steak Pies, Potatoes, Veg., Sweets Cheese & Biscuits, Tea / Coffee Raffle Please ring 01777 870541 with names for numbers for catering

The price of heating oil has fallen slowly but steadily over the last few weeks, which is in part due to the global situation and in part due to lower demand. At the time of writing the England average was 86.54p/litre.

Group Oil Order

Group members receive a discount based on the total volume when ordering together. **We will order next at our usual time of mid - late November**. Nobody wants to order with prices so high, but there is no way of knowing if they will continue to go up or come down. My crystal ball has gone on strike from overwork!

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High prices are often accompanied by an increase in oil theft. Please make sure your tank is secure.

Anyone whose order can be placed by email is very welcome to join. Please contact me on <u>oil@openfield.org.uk</u> The group currently covers an area of roughly 5 miles radius from Laxton, plus one former villager who uses oil in his new home.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

HC = Holy Communion EP = Evening Prayer MP = Morning PrayerEs = Evensong WfA = Worship for All WS = Word Service

4th September

10:30am Laxton 4.00pm Wellow	HC EP	Rev Margaret Heather B		
11th September	11			
10.00am Walesby	Harvest	Rev Vaughn Sweet		
10:30am Kirton	HC	Fr David James		
4.00pm Egmanton	EP	Rev John Chambers		
18th September				
10:30am Wellow	HC	Rev Alastair		
4.00pm Kneesall	Harvest	Rev Allison Jones		
23rd September (Friday)				
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

September

Fri 2 nd Sept	WI Bingo Night
Thurs 8 th Sept	Tour of Britain Cycle Race in Notts
Sat 10 th Sept	NHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride
Weds 14 th Sept	WI
Sat 24 th Sept	Southwell Ploughing Match
Weds 21 st Sept	History Group Film Night
Tues 27 th Sept	Parish Council
Forward Planning	
Fri 14th Oct	Harvest Supper
Fri 2 nd Dec	Village Hall Quiz Night
Sun 4 th Dec	Christmas Lights Switch On
Regular Events:	
Parish Council	4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November

Quiz Nights 1st Friday of December & March tbc

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Please let us have your contributions in good time. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. Late arrivals are unlikely to make it into print.



Laxton WI





Our thanks must go to Sandra for organising a

lovely evening out for us instead of our usual meeting in July. We visited the 'Walks of Life Museum' at Tuxford.

When we arrived

we were greeted with tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes and sat on the patio chatting. This was very pleasant on such a lovely, warm and sunny evening.





and Dave, who run the museum, told us how it first started. The founder and owner, Dorothy Harrison, who had a love of collecting old bygone items, had amassed so many things over the years. Sadly she died and left everything in the hands of some trustees, who are now trying to

update the

museum and extend it. They had so many items that some had to be sold.

The collection includes old prams, hand carts, ploughs, milk churns, old bottles, old tools and horse equipment. There were also items relating to the war, which some university students had been researching.

A new building was full of royal memorabilia



and items relating to old Tuxford. They now also have open days for the public, and for talks with visiting speakers. Diane was thanked for having us and explaining things, with her mine of information and enthusiasm.

Don't forget Friday 2nd September will be our Bingo Night, which should be fun. Everyone is welcome. Just ring (870541) for a ticket.

Our 14th September speaker will be demonstrating Indian block printing, which is something a little different. We are in the process of organising our 60th anniversary party which will take place in October.

Ride and Stride 2022

Ride + Stride is a national event and is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts enabling them to make Grants to places of Christian worship. It takes place on the 2nd Saturday of September. In 2022 this falls on Saturday 10th.

Here in Nottinghamshire the NHCT is encouraging people to take part. You can help save Notts churches with your weekend walk or bike ride. You can have a great day out, visiting Nottinghamshire's historic churches whilst raising funds for their preservation.

With many churches and chapels up and down the county open between 10am and 6pm, Ride+Stride is a great opportunity to learn more of their stories and explore the heritage of your local area.

It is the trust's biggest annual fundraising event. Thanks to the support, of the walkers and

cyclists, the NHCT raised £14,000 for churches in 2021.

Participants are sponsored to visit churches which are



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also sponsored for welcoming visitors. The total money raised is split between the trust and those participating churches.

Which and how many churches is completely up to you – you decide how far and how many. The church doors are open – they look forward to welcoming you so stop by, be curious, have a chat and a welldeserved cup of tea of course.

You don't have to be a member of a church; families, colleagues, friends, runners, mobility scooters and dog walkers are all welcome. Ride+Stride can be tailored to your individual needs too. Whether it's a leisurely stroll from the doorstep or an epic cross-county ride, you decide your route and which churches to visit along the way. It's a lowimpact, low-cost day out for all!

Most participants set up their own Just Giving page which sponsors can add to, quickly and easily. All you need to set up is a Just Giving account and spread the word. You can also print off a sponsorship form to fill out on the day.

For more details see nottshistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ridestride

Egmanton Full Fibre Broadband Project

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Last month we brought news of the seeming success of the project to deliver full fibre broadband to Egmanton. In a saga with more hurdles than an athletics track, it then emerged that there was yet another hurdle to be overcome before everyone could give a collective cheer.

It turned out that those who had pledged to redeem their government issued vouchers to make the scheme viable then had to 'validate' that pledge. Except that only 27 of 44 households were asked to do so. Quite how the 27 were chosen and why only 27 when 30 had been required as a minimum number making pledges remains a mystery.

The timetable for this new, and previously unknown critical requirement, in the middle of the period when people take holidays - was very tight. Without the right number the scheme would be cancelled. Needless to say identifying the missing last few from the 27 in these days of Data Protection, GDPR and who knows what else, proved a challenge, but one which was met. Against the apparent odds, on 5th August Stephen Bunnell was able to tell everyone that the scheme had finally been given the definitive green light.

The installation to 'distribution points' will be undertaken by OpenReach, who hope to accomplish this within 12 months. There should be no need to dig up roads etc. as the fibres will follow the same path as the current wires.

Once OpenReach have completed the installation of the infrastructure, people will be able to sign up with a service provider to have their house connected and to sign up to a full fibre package. Only at this point will people commit to an on-going monthly fee for the service they select. The installation of the technical requirements to deliver the service will be fully covered by the government's vouchers. Details of the companies offering the services will become known in due course.

30 householders pledging to apply for and use their vouchers were needed to get the scheme accepted, but once the fibre is there at the distribution points (and who knew we had those for our phone services?), everyone on a list of 101 properties falling within the scheme will be able to sign up to a package of their choosing.

If you are one of our Egmanton subscribers or are reading a friend's copy and are not among the 44 houses on Steve's distribution list, he is more than willing to add you if you get in touch. His email address is available from Joy Allison.

Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, and this year runs from Friday 9th September to Sunday 18th September, with the theme being 'Astounding Inventions'. The festival is an opportunity to see some of the country's hidden fascinating history free of charge!

Locally there is a diverse range of events, guided tours, and places open that are not normally seen by the public. In Newark this includes the tower of St Mary's Church, the Masonic Hall, and behind the scenes at the Palace Theatre. Southwell is offering visits to the garden of Bramley Cottage to see the original Bramley apple tree, and to 'secret' areas of the Workhouse and Infirmary.

Closer to us, the Museum of the Horse and Walks of Life Museums at Tuxford are involved. The National Holocaust Museum and Gardens at Laxton will be taking part on Friday 9th September, and Monday 12th to Friday 16th September inclusive, between 10am and 4.30pm (last entry 3.30pm). Established over 25 years ago as Britain's first ever place of Holocaust remembrance and learning, the centre has beautiful memorial gardens and powerful exhibitions.

For full details, bookings, or further information about the festival, visit the website at **www.heritageopendays.org.uk**

Annual Festival of Bird Art



The 2021 British Champion, David Askew carved this curlew

On 10th and 11th September, the BDWCA Annual Show and Competition, otherwise known as the Festival of Bird Art, takes place. This is held annually at Bakewell.

The event incorporates the British Championship for bird carvers. There are classes for different levels of experience and judging is carried our by both fellow carvers and an ornithologist, such is the degree of accuracy required in the advanced natural classes.

The skill of the carvers is truly incredible. It looks as though the birds would fly off at the slightest noise.

The event is held in the Agricultural Hall in Bakewell, where there is parking and pedestrian access straight into the town centre over the river. There is a small admission charge.



Autumn Vaccinations



The best way to help protect yourself and others from flu is to have a yearly flu jab. Protection from the flu jab gradually decreases and flu strains can change, which means a previous flu jab may not protect you from this year's strains. After your jab, it usually takes around two weeks to be protected.

More people are likely to get flu this winter as fewer people will have built up natural immunity to it during

the COVID-19 pandemic.

- \Rightarrow if you get flu and COVID-19 at the same time, research shows you're more likely to be seriously ill.
- \Rightarrow getting vaccinated against flu and COVID-19 will provide protection for you and those around you for both these serious illnesses.
- \Rightarrow If you've had COVID-19, it's safe to have the flu vaccine. It will still be effective at helping to prevent flu.

Some people may be eligible for both the flu and the COVID-19 booster vaccines. If you are offered both vaccines, it's safe to have them at the same time.

<u>Who can have the flu vaccine?</u> (see on line advice for children) The flu vaccine is given free on the NHS to people who:

- are 50 and over (including those who'll be 50 by 31 March 2022)
- have certain health conditions
- are pregnant
- are in long-stay residential care
- receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
- frontline health or social care workers

Where to get the flu vaccine

You can have the NHS flu vaccine at:

- your GP surgery
- a pharmacy offering the service
- your midwifery service if you're pregnant
- a hospital appointment



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Things to Look Forward to ...

Here are just a few local events which you might want to think about.

'Sculpture at Doddington' Until Sunday 11th September, at Doddington Hall 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm). Adults £8.50, Children £4.50, Family £22, Season ticket holders free. See 340 works of art in the summer exhibition. Open daily.

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Laxton WI Bingo Night Friday 2nd September in the Village Hall. See separate advertisement for details.

Egmanton Craft & Produce Show, Saturday 3rd September. Classes in a wide variety of crafts, horticultural produce, baking, preserve, card making, floral art, photography and other handicrafts. Open to entries from anyone, not just village residents. Schedules available online at <u>www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk</u> or from Elizabeth Banks on 872633. 50p per adult entry, free for children's classes. 50p admission to view 3 - 4.30pm.

The Tour of Britain in Nottinghamshire, September 8th. The route is now published and the riders will be coming through Caunton, Norwell, the Ossington road and Moorhouse where they will turn right towards Normanton. Check the County Council web site for timings to see the riders or to avoid the local road closures.

The 2022 BDWCA Annual Show and Competition, The Festival of Bird Art, will be held on the weekend of 10th and 11th September in Bakewell, Derbyshire. This event showcases the supreme skill of the people who carve wooden birds to a standard which meets the critical judging eye not only of fellow carvers, but also of ornithologists.

Southwell Ploughing Match and Show 24th September. This year at Farnsfield. All aspects of agriculture plus horse classes, dog show and the farmers market. The biggest one day show of its kind in Notts.

Laxton History Group Craft Fayre November 19th in the Village Hall. The return of this popular opportunity to get some of your Christmas gifts bought while enjoying a chat with friends and neighbours and some tasty Laxton baking!

Laxton Christmas Lights Switch On, Sunday 4th December. Last year the first Switch On event was held in the Dovecote Car park and was a great success. This year you can not only plan to attend, but also help to plan the event. Volunteers are needed for the organising group. Please contact Michael Manning on **870844**.

Notes on a Difficult Farming Season

The sight of Mill Field covered with golden round bales of straw in the bright sunshine (cover photo) prompted us to include a few thoughts about what this strange hot, dry harvest has meant when combined with world events .

Normally a few wet days during the grain harvest would mean that bales would be made and cleared while grain was not being cut. To see the whole field full of waiting bales, as it is this August, is very unusual. Harvesting took place daily within the long dry spell. However exceptional the temperatures meant that work began early and had to stop around mid day.

For the first time ever Dakins, the local grain merchants, stopped accepting grain *because it was too hot*. Farmers faced cooling charges rather than the usual drying charges, and at least one had a load rejected for being 36. That also wasted the fuel for the hour long trip there and back with tractor and laden trailer and a trailer out of action until it could be emptied.



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Yields were variable and moisture content low. A grain of cereal weighs more as it gains moisture and is most profitably sold at the maximum level accepted. The price paid was above average, but the costs of producing it have risen.

Nitrogen based fertiliser, £350, 18 months ago, is now £1,000+ with none available from Ukraine or Poland. Sprays in general have doubled and the weed killer 'Roundup' has gone from £70 for 20 litres to £240. In the last 12 months poultry foods have risen from £340 to £520 per ton.

And the problems have not affected only arable farmers. Pig and poultry farmers are struggling with high feed and energy costs. Cattle and sheep farms have no grazing. Forage maize failed or yielded only 50%., stubble turnips and fodder beet (all used to feed animals over winter) also failed so livestock farmers are feeding winter feeds made early in the season now, with little hope of replenishing the stocks. Dairy farmers are desperate for silage because they don't stand a chance of a second or third cut of grass to make more silage or hay.

Sugar beet and potatoes have given up, with poor yields expected. Winter vegetables have not established, which will further fuel food inflation. Maybe the torrential rain of 16th August (reported in Notts as twice the average rainfall in 3 hours with 90mm recorded in 24 hours in Egmanton) came just in time to enable rape seed to be established and the solid ground to be worked for winter wheat, or it will not be a good start to next year's harvest.

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Changes to Charging for Care



The changes affect the policy which applies to people whose care is deemed social as opposed to continuing health care.

The cost cap on care is completely unrelated and separate to Continuing Healthcare Funding. If an individual has primary health needs, then the cost of their care in full will be met by the NHS. This is separate to any care cap. This is a vast subject and anyone unsure of how their situation should be assessed should take professional advice.

From October 2023, the government will introduce a new £86,000 cap on the amount anyone in England will need to spend on their personal care over their lifetime. The (UCL), the point at which people become eligible to receive some financial support from their local authority, will rise to £100,000 from the current £23,250. This will apply universally, irrespective of the circumstances or setting in which an individual receives care including their own home or a residential setting. The LCL, the threshold below which people will not have to pay anything for their care from their assets will increase to £20,000 from £14,250.

The cap will not cover the daily living costs (DLC) for people in care homes. These will be set at the equivalent of £200 at 2021 - 22 prices. People will remain responsible for their daily living costs throughout their care journey, including after they reach the cap.

What the cap is

Anyone with capital assessed at over £100,000 will fully fund their own care until their assets drop below this limit and they become eligible for assistance from their Local Authority.

The cap on personal care costs for those with assets of less than $\pounds100,000$ will place a limit on what people will need to spend to meet their eligible care and support needs.

The term 'personal care costs' refers only to the components of any care package considered to be related to personal care and doesn't include the DLC. This means fees not directly linked to personal care and which would have had to be paid wherever a person lived. Items considered part of daily living costs include rent, food and utility bills. Any 'top up' or additional optional services a person decides to buy from their care provider(s) will also still have to be paid for after the cap is reached, e.g. a premium room charge.

From October 2023 no one starting to receive care will pay more than $\pounds 86,000$ over their lifetime. The cap will be implemented for adults of all ages, without exemption and will not take into account fees paid to that

point. No one with assets of less than £20,000 will have to make any contribution from their savings or housing wealth – up from £14,250. Anyone with assets between £20,000 and £100,000 will be eligible for some means-tested support. The new upper limit will be more than four times the current limit.

The extended means test

The means test for financial support will continue to determine what someone can afford to contribute towards the costs of their care based on the amount of assets and income that person has.

However, to help more people with the costs of their care and support, the UCL of £100,000 will apply universally, irrespective of an individual's care setting or circumstances.

When will the change take effect

The whole of England will move to the new system of charging in October 2023. Before then Local Authorities will need to ensure they have conducted the necessary means tests of all eligible people to ensure they are fairly treated. To discover how this will work in practice, five areas are already trialling the new system. They do not include Nottinghamshire, but may affect your friends or family members if their home is within the areas of City of Wolverhampton Council, London Borough of Newham, Cheshire East Council, Blackpool Council or North Yorkshire County Council.

This article has been produced to alert readers to the coming changes and has been much condensed from information on government web sites. To read the definitive statements you should search for 'Changes to Care Costs in England' and read them in full.



Milton Mausoleum



Join the Celebration

The Friends of the Mausoleum invite you to join in a celebration of the life of Georgiana. 4th Duchess of Newcastle on the 200th anniversary of her death. A short service will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 25th September at Milton Mausoleum, the magnificent memorial built in her honour. Tea/ Coffee and cake will be served afterwards in the grounds. It is necessary to reserve places for the event so please contact us to reserve your seat.

Other events for the year are:

Saturday 12th Nov.Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre 10am – 4pm.Back by popular demand!Saturday 3rd Dec.Carols by Candlelight at the later time of 4pm-5pm

Come along to our festive start to the season with a collection of Christmas songs and carols. We will have refreshments and a raffle. This is a popular event so please add your names to the list as soon as possible.

Thank you for your valued support

Please contact Gillian **01777 248310**, Jenny **01777 871**706 or Bobby **01777 870300** to reserve your place at the events listed. We thank you for your continued support and hope to see you at these events.

The Friends of Milton Mausoleum.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
16/7/22	23	Sue Corah
23/7/22	26	ROLLOVER
30/7/22	12	Roy and Jean H
6/8/22	20	ROLLOVER
13/8/22	59	ROLLOVER

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the spare numbers: 1,2,7,13,20,26,29,37,38,40,41,44,51,52,53,57,59. Please contact me on 870844. Thank you. *Michael Manning*

Thanks to Steve Digby, Editor of 'Idle Talk' for permission to use this quiz, set by his sister in law.

Straightforward, cryptic, hidden or phonetic: what's the link **Quiz Questions** (answers overleaf)

- 1. In "The Pirates of the Caribbean", what is the name of the character played by Johnny Depp?
- 2. In F Scott Fitzgeralds's novel, what is the first name of "The Great Gatsby"?
- 3. Who was the star of the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary?
- 4. What is the name of the oldest surviving steam locomotive built for use in the Durham coalfields?
- 5. In The Hannibal Lecter books by Thomas Harris, what is the name of the FBI agent played by Jodie Foster in the film?
- 6. Which hairy little fruit can also be boot polish?
- 7. What is missing from this list? Hufflepuff, Slytherin, Gryffindor.
- 8. On a sailing ship, what name is given to the lookout post on top of the mast?
- 9. What is the nickname of Sheffield Wednesday?
- 10. Which book publisher can be easily p-p-picked up?
- 11. What is the common link between the answers?



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We give advice on a range of subjects including housing, family and relationships, consumer issues and communications. We also have specialist advisors who support clients facing debts, welfare benefit issues, energy and looking at ways to try and maximise your income.

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Quiz Answers:

- 1 Jack Sparrow
- 2 Jay Gatsby
- 3 Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards
- 4 Puffing Billy
- **5** Clarice Starling

- 6 Kiwi
- 7 Ravenclaw houses in Hogwarts School in the Harry Potter books
- 8 Crow's nest
- 9 The Owls
- 10 Penguin

11 Link - they all include names of birds

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

- Yoga with Gregg Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Pay Gregg £36 block of 6 sessions, £7 drop in. Info from Gregg: 07761 344250.
- Egmanton WI Thursday 18th August in the Hall

Egmanton Craft & Produce Show

The 22nd Show takes place in the Hall on **Saturday September 3rd.** Entry is open to anyone interested - 50p per adult entry and free for children's classes.

Classes many and various. Staging on the morning of the Show.

Schedules are on the web site or in printed form from Elizabeth Banks on 872633.

Village Notices

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Mike Manning maintains a list of email addresses for villagers and other local people who want to receive up to date information.

If you are not already on the list and would like to be kept informed, please contact Mike at <u>kneecott@googlemail.com</u>

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Laxton Defibrillator

The defibrillator in the Visitor Centre, is always accessible as neither the Visitor Centre door nor the cabinet housing it is locked.

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Laxton WI at the Walks of Life Museum

Stuart Rose encountered this baleful tale:

"I was all wrapped up and the loose ends tied together then my whole life fell apart."





Lynda Moore has been out and about with her camera and shared the images below with us.

Thanks Lynda. You don't have to go far for a great shot!



